

February 7th & 14th, 2021

Raised to Serve: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Job 7:1–4, 6–7 | Psalm 147:1–6
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16–19, 22–23 Gospel: Mark 1:29–39

In today's First Reading, Job describes the futility of life before Christ.

His lament reminds us of the curse of toil and death placed upon Adam following his original sin (see [Genesis 3:17–19](#)). Men and women are like slaves seeking shade, unable to find rest. Their lives are like the wind that comes and goes.

But, as we sing in today's Psalm, He who created the stars promised to heal the brokenhearted and gather those lost in exile from Him (see [Isaiah 11:12](#); [61:1](#)). We see this promise fulfilled in today's Gospel.

Simon's mother-in-law is like Job's toiling, hopeless humanity. She is laid low by affliction but too weak to save herself.

But as God promised to take His chosen people by the hand (see [Isaiah 42:6](#)), Jesus grasps her by the hand and helps her up. The word translated "help" is actually Greek for "raising up." The same verb is used when Jesus commands a dead girl to arise (see [Mark 5:41–42](#)). It's used again to describe His own resurrection (see [Mark 14:28](#); [16:7](#)).

What Jesus has done for Simon's mother-in-law, He has done for all humanity—raised all of us who lay dead through our sins (see [Ephesians 2:5](#)).

Notice all the words of totality and completeness in the Gospel. The whole town gathers; all the sick are brought to Him. He drives out demons in the whole of Galilee. Everyone is looking for Christ.

We too have found Him. By our baptism, He healed and raised us to live in His presence (see [Hosea 6:1–2](#)).

Like Simon's mother-in-law, there is only one way we can thank Him for the new life He has given us. We must rise to serve Him and His gospel.

Our lives must be our thanksgiving, as Paul describes in today's Epistle. We must tell everyone the good news, the purpose for which Jesus has come—that others, too, may have a share in this salvation.

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/>

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.

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

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

ASH WEDNESDAY: February 17th

Mass: 9am, 5:30pm, 7pm

"Remember that your dust, and to dust you shall return."

Ash Wednesday falls on February 17th this year, and is quickly approaching. Due to the Covid restrictions, we will have to have reservations like we do on Sundays. You will receive another e-mail, with the links to reserve. The links will also be put on your website.

Ash Wednesday Reservations will open on Friday February 12th at noon, and close on Monday February 15th at noon. The Ash Wednesday masses will be at 9am, 5:30pm, and 7pm.

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

ANNOUNCED MASSES
February 6 – 21, 2021

Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Feb. 6th	Saint Paul Miki and Companions Joan Longo – Special Intentions – by Linda
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Feb. 6th	Sunday Vigil <i>Souls in Purgatory</i>
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 7th	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Constantino Lopez – RIP – by the family
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Feb. 8th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Feb. 9th	Weekday <i>Souls in Purgatory</i>
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 10th	Saint Scholastica <i>Souls in Purgatory</i>
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 11th	Our Lady of Lourdes Grace O'Reilly – RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 12th	Weekday Olivia Nguyen - Peace and Blessings
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Feb. 13th	Sunday Vigil Olivia Nguyen - Thanksgiving
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 14th	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Tai, Trong, Naomie – RIP – by the family
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Feb. 15th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Feb. 16th	Weekday <i>(Mass intention is available)</i>
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 17th	ASH WEDNESDAY Victor Kramer – RIP – by the family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 18th	Weekday Teresita Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 19th	Weekday Abilio Carvajal & Gilbert Lynes – RIP – by Mercedes Lynes & family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Feb. 20th	Sunday Vigil Ela Dimaya – Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving

Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 21st	First Sunday of Lent (Year B) Deceased and Living Members of the Rodrigues and Guerra families – by Leo and Lavinia
11:00 a.m.		<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.

