

## Striking the Rock: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Exodus 17:3–7 | Psalm 95:1–2, 6–9  
Second Reading: Romans 5:1–2, 5–8 | Gospel: John 4:5–15, 19–26, 39–42



The Israelites' hearts were hardened by their hardships in the desert.

Though they have seen His mighty deeds, in their thirst they grumble and put God to the test in today's First Reading—a crisis point recalled also in today's Psalm.

Jesus is thirsty, too, in today's Gospel. He thirsts for souls (see [John 19:28](#)). He longs to give the Samaritan woman the living waters that well up to eternal life.

These waters couldn't be drawn from the well of Jacob, father of the Israelites and the Samaritans, but Jesus was something greater than Jacob (see [Luke 11:31–32](#)).

The Samaritans were Israelites who escaped exile when Assyria conquered the Northern Kingdom eight centuries before Christ (see [2 Kings 17:6, 24–41](#)). They were despised for intermarrying with non-Israelites and worshipping at Mount Gerazim, not Jerusalem.

But Jesus tells the woman that the “hour” of true worship is coming, when all will worship God in Spirit and truth.

Jesus' “hour” is the “appointed time” that Paul speaks of in today's Epistle. It is the hour when the Rock of our salvation was struck on the Cross. Struck by the soldier's lance, living waters flowed out from our Rock (see [John 19:34–37](#)).

These waters are the Holy Spirit (see [John 7:38–39](#)), the gift of God (see [Hebrews 6:4](#)).

By the living waters the ancient enmities of Samaritans and Jews have been washed away, the dividing wall between Israel and the nations is broken down (see [Ephesians 2:12–14, 18](#)). Since His hour, all may drink of the Spirit in Baptism (see [1 Corinthians 12:13](#)).

In this Eucharist, the Lord now is in our midst—as He was at the Rock of Horeb and at the well of Jacob.

In the “today” of our Liturgy, He calls us to believe: “I am He,” come to pour out the love of God into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. How can we continue to worship as if we don't understand? How can our hearts remain hardened?

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**March 14<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> , 2020**

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Mar. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Mar. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> Apolonia Francisco – RIP – by the family  <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mar. 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7 p.m.	<b>Mar. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Patrick</b> Fructouso and Zenona Lanzaderas – RIP – by the family
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Mar. 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Cyril of Jerusalem</b> Noel Atas – RIP – by the family
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Mar. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SAINT JOSEPH</b> Teresita, Felix and Paciencia Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Mar. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> In Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity and the Holy Family – by Mercedes and family
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Mar. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Jaccfui and Colin Correia – RIP – by Janet Prasad
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> Jessica and Jennifer Abboud – Blessings and Thanksgiving – by Suzie  <i>Pro Populo</i>

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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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**Collection:**  
March 8, 2020 - **\$3,076.35**  
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**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.

### **COME AND SEE EVENING - for the Call to the Priesthood**

The next 'Come and See' Evening will be taking place on **Friday, March 20, 2020 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** These gatherings are intended for men who are discerning a **vocation** to follow Jesus as a priest. These evenings are an excellent opportunity for those who are discerning a call to the **priesthood** to share in fellowship and to explore their **call** together. Gatherings take place at **Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish** (71 Roosevelt Avenue, Ville Mont-Royal, H3R 2G9). For information or to reserve a spot, please contact **Fr. Robert Clark** at **514-903-6200** or **mtlvocations@hotmail.com**

### **POVERTY DINNER MEETING: March 15<sup>th</sup>**

In order to make the success we want it to be, we need volunteers. Everyone who is interested, is invited to a meeting this Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 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).

### **POVERTY DINNER: April 4<sup>th</sup>**

The Social Justice Committee is sponsoring a Poverty dinner, to be held Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, after the First Saturday devotions.

We will be asking for a voluntary contribution to Chez Doris. All are most welcome

Anyone wishing to help with this excellent cause is asked to contact Betty Machny at 514-748-9294, or drop me a line at [bmachny@bell.net](mailto:bmachny@bell.net).

### **WAY OF THE CROSS**

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

### **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: October 19 to 30, 2020**

Under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Joy Abraham O. Carm, Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Laval; a fascinating 12 day Pilgrimage –Tour of The Holy Land and Jordan, from October 19 to 30, 2020. A life changing experience, visiting and praying in the Holy places where our Lord was born, brought up, performed miracles, carried his cross and died and of course visiting the Empty Tomb, sign of our own Resurrection.

Questions and answers: contact Henry Rousseau, Gideon Travel and Tours Ltd., Toronto, at 416 626 5533 or email him at [tours@gideontravel.com](mailto:tours@gideontravel.com).

### **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