

November 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Saints, Here and There: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Solemnity of All Saints

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First Reading: Revelation 7:2–4, 9–14 | Psalm 24:1–6  
Second Reading: John 3:1–3 | Gospel: Matthew 5:1–12



The first reading focuses us for today's solemnity. In the Book of Revelation, St. John reports "a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue." This is Good News. Salvation has come

not only for Israel, but for the Gentiles as well. Here is the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham, that by his seed all the nations of the world would bless themselves (see Genesis 22:18).

The Church celebrates many famous Christians on their individual memorials, but today she praises God for all His "holy ones," His saints. That is the title St. Paul preferred when he addressed his congregations.

Divinized by Baptism, they were already "saints" by the grace of God (see Colossians 1:2). They awaited, however, the day when they could "share in the inheritance of the saints in light" (Colossians 1:12).

And so do we, as the Scriptures give us reasons for both celebration and hope. In our second reading, St. John tells us that to be "saints" means to be "children of God"—and then he adds: "so we are"! Note that he speaks in the present tense.

Yet John also says that we have unfinished business to tend. We are already God's children, but "what we shall be has not yet been revealed." Thus we work out our salvation: "Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure" (1 John 3:3).

We do this as we share the life of Christ, who defined earthly beatitude for us. We are "blessed," He says, when we are poor, when we mourn, when we are persecuted for His sake. It is then we should "Rejoice and be glad, for [our] reward will be great in heaven" (Matthew 5:12).

Until then, we pray with the Psalmist: "Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face." Salvation has come through Abraham's seed, but it belongs to all nations. For "the Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it" (Psalm 24:1).

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**NOTICE:**

The Church is OPEN!

We have returned to our usual mass schedule. Yet Covid-19 is still around, so precautions are to be followed to make sure we can stay open, and safe.

You can check regularly our parish website for updates:  
**[www.our-lady-of-fatima.ca](http://www.our-lady-of-fatima.ca)**

The Archdiocese of Montreal has set up a webpage where they will post diocesan updates and information, regarding the actions taken by the Archdiocese, in response to the coronavirus as things unfold:  
**[www.diocesemontreal.org/en/covid-19](http://www.diocesemontreal.org/en/covid-19)**

During these difficult days be assured of my prayers for you, and together let us pray for all those effected by this virus, and for its swift end! If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to e-mail me: [fatherjpipe@gmail.com](mailto:fatherjpipe@gmail.com)

**PRAYING FOR THE DEAD**

Yellow envelopes are available on the pews for anyone who wishes to fill them in remembrance for the souls of their departed family members and friends. These envelopes will be kept in the Sanctuary throughout November, the month of prayers for the dead. Mass will be offered for all souls on Monday, **November 2<sup>nd</sup>** at **9:00am** and again at **10:30am** (please note, due to the pandemic **limit of 25 people per mass**, and the high demand on these masses, **reservations are required**).

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To note: There are several available mass intentions within the coming weeks. Contact the secretary to book your mass intentions.

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**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**November 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Oct 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Benjamin Saldana – RIP – by Anna
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>ALL SAINTS</b> Anthony, Rosa Maria and Leo Borges – RIP – by Anne Marie  <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b> 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	<b>Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>All Souls Day</b> For Souls For Souls
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Saint Martin de Porres</b> Grace O'Reilly – RIP – by the family
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Charles Borromeo</b> Marie Simmons – For Good Health
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Special Intentions by Maria Ondrechak
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> For All Saints, All Souls and All Angels – by the Ferraro family
<b>Saturday</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Jeffrey Saldana – RIP – by Anna
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Nov. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Antonio Perea – RIP – by the family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Deceased Members of the de Souza and Pinto families  <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Nov. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Nov. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Leo the Great</b> Duane Lauritsen – RIP – by the Aloysius family
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Martin of Tours (Remembrance Day)</b> Marie and Percy White – RIP – by Eva Kennedy
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Josaphat</b> Special Intentions by Maria Ondrechak
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Fructouso and Zenona Lanzaderas – RIP – by the family
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Nov. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Maria E.S. Ponte – RIP – by Connie
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thirty-third Sunday in LOrdinary Time</b> Jeon Matthew Ching – RIP – by the family  <i>Pro Populo</i>

### **The MEMORARE**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen

### **SAINTLY PRAYER: by St. Teresa of Avila**

Let nothing disturb you  
Let nothing frighten you  
All things are passing  
God never changes  
Patience obtains all things  
Who possesses God lacks nothing  
God alone suffices.  
Amen.

### **PRAYER**

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.  
Bring a swift end to this coronavirus.  
Heal the afflicted, comfort the fearful,  
and have mercy on those whom you have been called from this life. Amen.  
Our Lady of Fatima; pray for us!

### **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.