

March 7th & 14th, 2021

Spiritual Sacrifice: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Exodus 20:1–17 | Psalm 19:8–11
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22–25 | Gospel: John 2:13–25

Jesus does not come to destroy the temple, but to fulfill it (see Matthew 5:17)—to reveal its true purpose in God’s saving plan.

He is the Lord the prophets said would come—to purify the temple, banish the merchants, and make it a house of prayer for all peoples (see Zechariah 14:21; Malachi 3:1–5; Isaiah 56:7).

The God who made the heavens and the earth, who brought Israel out of slavery, does not dwell in sanctuaries made by human hands (see Acts 7:48; 2 Samuel 7:5).

Nor does He need offerings of oxen, sheep, or doves (see Psalm 50:7–13).

Notice in today’s First Reading that God did not originally command animal sacrifices—only that Israel heed His commandments (see Jeremiah 7:21–23; Amos 5:25).

His law was a gift of divine wisdom, as we sing in today’s Psalm. It was a law of love (see Matthew 22:36–40), perfectly expressed in Christ’s self-offering on the Cross (see John 15:13).

This is the “sign” Jesus offers in the Gospel today—the sign that caused Jewish leaders to stumble, as Paul tells us in the Epistle.

Jesus’ body—destroyed on the Cross and raised up three days later—is the new and true sanctuary. From the temple of His body, rivers of living water flow, the Spirit of grace that makes each of us a temple (see 1 Corinthians 3:16) and together builds us into a dwelling place of God (see Ephesians 2:22).

In the Eucharist we participate in His offering of His body and blood. This is the worship in Spirit and in truth that the Father desires (see John 4:23–24).

We are to offer praise as our sacrifice (see Psalm 50:14, 23). This means imitating Christ—offering our bodies—all our intentions and actions in every circumstance, for the love of God and the love of others (see Hebrews 10:5–7; Romans 12:1; 1 Peter 2:5).

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Dear benefactors who have supported our parish through 2020; your income tax receipts are ready for pick up! You can get your tax receipt at the entrance of the church when you come for mass. You can also come pick it up at the parish office Monday-Friday 9am-2pm. If you are unable to come get your tax receipt, contact the secretary via e-mail or phone, and we will mail it to you. Thank you for your generosity in 2020 and for continued support.

ENVELOPES FOR 2021 SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Envelopes for 2021 Sunday offerings are available at the back of the Church near the **Main Entrance**. Please pick up your box of envelopes either on the weekend or during the week after Mass. Also, you may contact the secretary to arrange a time for you to come get them. Thank you.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA ONLINE MINISTRIES

The Rosary

Emil & Iria Tirona will be hosting an online interactive rosary,
Mondays at 7:30pm.

For those interested, kindly send an email to Emil and Irah (irahtirona@gmail.com), so you may be added to the online invitation. Please call 514-617-4021 if you need any online technical assistance or have questions.

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 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/>

LENT

Way of the Cross: Every Friday at 6:30pm (doors open at 6pm) during Lent. Due to the current Covid restrictions, reservations are required. Keep an eye out for the links to register sent via e-mail or posted on the website.

Confession: In addition to the usual availability for confession, Fr. Jason will be available for your Lent confessions & Divine Mercy confessions on the following dates:

- Saturday, **March 27th - 10am to 12pm** (Palm Sunday weekend)
- Friday, **April 2nd - 5pm to 7pm** (Good Friday)
- Saturday, **April 10th - 10:30am to 12pm** (Divine Mercy weekend)

Holy Week Celebrations: Due to the current curfew in the Montreal area, we are waiting to see if and when we can celebrate the Holy Thursday

(Last Supper) and the Easter Vigil with the public, which are to be celebrated in the evening. The Good Friday liturgy will be at the usual 3pm.

The Easter Sunday mass: we are planning on having our usual Sunday morning mass schedule (mass at 9am & 11am), however, again due to Corvid restrictions, some modifications might be required and those times could change.

** We hope to finalize our Holy week & Easter schedule by mid-March.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

The Saints on St. Joseph:

“Let us love Jesus above all, let us love Mary as our mother; but then, how could we keep from loving Joseph, who was so intimately united to both Jesus and Mary? And how can we honour him better than by imitating his virtues? Now, what else did he do in all his life but contemplate, study, and adore Jesus, even in the midst of his daily labours? Behold, therefore, our model.”

- *Saint Madaleine Sophie Barat*

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: fatherjpipe@gmail.com

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

ANNOUNCED MASSES
March 6th – March 21st, 2021

Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Mar. 6th	Weekday Joseph Abboud – Blessings and Thanksgiving
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Mar. 6th	Sunday Vigil Leonor Galan – RIP – by Delia
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 7th	Third Sunday of Lent (Year B) Angela Rosa Mignacca – RIP – by the family
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Mar. 8th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Mar. 9th	Saint Frances of Rome Peter Chirke – Special Intentions – by Kevin and Linda
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 10th	Weekday Jessie Piper – RIP – by Linda Piper
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 11th	Weekday Celine D'Souza – RIP – by Rik Shawi
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 12th	Weekday Ida Howard – RIP – by Lesley
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Mar. 13th	Sunday Vigil Conrad Worrell – RIP – by Rik Shawi
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 14th	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B) Marie Simmons – Thanksgiving and Special Intentions
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Mar. 15th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Mar. 16th	Weekday In Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity and the Holy Family – by Mercedes Lynes
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 17th	Saint Patrick Ben Betterley – RIP – by Lesley
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 18th	Saint Cyril of Jerusalem Zenona and Fructouso Lanzaderas – RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 19th	Saint Joseph Teresita, Felix and Paciencia Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Mar. 20th	Sunday Vigil Josee Crodua - Thanksgiving
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 21st	Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B) Grace O'Reilly – RIP – by the family
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.