

God Is with Us: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Advent

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First Reading: Isaiah 7:10–14 | Psalm 24:1–6
Second Reading: Romans 1:1–7 | Gospel: Matthew 1:18–24



The mystery kept secret for long ages, promised through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, is today revealed (see Romans 16:25–26).

This is the “Gospel of God” that Paul celebrates in today’s Epistle—the good news that “God is with us” in Jesus Christ. The sign promised to the House of David in today’s First Reading is given in today’s Gospel. In

the virgin found with child, God Himself has brought to Israel a savior from David’s royal line (see Acts 13:22–23).

Son of David according to the flesh, Jesus is the Son of God, born of the Spirit. He will be anointed with the Spirit (see Acts 10:38), and by the power of Spirit will be raised from the dead and established at God’s right hand in the heavens (see [Acts 2:33–34](#); [Ephesians 1:20–21](#)).

He is the “King of Glory” we sing of in today’s Psalm. The earth in its fullness has been given to Him. And as God swore long ago to David, His Kingdom will have no end (see Psalm 89:4–5).

In Jesus Christ we have a new creation. Like the creation of the world, it is a work of the Spirit, a blessing from the Lord (see [Genesis 1:2](#)). In Him, we are saved from our sins, are called now “the beloved of God.”

All nations now are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to enter into the House of David and Kingdom of God, the Church. Together, through the obedience of faith, we have been made a new race—a royal people that seeks for the face of the God of Jacob.

He has made our hearts clean, made us worthy to enter His holy place, to stand in His presence and serve Him.

In the Eucharist, the everlasting covenant is renewed, the Advent promise of virgin with child—God with us—continues until the end of the age (see [Matthew 28:20](#); [Ezekiel 37:24–28](#)).

ANNOUNCED MASSES
December 21st – December 29th, 2019

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Dec. 21st	Sunday Vigil <i>Pro Populo</i>
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Dec. 22nd	Fourth Sunday of Advent Albert E. Piper – RIP – by Linda Piper Florence Gadwah – RIP – by the family
Monday	Dec. 23rd	NO MASS
Tuesday 8:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	Dec. 24th	Christmas Eve Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents Bill Yvorchuk – RIP – by the family
Wednesday 11:00 a.m.	Dec. 25th	CHRISTMAS: NATIVITY OF THE LORD <i>Pro Populo</i>
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Dec. 26th	Saint Stephen Thanksgiving by Zoilo and Tessie Cubero
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Dec. 27th	Saint John Deceased and Living Members of the Rodrigues family
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Dec. 28th	Holy Innocents Anniversary Blessings and Thanksgiving by Mr. & Mrs. Cesar Brazal
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Dec. 28th	Sunday Vigil Noreen Bolohan – RIP – by Joan
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Dec. 29th	Holy Family Leo, Rosa Maria and Anthony Borges – RIP – by the family <i>Pro Populo</i>

**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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ENVELOPES FOR 2020 SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Envelopes for 2020 Sunday offerings are at the front of the Church. **PLEASE TAKE ONLY THE BOX WITH YOUR NAME AND NUMBER ON IT.** If you have never used the envelopes and wish to start, please ask for a new box at the Rectory or call (514) 747-4226 during office hours (9 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.) to register. **We request all users to please put your name and address on the first few envelopes for the New Year to ensure proper recording.** Thank you.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE OF MASSES

December 24th (Christmas Mass)	-8:00pm and 10:00pm
December 25th (Christmas Mass)	-11:00am
December 26 th (Weekday Mass)	-9:00am
December 27 th (Weekday Mass)	-9:00am
December 28 th (Holy Innocents)	-10:00am
(Sunday Vigil)	-4:30pm
December 29th (Sunday Mass)	- 9:00am and 11:00am
December 30 th (Weekday Mass)	-9:00am
December 31st (Mary Mother of God Mass)	- 4:30pm
January 1st, 2020 (Mary Mother of God Mass)	- 11:00am

*~Note: masses in **Bold**: Holy Days of obligation*

PARISH CHRISTMAS POTLUCK LUNCH

The parish will be holding a Christmas Potluck lunch on Sunday, December 29th (Feast of the Holy Family) after the 11 am mass at the Church hall.

Simply bring edible left-overs you may have from Christmas... light lunch of sandwiches, salads, pasta, meat & rice, desserts, etc... or just come as you are, there will be enough food to share. With some Christmas carols, maybe a dance or two, this will be a nice occasion to have fun together. For any questions about the lunch gathering, please phone Cecilia at 514-332-7317.

Also, during the potluck, we will have a corner in the Hall set up to receive donated items to help support **Chez Doris**, a local charity offering daytime shelter for all women in difficulty. Suggested items to bring for donation are toiletries, winter stuff, bed linens, towels, gift cards for coffee shops and pharmacies, non-perishable food items. For more details, please contact Betty Machny or visit Chez Doris website at www.chezdoris.org

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

If you would like to donate money to buy flowers to beautify our Church, you can place the money in an envelope (marked Christmas flowers) and put it in the collection basket with your name and address (for your income tax receipt at year end). Thank you for your generosity.

BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS

CHRISTMAS TREE Ornaments –During Advent we will continue to sell the “tree ornaments” for \$2.00 each. Please buy some ornaments and contribute to the giving of hope to those in great need. During the week, there will be a basket at the entrances to the church. Please take an ornament and leave your payment. You may take your ornament home with you and hang it up on your own tree.