

The New Creation: Scott Hahn Reflects on the First Sunday of Lent

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First Reading: Genesis 9:8–15 | Psalm 25:4–9
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18–22 | Gospel: Mark 1:12–15



Lent bids us to return to the innocence of baptism. As Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the deluge, we were saved through the waters of baptism, Peter reminds us in today's Epistle.

And God's covenant with Noah in today's First Reading marked the start of a new world. But it also prefigured a new and greater covenant between God and His creation (see Hosea 2:20; Isaiah 11:1–9).

We see that new covenant and that new creation begin in today's Gospel. Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam—the beloved son of God (see Mark 1:11; Luke 3:38), living in harmony with the wild beasts (see Genesis 2:19–20), being served by angels (see Ezekiel 28:12–14).

Like Adam, He too is tempted by the devil. But while Adam fell, giving reign to sin and death (see Romans 5:12–14, 17–20), Jesus is victorious. This is the good news, the “gospel of God” that He proclaims. Through His death, resurrection, and enthronement at the right hand of the Father, the world is once again made God's kingdom.

In the waters of baptism, each of us entered the kingdom of His beloved Son (see Colossians 1:13–14). We were made children of God, new creations (see 2 Corinthians 5:7; Galatians 4:3–7).

But like Jesus, and Israel before Him, we have passed through the baptismal waters only to be driven into the wilderness—a world filled with afflictions and tests of our faithfulness (see 1 Corinthians 10:1–4, 9, 13; Deuteronomy 8:2, 16).

We are led on this journey by Jesus. He is the Savior—the way and the truth we sing of in today's Psalm (see John 14:6). He feeds us with the bread of angels (see Psalm 78:25; Wisdom 16:20), and cleanses our consciences in the sacrament of reconciliation.

As we begin this holy season, let us renew our baptismal vows—to repent and believe the gospel.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
February 17th – 25th, 2018

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Feb. 17th	Sunday Vigil Tai, Trong, Naomi – RIP – by Marguerite Kinh
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Feb 18th	First Sunday of Lent Olga and Fawzi Bichai – RIP – by the family Teresita Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Monday	Feb. 19th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Feb. 20th	Weekday Ela Dimaya – Birthday Thanksgiving
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 21st	Saint Peter Damian Cynthia Tobin – RIP – by Linda Piper
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 22nd	Chair of St. Peter Abilio Carvajal and Gilbert Lynes – RIP – by Mercedes and family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 23rd	Saint Polycarp Marypillai Saverimuttu – RIP – by Julia
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Feb. 24th	Sunday Vigil Ofelia Roy – Birthday Blessings
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Feb. 25th	Second Sunday of Lent Jose Jacinto Ponte – RIP – by Connie and Jim Victor O. Kramer – RIP – by the family

**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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WAY OF THE CROSS

Everyone is invited to the Way of the Cross **every Friday** at 7 p.m. during this Lenten season.

SINGLES FOR CHRIST: CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

"I will give them a heart to know me..." - Jr 24:7

Singles for Christ (SFC), one of the family ministries of Couples for Christ, will be holding a Christian Life Program for single men and women ages 22-40. Curious? You're invited to join us in exploring a renewed understanding of God and self-discovery through the eyes of God.

The program will run for ten consecutive Fridays, beginning **March 2nd**, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. each evening at Saint Kevin's Parish (5600 Côte-des-Neiges Rd., Montreal, H3T 1Z1). Please contact Glen at 514-708-5491 or Jasmine at 514-757-0818.

SHARE LENT 2018: TOGETHER FOR PEACE

Once again, it's Lent! During this sacred time of year, Development and Peace - Caritas Canada invites you to take part in our new Share Lent campaign Together for Peace. This campaign calls on us to reflect on the profound meaning of peace by discovering the importance of dialogue as a means for reconciliation and for the construction of peace. Together, let us continue to believe that peace, human dignity and justice can triumph.

Thanks to money donated annually by Catholics during Share Lent, Development and Peace can support 170 partners and 202 projects in 36 countries around the world! There are many ways to be part of Share Lent. You can pick up a copy while leaving church today. You can make a donation on Solidarity Sunday, which will take place on March 18th. To find out more about Share Lent, please contact Betty Machny at bmachny@bell.net

HOLY HOUR



Silent adoration every Tuesday evening, following the 7:00pm mass (from 7:30pm to 8:30pm) Also, Adoration every Friday, following the 9:00am mass (from 9:30am to 10:30am). Come and spend some time with the Lord!

"Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace." -St.Alphonsus Ligouri

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