

February 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## **The New Creation: Scott Hahn Reflects on the First Sunday of Lent**

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Genesis 9:8–15 | Psalm 25:4–9  
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18–22 | Gospel: Mark 1:12–15

Lent bids us to return to the innocence our baptism. As Noah and his family were saved through the waters of the deluge, we were saved through the waters of Baptism, Peter reminds us in today's Epistle.

And God's covenant with Noah in today's First Reading marked the start of a new world. But it also prefigured a new and greater covenant between God and His creation (see Hosea 2:20; Isaiah 11:1–9).

We see that new covenant and that new creation begin in today's Gospel.

Jesus is portrayed as the new Adam—the beloved son of God (see Mark 1:11; Luke 3:38), living in harmony with the wild beasts (see Genesis 2:19–20), being served by angels (see Ezekiel 28:12–14).

Like Adam, He too is tempted by the devil. But while Adam fell, giving reign to sin and death (see Romans 5:12–14, 17–20), Jesus is victorious.

This is the good news, the “gospel of God” that He proclaims. Through His death, resurrection, and enthronement at the right hand of the Father, the world is once again made God's kingdom.

In the waters of Baptism, each of us entered the kingdom of His beloved Son (see Colossians 1:13–14). We were made children of God, new creations (see 2 Corinthians 5:7; Galatians 4:3–7).

But like Jesus, and Israel before Him, we have passed through the baptismal waters only to be driven into the wilderness—a world filled with afflictions and tests of our faithfulness (see 1 Corinthians 10:1–4, 9,13; Deuteronomy 8:2, 16).

We are led on this journey by Jesus. He is the Savior—the way and the truth we sing of in today's Psalm (see John 14:6). He feeds us with the bread of angels (see Psalm 78:25; Wisdom 16:20), and cleanses our consciences in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

As we begin this holy season, let us renew our baptismal vows—to repent and believe the gospel.

## **INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

To our dear parishioners who used the envelope system for the weekly donation to the Parish in 2020, your income tax receipts are ready. If you wish to pick up your tax receipts, please contact the secretary to arrange a time for you to come get them. Thank you.

## **ENVELOPES FOR 2021 SUNDAY OFFERINGS**

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

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## **PARISH WEBSITE: Homilies & Reflections**

During the current COVID restrictions, while the parish is either closed to the public or limited in the number of those who can gather for mass, from time to time Fr. Jason will post on the parish website a Sunday homily or reflection on various faith related subjects. You can find the homilies at the following link: <http://www.our-lady-of-fatima.ca/homilies/>

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## **COVID NOTICE:**

The Church is OPEN!

Due to the pandemic, the Quebec government has placed many restrictions that effect all Quebecers. Currently places of worship are limited to 10 per gathering. Therefore, because of the lower number of places available, reservations are required to attend our Sunday liturgies (Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 9am & 11am). To reserve a place(s), visit our parish website. However, weekday masses are first come - first serve, no reservations required.

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: [fatherjiper@gmail.com](mailto:fatherjiper@gmail.com)

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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**  
**February 20 – March 7, 2021**

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Feb. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Ela Dimaya – Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Feb. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent (Year B)</b> Deceased and Living Members of the Rodrigues and Guerra families – by Leo and Lavinia  <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Saint Polycarp</b> Saverimuttu Marypillai – RIP – by Julia and family
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Feb. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Stanley O'Donnell – RIP – by Joan
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Feb. 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Ofelia Roy – Birthday Thanksgiving – by Jerry Roy
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Feb. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Jennifer Abboud – Blessings and Thanksgiving
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Feb. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Regino and Rex Crodua – RIP – by Cecille Romea
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Feb. 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent (Year B)</b> A. P. Joseph – RIP – by Roselyn Jacob  <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Mar. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Corinne Legare Pasalis – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Fernande Tait – RIP – by Linda Piper
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Mar. 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Casimir</b> Deceased and Living Members of the Rodrigues and Guerra families – by Leo and Lavinia
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Mar. 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Emma Lanzaderas – Blessings and Thanksgiving
<b>Saturday</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>Mar. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Joseph Abboud – Blessings and Thanksgiving
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Mar. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Leonor Galan – RIP – by Delia
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Mar. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent (Year B)</b> Angela Rosa Mignacca – 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.