

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

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Genesis 2:7–9; 3:1–7 | Psalm 51:3–6; 12–14, 17
Second Reading: Romans 5:12–19 | Gospel: 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
February 29th – March 8th, 2020

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Feb. 29th	Sunday Vigil Olinda and Anthony P. De Silva – RIP – by Anne Marie
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Mar. 1st	First Sunday of Lent A.P. Joseph – RIP – by Roselyn Jacob and family <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Mar. 2nd	NO MASS
Tuesday 7 p.m.	Mar. 3rd	Weekday Ann Lamontagne – RIP – by Linda Piper
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 4th	Saint Casimir Thanksgiving for favors received - by Ruth Gaudreau
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 5th	Weekday Marc Hebert – RIP – by Anne Marie
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 6th	Weekday Sebastian Victor – RIP – by the family
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Mar. 7th	Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity Rose Mangahas and Maria Ponte – RIP – by Anne Marie
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Mar. 7th	Sunday Vigil Justina and Tomas Garcia – by the Garcia-Timbol family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Mar. 8th	Second Sunday of Lent Angela Rosa Mignacca – 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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WAY OF THE CROSS

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

LENT

Lent is the 40-day period before Easter, excluding Sundays (the day Jesus arose), from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday before the Lord's Supper. **Lent begins on Ash Wednesday**, the day the faithful have their foreheads signed with ashes in the form of a Cross. **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are also **days of fast and abstinence**. **A day of fast:** is one on which Catholics who are 18 to 60 years old may eat a single, normal meal and have two snacks, so long as these snacks do not add up to a second meal. (Those with medical conditions requiring a greater or more regular food intake are exempt from this limited fast.) **A day of abstinence:** one on which Catholics 14 years or older must abstain from meat. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence, because Jesus died for our sins on Friday. (To note, all Fridays of the year are still days of abstinence from meat, although we now have the option on those days of substituting no meat by making another act of penance, charity or religious devotion.)

BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS

March Break – Sunday, March 1st – no classes.

Holy Spirit Day at the Cathedral for Confirmation candidates – Saturday
March 21st

Confirmation – Saturday, May 30th, 4:30 pm Mass

First Eucharist – Saturday, June 13th at 4:30 p.m. Mass

Please pray for our children and their families as they prepare for their sacraments.

H.O.P.E. WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP TEA

H.O.P.E. Women's Fellowship Tea...Sunday, March 15th 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at St. John Fisher Parish (120 Summerhill Ave, Pointe-Claire, H9R 2L7) with speaker Peggy Doucette co-director of the John Paul II Center for Divine Mercy. The theme is, a Message of Hope, Peggy will share her personal testimony of experiencing God's love and mercy in her life. \$10.00/per person, pay at the door. For information please call St. John Fisher Parish at 514-695-0205. Thank you so much for your help.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

To our dear parishioners who used the envelope system for the weekly donation to the Parish in 2019, 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 2:00 p.m. Thank you.

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