

December 27th, 2020 and January 3rd, 2021

Our True Home: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Feast of the Holy Family

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First Reading: Sirach 3:2–6, 12–14 | Psalm 128:1–2, 3, 4–5
Second Reading: Colossians 3:12–21 | Gospel: Luke 2:22–40

Why did Jesus choose to become a baby born of a mother and father and to spend all but His last years living in an ordinary human family? In part, to reveal God's plan to make all people live as one "holy family" in His Church (see 2 Corinthians 6:16–18).

In the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, God reveals our true home. We're to live as His children, "chosen ones, holy and beloved," as the First Reading puts it. The family advice we hear in today's readings—for mothers, fathers, and children—is all solid and practical. Happy homes are the fruit of our faithfulness to the Lord, we sing in today's Psalm. But the Liturgy is inviting us to see more, to see how, through our family obligations and relationships, our families become heralds of the family of God that He wants to create on earth.

Jesus shows us this in today's Gospel. His obedience to His earthly parents flows directly from His obedience to the will of His heavenly Father. Joseph and Mary aren't identified by name, but three times are called "his parents" and are referred to separately as his "mother" and "father." The emphasis is all on their their familial ties to Jesus. But these ties are emphasized only so that Jesus, in the first words He speaks in Luke's Gospel, can point us beyond that earthly relationship to the Fatherhood of God.

In what Jesus calls "My Father's house," every family finds its true meaning and purpose (see Ephesians 3:15). The Temple we read about in the Gospel today is God's house, His dwelling (see Luke 19:46). But it's also an image of the family of God, the Church (see Ephesians 2:19–22; Hebrews 3:3–6; 10:21).

In our families we're to build up this household, this family, this living temple of God. Until He reveals His new dwelling among us and says of every person: "I shall be his God and he will be My son" (see Revelation 21:3, 7).

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE OF MASSES

December 26 th (Sunday Vigil – Holy Family)	-4:30pm
December 27th (Sunday Mass - Holy Family)	-9:00am and 11:00am
December 28 th (Holy Innocents)	-9:00am
December 29 th (Weekday Mass)	-7:00pm
December 30 th (Weekday Mass)	-9:00am
December 31st (Mary Mother of God Mass)	- 4:30pm and 6:00pm
January 1st, 2021 (Mary Mother of God Mass)	- 11:00am

***Bolded** celebrations require reservations, see below for more details.*

ENVELOPES FOR 2021 SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Envelopes for 2021 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.

SUNDAY MISSALS

The 2020-2021 Sunday missals are available starting November 4th, after every Mass. For those who would like to have a copy of their own, the cost is \$5.00 each. There is a collection plate beside the Missals for the people to put their money in.

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

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

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: fatherjpiper@gmail.com

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

ANNOUNCED MASSES
December 26, 2020 – January 10, 2021

Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Dec. 26th	Saint Stephen <i>Souls in Purgatory</i>
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Dec. 26th	Sunday Vigil Antoni and Louise Butkus – RIP – by Pauline
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Dec. 27th	Holy Family (Year B) Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday 9:00 a.m.	Dec. 28th	Holy Innocents <i>(Mass intention available)</i>
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Dec. 29th	Saint Thomas Becket <i>(Mass intention available)</i>
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Dec. 30th	Weekday Noreen Bolohan – RIP – by Joan
Thursday 4:30 p.m.	Dec. 31st	New Year's Eve Rose de Souza – Birthday Blessings
6:00 p.m.		<i>(Mass intention available)</i>
Friday 11:00 a.m.	Jan. 1st	Mary, Mother of God Special Intentions – by the Dager-Abboud family
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Jan. 2nd	Saint Basil and Saint Gregory <i>(Mass intention available)</i>
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Jan. 2nd	Sunday Vigil Jose Angel Estrada – RIP – by his daughter
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 3rd	Epiphany of the Lord (Year B) <i>Pro Populo</i>
11:00 a.m.		Margaret Smith-Davis – RIP
Monday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 4th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Jan. 5th	Weekday Teresita Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 6th	Weekday Luisa B. Atas and Agustin E. Atas – RIP – by the family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 7th	Saint Andre Bessette <i>(Mass intention available)</i>
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 8th	Saint Raymond of Penyafort Grace O'Reilly – RIP – by the family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Jan. 9th	Sunday Vigil In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima and Sacred Heart of Jesus - by Anton Tisseverasinghe
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 10th	Baptism of the Lord (Year B) Claude Froment – RIP – by the Be My Disciples Catechists
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>

Reservations During the Christmas Season:

Due to the ongoing pandemic restrictions in the Montreal area currently in a “Red Zone”, places of worship are only allowed 25 people gathered at once. Therefore, due to this limit, reservations are currently required for the Sunday masses. Reservations will always be required for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (Dec 31 – Jan 01) masses. The weekday masses are “first come first serve” and do not require reservations.

This week the reservations will become available as follows:

- Monday, December 28th at 10am – registration for the *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God* masses will be opened.
- Wednesday, December 30th at 10am – registrations for the *Sunday* (Epiphany Sunday) masses (January 02-03) will be opened.

Merry Christmas!

The clergy, wardens, and pastoral team of Our Lady of Fatima Parish
join in wishing you every blessing this Christmas;
in your homes, families, schools, and places of work.

