

**Heads Up:****Scott Hahn Reflects on the First Sunday of Advent**

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn

Copyright 2015 [www.salvationhistory.com](http://www.salvationhistory.com)Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:4-5,8-10,14; 1 Thessalonians :12-4:2;  
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Every Advent, the Liturgy of the Word gives our sense of time a reorientation. There's a deliberate tension in the next four weeks' readings - between promise and fulfillment, expectation and deliverance, between looking forward and looking back.

In today's First Reading, the prophet Jeremiah focuses our gaze on the promise God made to David, some 1,000 years before Christ. God says through the prophet that He will fulfill this promise by raising up a "just shoot," a righteous offspring of David, who will rule Israel in justice (see [2 Samuel 7:16](#); [Jeremiah 33:17](#); [Psalm 89:4-5](#); [27-38](#)).

Today's Psalm, too, sounds the theme of Israel's ancient expectation: "Guide me in Your truth and teach Me. For You are God my Savior and for You I will wait all day."

We look back on Israel's desire and anticipation knowing that God has already made good on those promises by sending His only Son into the world. Jesus is the "just shoot," the God and Savior for Whom Israel was waiting.

Knowing that He is a God who keeps His promises lends grave urgency to the words of Jesus in today's Gospel.

Urging us to keep watch for His return in glory, He draws on Old Testament images of chaos and instability – turmoil in the heavens (see [Isaiah 13:11, 13](#); [Ezekiel 32:7-8](#); [Joel 2:10](#)); roaring seas (see [Isaiah 5:30](#); [17:12](#)); distress among the nations (see [Isaiah 8:22/14:25](#)) and terrified people (see [Isaiah 13:6-11](#)).

He evokes the prophet Daniel's image of the Son of Man coming on a cloud of glory to describe His return as a "theophany," a manifestation of God (see [Daniel 7:13-14](#)).

Many will cower and be literally scared to death. But Jesus says we should greet the end-times with heads raised high, confident that God keeps His promises, that our "redemption is at hand," that "the kingdom of God is near" (see [Luke 21:31](#))

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**November 28<sup>th</sup> – December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

<b>Sat. Nov. 28<sup>th</sup></b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Hugo Valerio – RIP – by Carmen Tablan
<b>Sun. Nov. 29<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year C)</b> Maria Melo Ponte – RIP – by Maria Feliks Rewers – RIP – by Wanda Rewers
<b>Mon. Nov. 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tues. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup></b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Herman Pang – RIP – by his friends
<b>Wed. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Souad Saqqa David – RIP – by Eleanor and family
<b>Thurs. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Saint Francis Xavier</b> Frank Nash – RIP – by Ron and Carolyn
<b>Fri. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup></b>  9:00 a.m.	<b>Saint John Damascene (First Friday)</b> Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary – RIP – by the Lady of Mystical Rose
<b>Sat. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup></b> 10:00 a.m.  4:30 p.m.	<b>Weekday (First Saturday)</b> Rosa Maria, Leo & Antonio Borges – RIP – by Nelson and Teresa Alvares Florence Gadwah – RIP – by Janet Prasad
<b>Sun. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year C)</b> Damiano Durinzi – RIP – by the family Roberto Farias – RIP – by Maria

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*ADVENT PRAYER*

**Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,  
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ  
with righteous deeds at his coming,  
so that, gathered at his right hand,  
they may be worthy  
to possess the heavenly kingdom.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son, who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.**

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*Pillars Trust Fall Campaign*

Donations to the **Pillars Trust Fund** are welcome at any time. When you donate to Pillars, you are making an investment in sustaining good deeds by our English-speaking Catholic Community. **Your support is essential.** *Pillars Trust* is a Roman Catholic charitable organization campaigning in the Diocese of Montreal and through the generosity of its donors. As an example, weekend scheduling for some people can be quite hectic and getting to Mass either late Saturday afternoon or early Sunday morning can be challenging - **Pillars Trust** sponsors a Sunday Mass\* at 8pm for anyone who wishes to complete his/her weekend with Our Lord. Pillars has helped English-speaking Catholics for forty-three years, and you can help continue the trend of placing your "trust" in the **Pillars Trust Fund**. More information is available at [www.pillarstrust.org](http://www.pillarstrust.org).

\*For more information regarding late Sunday Mass held weekly at 8pm at Our Lady of Fatima Parish (875 Marcel-Laurin Blvd., Ville St-Laurent) and presided by Bishop Thomas Dowd, contact Lucie McElligott of Liturgy Services at [514-925-4349](tel:514-925-4349) or [lmcelligott@diocesemontreal.org](mailto:lmcelligott@diocesemontreal.org). Visit [www.latesundaymass.com](http://www.latesundaymass.com).

*Be My Disciples News*

The **Operation CHRISTMAS CHILD** collection at our church this year brought in 95 boxes for boys and girls whose ages are 2 to 14. Donations were also given to cover the shipping and handling fees. Thank you for your outpouring of love and generosity and the reaching out to these children. Thank you to those who collected and delivered the boxes to the shipment depot.

**ADVENT CHRISTMAS TREE** – Starting today and during Advent we will sell the advent "Christmas tree ornaments" for \$2.00 each to benefit CHALICE and their many good works in various developing countries. Someone will be at the exits of the church after the Sunday Masses this weekend. This year, you will be able to take your ornament home with you and hang it up on your own tree. Thank you for your great generosity and support!

**Christmas Pageant** – Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. This event, put on by Be My Disciples and including all children, will remind us of the **real** meaning of Christmas. The Pageant will be held after the 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend. Please bring non-perishable food items, or appropriately-marked gifts (gender and age) for OASIS.

The Pageant will be followed by a light supper. Please mark the date on your calendars!