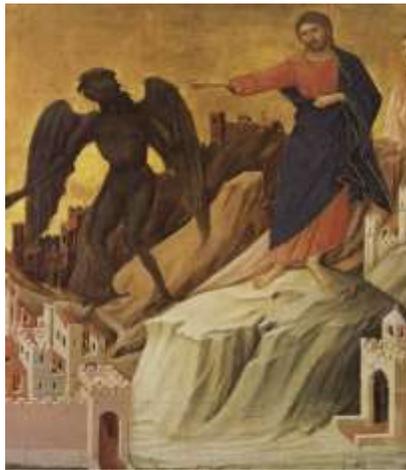


# Tale of Two Adams: Scott Hahn Reflects on the First Sunday of Lent

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Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Psalm 51:3-6; 12-14,17; Romans 5:12-19;  
Matthew 4:1-11



In today's Liturgy, the destiny of the human race is told as the tale of two "types" of men—the first man, Adam, and the new Adam, Jesus (see 1 Corinthians 15:21-22; 45-59).

Paul's argument in the Epistle is built on a series of contrasts between "one" or "one person" and "the many" or "all." By one person's disobedience, sin and condemnation entered the world, and death came to reign over all. By the obedience of another one, grace abounded, all were justified, and life came to reign for all.

This is the drama that unfolds in today's First Reading and Gospel.

Formed from the clay of the ground and filled with the breath of God's own Spirit, Adam was a son of God (see Luke 3:38), created in his image (see Genesis 5:1-3). Crowned with glory, he was given dominion over the world and the protection of His angels (see Psalms 8:6-8; 91:11-13). He was made to worship God—to live not by bread alone but in obedience to every word that comes from the mouth of the Father.

Adam, however, put the Lord his God to the test. He gave in to the serpent's temptation, trying to seize for himself all that God had already promised him. But in his hour of temptation, Jesus prevailed where Adam failed—and drove the devil away.

Still we sin after the pattern of Adam's transgression. Like Adam, we let sin in the door (see Genesis 4:7) when we entertain doubts about God's promises, when we forget to call on Him in our hours of temptation.

But the grace won for us by Christ's obedience means that sin is no longer our master.

As we begin this season of repentance, we can be confident in His compassion, that He will create in us a new heart (see Romans 5:5; Hebrews 8:10). As we do in today's Psalm, we can sing joyfully of our salvation, renewed in His presence.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**March 4<sup>th</sup> – March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

<b>Saturday</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>Mar. 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Casimir</b> Thanksgiving to the Holy Family – by Mercedes and family
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Mar. 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Mass of Anticipation</b> Gerald O'Donnell – RIP – by Charles Brocklehurst
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Mar. 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> Angela Rosa and Giuseppe Mignacca – RIP – by the family  Victor O. Kramer – RIP – by the family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mar. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Mar. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity</b> Thanksgiving by John Frare
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Mar. 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint John of God</b> Elizabeth Csaki – RIP – by the family
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Mar. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Frances of Rome</b> Louis Ottoni – RIP – by the DiFruscia family
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Mar. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Thanksgiving by Ruth Gaudreau
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Mar. 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Mass of Anticipation</b> Gerald O'Donnell – RIP – by Pauline Butkus
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Mar. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> Guy Donahue – RIP by William Moran  John Sinclair – RIP by the Ladies' Auxiliary

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*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

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## PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Lord, although our intentions may be pure,  
we often fall to temptation and sin.

We know that you love us.

May your love sustain us,  
helping us to correct our wrongs,  
to get up when we have fallen,  
and to find strength in our weaknesses  
and victory in our failings. Amen.

*(Living with Christ, March 2017)*

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## DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: POVERTY DINNER MEETING



Once again, Development and Peace is sponsoring a soup dinner, to be held Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. In order to make the success we want it to be, we need volunteers. I would invite everyone who is interested to a meeting on **Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in the Church hall**. Or contact Betty Machny at 514-748-9294, or drop me a line at [bmachny@bell.net](mailto:bmachny@bell.net).

## DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: WEEK 1



### Women keep the land in their hearts in Paraguay.

Supporting women is a priority for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. For this year's Share Lent campaign, we invite you to listen to the voices of women who are working to build the world of tomorrow — *Women at the heart of change*. You will find testimonials from the four corners of the globe inside our Mini-magazine, distributed in church starting today. Don't forget to get your copy!

Our first testimonial is from Marta and Silvia, two women from Paraguay who are members of an Indigenous women's farming association supported by Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. "I wish that there was land for everyone, that women were free [and] that they had the freedom to organize and defend their rights," Silvia tells us.



## INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

To our dear parishioners who used the envelope system for the weekly donation to the Parish in 2016, your income tax receipts are ready at the **Sacristy**. Please pick up your receipt either on the weekend after Mass or during the week, Monday to Friday, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. Thank you.



## THE FOOD BANK "OASIS"

Please remember to bring non-perishable food and leave them in the bins at the doors of the church...Thank you.