

May 2nd & 9th, 2021

On the Vine: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Acts 9:26–31 | Psalm 22:26–28, 30–32
Second Reading: 1 John 3:18–24 Gospel: John 15:1–8

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that He is the true vine that God intended Israel to be—the source of divine life and wisdom for the nations (see **Sirach 24:17–24**).

In Baptism, each of us was joined to Him by the Holy Spirit. As a branch grows from a tree, our souls are to draw life from Him, nourished by His word and the Eucharist.

Paul in today's First Reading seeks to be grafted onto the visible expression of Christ the true vine—His Church. Once the chief persecutor of the Church, Paul encounters initial resistance and suspicion. But he is known by his fruits, by his powerful witness to the Lord working in his life (see **Matthew 7:16–20**).

We too are commanded today to bear good fruits as His disciples so that our lives give glory to God. Like Paul's life, our lives must bear witness to His goodness.

Jesus cautions us, however, that if we're bearing fruit, we can expect that God will "prune" us—as a gardener trims and cuts back a plant so that it will grow stronger and bear even more fruit. He is teaching us today how to look at our sufferings and trials with the eyes of faith. We need to see our struggles as pruning, by which we are being disciplined and trained so that we can grow in holiness and bear fruits of righteousness (see **Hebrews 12:4–11**).

We need to always remain rooted in Him, as today's Epistle tells us. We remain in Him by keeping His commandment of love, by pondering His words, letting them dwell richly in us (see **Colossians 3:16**), and by always seeking to do what pleases Him. In everything we must be guided by humility, remembering that apart from Him we can do nothing.

As we sing in today's Psalm, we must fulfill our vows, turning to the Lord in worship, proclaiming his praises, until all families come to know His justice in their lives.

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:

“Truly, I doubt not that the angels, wondering and adoring, came thronging in countless multitudes to that poor workshop to admire the humility of him who guarded that dear and divine child, and labored at his carpenter’s trade to support the son and the mother who were committed to his care”
- *Saint Francis de Sales*

SCHEDULE CHANGE:

Now that the curfew has changed back to 9:30pm, we resume our usual Tuesday evening schedule: Mass at 7pm followed by a Holy Hour (7:30pm to 8:30pm).

*Please note, should the 8pm curfew return again, the default response (unless specified otherwise) will be the mass at 7pm (as usual) however, the Holy Hour that normally would be after mass, would be moved to before mass, starting at 6:00pm

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

ANNOUNCED MASSES
May 1st – 16th, 2021

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.	May 2nd	Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B) Antoni and Louise Butkus – RIP – by Pauline Butkus
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	May 3rd	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	May 4th	Blessed Marie-Leonie Paradis Angelika Demeter – RIP – by Kevin and Linda Piper
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	May 5th	Weekday Deceased Members of the MacDonald and Howard families RIP – by the family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	May 6th	Saint François de Laval In Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity and the Holy Family – by Mercedes and family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	May 7th	Weekday Johanna McDonald – RIP – by the family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	May 8th	Sunday Vigil Menchu Baniqued and Elsie Valdez – RIP – by Precy Baniqued
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	May 9th	Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B) Anthony pillai Saverimuttu – RIP – by Julia and family
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	May 10th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	May 11th	Weekday Celerina Almoite Garibay – RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	May 12th	Saint Nereus and Saint Achilleus In Thanksgiving for favors received – by Ruth Gaudreau
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	May 13th	OUR LADY OF FATIMA Ned and Peggy Howard – RIP – by Lesley
Friday 9:00 a.m.	May 14th	Saint Matthias Deceased Members of the Tait and Piper families – RIP – by Linda Piper
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>

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.