

January 24th & 31st, 2021

Following Him: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Jonah 3:1–5,10 | Psalm 25:4–9
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29–31 | Gospel: Mark 1:14–20

The calling of the brothers in today's Gospel evokes Elisha's commissioning by the prophet Elijah (see 1 Kings 19:19–21). As Elijah comes upon Elisha working on his family's farm, so Jesus sees the brothers working by the seaside. And as Elisha left his mother and father to follow Elijah, so the brothers leave their father to come after Jesus.

Jesus' promise—to make them “fishers of men”—evokes Israel's deepest hopes. The prophet Jeremiah announced a new exodus in which God would send “many fishermen” to restore the Israelites from exile, as once He brought them out of slavery in Egypt (see Jeremiah 16:14–16).

By Jesus' Cross and Resurrection, this new exodus has begun (see Luke 9:31). And the apostles are the first of a new people of God, the Church—a new family, based not on blood ties, but on belief in Jesus and a desire to do the Father's will (see John 1:12–13; Matthew 12:46–50).

From now on, even our most important worldly concerns—family relations, occupations, and possessions—must be judged in light of the Gospel, Paul says in today's Epistle.

The first word of Jesus' Gospel—repent—means we must totally change our way of thinking and living, turning from evil, doing all for the love of God.

And we should be consoled by Nineveh's repentance in today's First Reading. Even the wicked Nineveh could repent at Jonah's preaching. And in Jesus we have “something greater than Jonah” (Matthew 12:41). We have God come as our savior, to show sinners the way, as we sing in today's Psalm. This should give us hope—that loved ones who remain far from God will find compassion if they turn to Him.

But we, too, must continue along the path of repentance—striving daily to pattern our lives after His.

PARISH WEBSITE: Homilies & Reflections

During the current lockdown, while the parish is closed to the public, from time to time Fr. Jason will post on the parish website a Sunday homily or reflection on various faith related subjects. We are working out the fine-tuning of this on the website, but currently you can find the homilies at the following link: <http://www.our-lady-of-fatima.ca/homilies/>

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!

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 secretary to arrange a time for you to come get them.

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: fatherjpipe@gmail.com

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.

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

ANNOUNCED MASSES
January 23 – February 7, 2021

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Jan. 23rd	Sunday 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>
Monday	Jan. 25th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Jan. 26th	Saints Timothy and Titus Antonina Saputoroso – RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 27th	Saint Angela Merici Marion MacGillivray – RIP – by Lesley
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 28th	Saint Thomas Aquinas Shanmugan Kirupainathan – RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 29th	Weekday Regina Racine – RIP – by Lesley
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Jan. 30th	Sunday Vigil Zorayda Dager – Blessings and Thanksgiving
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jan. 31st	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Jean-Pierre Abboud – Blessings and Thanksgiving – by his mother <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Feb. 1st	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Feb. 2nd	PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Marie Simmons – Blessings and Thanksgiving
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 3rd	Saint Blaise Morris Rosenberg – RIP – by Lesley
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 4th	Weekday <i>(Mass intention is available)</i>
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 5th	Saint Agatha <i>(Mass intention is available)</i>
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Feb. 6th	Saint Paul Miki and Companions <i>(Mass intention is available)</i>
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Feb. 6th	Sunday Vigil <i>(Mass intention is available)</i>
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Feb. 7th	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Constantino Lopez – 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.