

March 21st & 28th, 2021

The “Hour” Comes: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31–34 | Psalm 51:3–4, 12–13, 14–15
Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7–9 | Gospel: John 12:20–33

Our readings today are filled with anticipation. The days are coming, Jeremiah prophesies in today’s First Reading. The hour has come, Jesus says in the Gospel. The new covenant that God promised to Jeremiah is made in the “hour” of Jesus—in His Death, Resurrection, and Ascension to the Father’s right hand.

The prophets said this new covenant would return Israel’s exiled tribes from the ends of the world (see Jeremiah 31:1, 3–4, 7–8). Jesus too predicted His passion would gather the dispersed children of God (see John 11:52). But today He promises to draw to Himself not only Israelites, but all men and women.

The new covenant is more than a political or national restoration. As we sing in today’s Psalm, it is a universal spiritual restoration. In the “hour” of Jesus, sinners in every nation can return to the Father—to be washed of their guilt and given new hearts to love and serve Him.

In predicting He will be “lifted up,” Jesus isn’t describing only His coming Crucifixion (see John 3:14–15). Isaiah used the same word to tell how the Messiah, after suffering for Israel’s sins, would be raised high and greatly exalted (see Isaiah 52:3). Elsewhere the term describes how kings are elevated above their subjects (see 1 Maccabees 8:13).

Troubled in His agony, Jesus doesn’t pray to be saved. Instead, as we hear in today’s Epistle, He offers himself to the Father on the Cross—as a living prayer and supplication. For this, God gives Him dominion over heaven and earth (see Acts 2:33; Philippians 2:9).

Where He has gone we can follow—if we let Him lead us. To follow Jesus means hating our lives of sin and selfishness. It means trusting in the Father’s will, the law He has written in our hearts. Jesus’ “hour” continues in the Eucharist, where we join our sacrifices to His, giving God our lives in reverence and obedience—confident He will raise us up to bear fruits of holiness.

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: Good Friday (April 2nd) 7pm. 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 6:30pm** (Good Friday)
- Saturday, **April 10th - 10:30am to 12pm** (Divine Mercy weekend)

Holy Week Celebrations:

- Thursday, **April 1st – 7pm – Mass of the Lord’s Supper**
 - Friday, **April 2nd – 3pm – Celebration of the Lord’s Passion**
 - Saturday, **April 3rd – 7pm – Easter Vigil**
 - Sunday, **April 4th – 9am, 11am – Easter Sunday**
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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. Beginning March 26th, places of worship are allowed up to 250 gathered in places of worship. Reservations are required to attend our Sunday liturgies (Saturday 4:30pm, Sunday 9am & 11am) so that we can have a contact list, should there be a need to contact those present due to exposure to the virus. To reserve a place(s), visit our parish website, or contact the parish office and ask to be added to our e-mailing list. For weekday masses no prior registration 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
March 20th – April 4th, 2021

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Mar. 20th	Sunday Vigil Josee Crodua - Thanksgiving
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Mar. 21st	Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B) Grace O'Reilly – RIP – by the family <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Mar. 22nd	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Mar. 23rd	Saint Turibius of Mongrovejo Beverley Piper – RIP – by Linda Piper
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 24th	Weekday Kathleen Joy Laron – Blessings and Thanksgiving
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 25th	Annunciation of the Lord Noel Atas – RIP by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 26th	Weekday Ann Lamontagne – RIP – by Linda Piper
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Mar. 27th	Sunday Vigil Theresa Helferty – RIP – by Joan
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Mar. 28th	Passion Sunday (Year B) Carmel MacDonald – RIP – by Lesley <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Mar. 29th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Mar. 30th	Weekday Florence Gadwah – RIP – by Janet Prasad
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 31st	Weekday Richard Payne – RIP – by Janet Prasad and family
Thursday 7:00 p.m.	Apr. 1st	Holy Thursday Priests who served Our Lady of Fatima, RIP
Friday 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Apr. 2nd	Good Friday <i>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</i> <i>Way of the Cross</i>
Saturday 7:00 p.m.	Apr. 3rd	Resurrection of the Lord (Vigil) Souls in Purgatory
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>

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.