

January 10th & 17th, 2021

The Anointing: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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First Reading: Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7 | Psalm 29:1–4, 9–10
Second Reading: Acts 10:34–38 | Gospel: Luke 3:15–16, 21–22

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God’s plan—that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the magi, have been made “co-heirs” to the blessings promised to Israel. This week, we’re shown how we claim our inheritance.

Jesus doesn’t submit to John’s baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan’s waters in order to lead a new “exodus”—opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God (see Genesis 22:2; Exodus 4:22; Psalm 2:7).

Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today’s First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him “a covenant of the people,” the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today’s Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, “anointed . . . with the Holy Spirit and power.”

The word Messiah means “one anointed” with God’s Spirit. King David was “the anointed of the God of Jacob” (see 2 Samuel 23:1–17; Psalm 18:51; 132:10, 17). The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest (see Isaiah 11:1–2; Daniel 9:25).

That’s why people of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to John. But it isn’t John they’re looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the Angel earlier told Mary—Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever (see Luke 1:32–33).

In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as fiery flame, as we sing in today’s Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passage—a way to healing and freedom—a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.

ENVELOPES FOR 2021 SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Envelopes for 2021 Sunday offerings are now available. Because we are closed to the public (including the parish office) until February 8th, if you wish to pick up your box of envelopes, please contact the sectary to arrange a time for you to come get them.

THANK YOU

Since the Lockdown lifted at the end of June 2020, up till the new Lockdown imposed this weekend (January 9th), there are many people who have contributed a lot of time and effort in various ways into making the parish operate smoothly, safely, and beautifully throughout the pandemic. Without them, we would not have been able to achieve and maintain all that is required of parishes. You are greatly appreciated, thank you, thank you, and a thousand more thank yous!

NOTICE:

The Church is CLOSED!

Beginning January 9, 2021 until (at least) February 8, 2021 the Quebec government has implemented more restrictions that include the temporary closing of Places of Worship throughout Quebec. For more information please visit our parish's home page.

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

WARDEN ELECTION:

The warden elections, normally held around December, took place on December 13th 2020. The three year terms of both Gina English, and Maria Carneiro came to an end on December 31st 2020.

Maria was re-elected to a second three year term. Wojtek Banas was also elected as a warden for our parish. Gina concluded her second term and therefore was not eligible for re-election.

A big thank you to Gina for the last six years of serving the parish as a warden. Thank you to Maria and Wojtek for accepting your nominations and congratulations on your election.

To note: Although the places of worship in Quebec are closed until at least February 8, 2021; Fr. Jason Piper will be celebrating mass every day, offering the Holy Sacrifice for your requested mass intentions.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
January 9- 24, 2021

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Jan. 9th	Baptism of the Lord - Vigil In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima and Sacred Heart of Jesus - by Anton Tisseverasinghe
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jan. 10th	Baptism of the Lord (Year B) Claude Froment – RIP – by the Be My Disciples Catechists <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Jan. 11th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Jan. 12th	Saint MargueriteBourgeoys Rosalina Ernacio and Vicente Mojica – RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 13th	Saint Hilary Raymond Tait – RIP – by Linda Piper
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 14th	Weekday Ana Bui Thi Thong – RIP – by Olivia
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 15th	Weekday Michelle Durand – RIP – by Linda Piper
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Jan. 16th	Sunday Sunday in Ordinary time - Vigil Sebastian victor – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jan. 17th	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Justino Dalisay and Julia Camongol-Dalisay – RIP – by the familuy <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Jan. 18th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Jan. 19th	Weekday Paciencia Manzo Manzanal & Domenico Inga – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 20th	Saint Fabian Father Jason Piper – Thanksgiving and Special Intentions
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 21st	Saint Agnes Father Jason Piper – Special Intentions – by Suzie Dager
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 22nd	Saint Vincent Deceased and Living Members of the Rodrigues and Guerra families – by Leo and Lavinia
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Jan. 23rd	Sunday Sunday in Ordinary Time - Vigil Apolonio Guevarra Creencia – RIP – by the Mojica family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jan. 24th	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Adrian de Souza – 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.