

May 16th & 23rd, 2021

The Good News: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Ascension of the Lord

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Acts 1:1–11 | Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17–23 | Gospel: Mark 16:15–20

In today's first reading, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus' appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus' saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and he has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies.

The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf (see [Hebrews 4:14–15](#)).

Indeed, his intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the first reading for the feast of the Ascension: "in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" ([Acts 1:5](#)). Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church's attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children. To live that divine life we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit we must be purified through baptism.

The Responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord" (Psalm 47). The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace.

The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called "illumination" or "enlightenment" (see, for example, [Hebrews 10:32](#)) because of the light that came with God's saving grace. Saint Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened," he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their "hope" is "his inheritance among the holy ones," the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with him at the Father's right hand.

This is the "good news" the Apostles are commissioned to spread—to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem—at the first Ascension. It's the good news we must spread today.

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:

“What a dignity to be the guardian of our Lord, and not only that, but to be even his reputed father, to be the husband of his most holy Mother!”

- *Saint Francis de Sales*

MONTH OF MARY:

It is a special time of the year to focus on your relationship with Mary, and to grow closer to her. Spend this month growing in your intimacy with the Immaculate Heart of our mother and queen by praying the Rosary, the Chaplet of Seven Sorrows, reading Sacred Scripture where she is referred to, get invested in the Brown Scapular, etc.

This intensified time with our Blessed Lady throughout May, also helps prepare us for June; the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the great celebration of Corpus Christi... To the Sacred Heart of Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, with the help of the Pure Heart of Saint Joseph.

MASS SCHEDULE NOTICE:

Please note that the 7pm mass on Tuesday, May 18th, will be moved to 9am. The Tuesday mass will return to its usual time at 7pm on May 25th.

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

**ANNOUNCED MASSES
May 15th – 30th, 2021**

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	May 15th	Sunday Vigil Sebastian Glen Victor – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	May 16th	Ascension of the Lord (Year B) Grace O'Reilly – RIP – by the family
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	May 17th	NO MASS
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.	May 18th	Saint John I Cesar Romea – RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	May 19th	Weekday Raouf Mahchi – RIP – by Dilia Raouf George
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	May 20th	Saint Bernardine of Siena Ricardo Timbol and Justina Garcia – RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	May 21st	Weekday Isabel Khoury – RIP – by Ramy Atallah
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	May 22nd	Sunday Vigil Caetano and Maria Aninha Pereira – RIP – by Victor Lemos and family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	May 23rd	Pentecost Sunday (Year B) Maria Melo Ponte – RIP – by Connie and Jim
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	May 24th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	May 25th	Weekday Clemencia Ortiz de Jimenez RIP – by Johana
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	May 26th	Saint Philip Neri Desiderio Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	May 27th	Saint Augustine of Canterbury Eva Kennedy – 100 th Birthday Blessings – by the Ladies' Auxiliary

Friday 9:00 a.m.	May 28th	Weekday May O'Donnell RIP – by Joan
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	May 29th	Sunday Vigil Alban de Souza – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	May 30th	Holy Trinity (Year B) Maria E. S. Ponte – RIP – by Connie and Jim <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.