

April 18th & 25th, 2021

Understanding the Scriptures: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Acts 3:13–15, 17–19 | Psalm 4:2, 4, 7–9
Second Reading: 1 John 2:1–5 | Gospel: Luke 24:35–48

Jesus in today's Gospel teaches His apostles how to interpret the Scriptures.

He tells them that all the Scriptures of what we now call the Old Testament refer to Him. He says that all the promises found in the Old Testament have been fulfilled in His Passion, death, and Resurrection. And He tells them that these Scriptures foretell the mission of the Church—to preach forgiveness of sins to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

In today's First Reading and Epistle, we see the beginnings of that mission. And we see the apostles interpreting the Scriptures as Jesus taught them to.

God has brought to fulfillment what He announced beforehand in all the prophets, Peter preaches. His sermon is shot through with Old Testament images. He evokes Moses and the Exodus, in which God revealed himself as the ancestral God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (see **Exodus 3:6, 15**). He identifies Jesus as Isaiah's suffering servant who has been glorified (see **Isaiah 52:13**).

John, too, describes Jesus in Old Testament terms. Alluding to how Israel's priests offered blood sacrifices to atone for the people's sins (see **Leviticus 16**; **Hebrews 9–10**), he says that Jesus intercedes for us before God (see **Romans 8:34**), and that His blood is a sacrificial expiation for the sins of the world (see **1 John 1:7**).

Notice that in all three readings, the Scriptures are interpreted to serve and advance the Church's mission—to reveal the truth about Jesus, to bring people to repentance, the wiping away of sins, and the perfection of their love for God.

This is how we, too, should hear the Scriptures. Not to know more "about" Jesus, but to truly know Him personally, and to know His plan for our lives.

In the Scriptures, the light of His face shines upon us, as we sing in today's Psalm. We know the wonders He has done throughout history. And we have the confidence to call to Him, and to know that He hears and answers.

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 & Irah 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/>

COVID NOTICE:

The Church is OPEN!

Due to the pandemic, the Quebec government has placed many restrictions that effect all Quebecers. **Beginning the weekend of April 10th – 11th, places of worship are back to a limit of 25 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

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

The Saints on St. Joseph:

“He [Saint Joseph] is patron of vocations, so pray to him for the grace of fulfilling your duties well and of directing your children in their path of life. Inspire them with devotion to St. Joseph. It will bring them happiness.”

- *Saint Peter Julian Eymard*

SCHDULE CHANGE:

*Tuesday evening adoration is temporarily moved to 6:05pm,
followed by mass at 7pm.*

Due to the 8pm curfew currently in effect for Montreal, on Tuesday evenings the mass will be at 7pm (as usual) however, the Holy Hour that normally would be after mass, will temporary be before mass. Doors open at 6pm, adoration begins at 6:05pm

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

ANNOUNCED MASSES
April 17th – April 25th, 2021

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Apr. 17th	Sunday Vigil Alban de Souza – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Apr. 18th	Third Sunday of Easter (Year B) <i>Pro Populo</i> Julia Mary Pizzardi – RIP – by the family
Monday	Apr. 19th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Apr. 20th	Weekday Olivia Limson Ventura – Birthday Thanksgiving and Blessings – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 21st	Saint Anselm Rose Mangahas – RIP – by the family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 22nd	Weekday Angelika Demeter – RIP – by Kevin and Linda Piper
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 23rd	Saint George Din Kinh Nguyen –RIP – by Marguerite Kinh
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Apr. 24th	Sunday Vigil Joaquina Tomaz and Joao Melo – RIP – by Connie and Jim Kuhr
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Apr. 25th	Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B) Madeleine and Delph Jarry – RIP – by Pauline Butkus <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Apr. 26th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Apr. 27th	Weekday Joan Longo – Special Intentions – by Linda Piper
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 28th	Saint Peter Chanel Shanmugan Kirupainathan – RIP – by the family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 29th	Saint Catherine of Siena Pierre, Elza, Marcel – RIP – by Maryline
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 30th	Saint Marie of the Incarnation In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mama Mary – by Maryline
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	May 1st	Saint Joseph the Worker Paciencia Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	May 1st	Sunday Vigil Helen Coleman – RIP – by Joan
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	May 2nd	Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B) Antoni and Louise Butkus – RIP – by Pauline Butkus <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.