

April 4th & 11th, 2021

New Morning: Scott Hahn Reflects on Easter Sunday

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37–43 | Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23
Second Reading: Colossians 3:1–4 | Gospel: John 20:1–9

The tomb was empty. In the early morning darkness of that first Easter, there was only confusion for Mary Magdalene and the other disciples. But as the daylight spread, they saw the dawning of a new creation.

At first they didn't understand the Scripture, today's Gospel tells us. We don't know which precise Scripture texts they were supposed to understand. Perhaps it was the sign of Jonah, who rose from the belly of the great fish after three days (see [Jonah 1:17](#)). Or maybe Hosea's prophecy of Israel's restoration from exile (see [Hosea 6:2](#)). Perhaps it was the psalmist who rejoiced that God had not abandoned him to the netherworld (see [Psalm 16:9–10](#)).

Whichever Scripture it was, as the disciples bent down into the tomb, they saw and they believed. What did they see? Burial shrouds in an empty tomb. The stone removed from the tomb. Seven times in nine verses we hear that word—"tomb."

What did they believe? That God had done what Jesus said He would do—raised Him up on the third day (see [Mark 9:31](#); [10:34](#)).

What they saw and believed they bore witness to, as today's First Reading tells us. Peter's speech is a summary of the gospels—from Jesus' baptism in the Jordan to His hanging on a tree (see [Deuteronomy 21:22–23](#)), to His rising from the dead.

We are children of the apostles, born into the new world of their witness. Our lives are now "hidden with Christ in God," as today's Epistle says. Like them, we gather in the morning on the first day of the week—to celebrate the Eucharist, the feast of the empty tomb.

We rejoice that the stones have been rolled away from our tombs, too. Each of us can shout, as we do in today's Psalm: "I shall not die, but live." They saw and believed. And we await the day they promised would come—when we, too, "will appear with Him in glory."

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/>

Divine Mercy Weekend

Confession: In addition to the usual availability for confession, Fr. Jason will be available for confession on Saturday, **April 10th – 10:30am to 12pm**

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 March 27th -28th, places of worship are limited to 250 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

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

ANNOUNCED MASSES
April 3rd – April 18th, 2021

Saturday 7:00 p.m.	Apr. 3rd	Holy Saturday Resurrection of the Lord (Vigil)
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Apr. 4th	Resurrection of the Lord (Year B) Mathilde van de Bennet Wojciechowski – RIP – by Theresa Forde and family <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Apr. 5th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Apr. 6th	Easter Octave Elvira Arruda Melo – RIP – by Connie and Jim
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 7th	Easter Octave Ina Carvajal – RIP – by Mercedes Lynes
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 8th	Easter Octave Raymond and Suzie Abboud – Anniversary Blessings and Thanksgiving
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 9th	Easter Octave Grace O'Reilly – RIP – by the family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Apr. 10th	Sunday Vigil Dominic D'Souza – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Apr. 11th	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) (Year B) Windell and Cecille Romea – Anniversary Thanksgiving <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Apr. 12th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Apr. 13th	Saint Martin I Rudy and Nora Mojica – Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 14th	Weekday Yolanda Amaro Manzanal – Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving – by Jerry & Ofelia Roy
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 15th	Weekday Gerardo and Ildebrando Lanzaderas – RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 16th	Weekday Albert A. Piper – RIP – by Linda Piper
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

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.