

## Listen to Him: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4 | Psalm 33:4-5,18-20, 22  
Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10 | Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9



Today's Gospel portrays Jesus as a new and greater Moses.

Moses also took three companions up a mountain and on the seventh day was overshadowed by the shining cloud of God's presence. He too spoke with God and his face and clothing were made radiant in the encounter (see Exodus 24, 34).

But in today's Lenten Liturgy, the Church wants us to look back past Moses. Indeed, we are asked to contemplate what today's Epistle calls God's "design . . . from before time began."

With His promises to Abram in today's First Reading, God formed the people through whom He would reveal himself and bestow His blessings on all humanity.

He later elevated these promises to eternal covenants and changed Abram's name to Abraham, promising that he would be father of a host of nations (see Genesis 17:5). In remembrance of His covenant with Abraham He raised up Moses (see Exodus 2:24; 3:8), and later swore an everlasting kingdom to David's sons (see Jeremiah 33:26).

In Jesus' transfiguration today, He is revealed as the One through whom God fulfills His divine plan from of old.

Not only a new Moses, Jesus is also the "beloved son" promised to Abraham and again to David (see Genesis 22:15–18; Psalm 2:7; Matthew 1:1).

Moses foretold a prophet like him to whom Israel would listen (see Deuteronomy 18:15, 18) and Isaiah foretold an anointed servant in whom God would be well-pleased (see Isaiah 42:1). Jesus is this prophet and this servant, as the Voice on the mountain tells us today.

By faith we have been made children of the covenant with Abraham (see Galatians 3:7–9; Acts 3:25). He calls us, too, to a holy life, to follow His Son to the heavenly homeland He has promised. We know, as we sing in today's Psalm, that we who hope in Him will be delivered from death.

So like our father in faith, we go forth as the Lord directs us: "Listen to Him!"

## ANNOUNCED MASSES

March 7<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

<b>Saturday</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>Mar. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity</b> Rose Mangahas and Maria Ponte – RIP – by Anne Marie
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Mar. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Justina and Tomas Garcia – by the Garcia-Timbol family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Mar. 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> Angela Rosa Mignacca – RIP – by the family  <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mar. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7 p.m.	<b>Mar. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Jessie Piper – RIP – by Linda Piper
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Mar. 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Carmen Daessli – RIP – by Precy and Isabel
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Mar. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Demetrio Salinas – RIP – by the family
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Mar. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Stanley O'Donnell – RIP – by Joan
<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>

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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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### 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.

### **SAINTLY SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**

"A little diversion! You've got to have a change! So you open your eyes wide to let in images of things, or you squint because you're nearsighted!"

"Close them altogether! Have interior life, and you'll see the wonders of a better world, a new world with undreamed-of color and perspective... and you'll draw close to God. You'll feel your weaknesses; and you'll become more Godlike... with a godliness that will make you more of a brother to your fellowmen by bringing you closer to your Father."  
- *Saint Josemaría Escrivá, The Way n. 283*

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### **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 on 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 is 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.**

### **BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS**

**Holy Spirit Day** at the Cathedral for Confirmation candidates – Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>

**Confirmation** – Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 pm Mass

**First Eucharist** – Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. Mass

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

### **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