

June 13th & 20th, 2021

Tree of Righteousness: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24 | Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 | Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

In the cryptic message of the prophet Ezekiel, long centuries before the Lord's coming, God gave His people reason to hope. Ezekiel glimpsed a day when the Lord God would place a tree on a mountain in Israel, a tree that would "put forth branches and bear fruit." Who could have predicted that the tree would be a cross on the hill of Calvary, and that the fruit would be salvation?

Ezekiel foresees salvation coming to "birds of every kind"—thus, not just to the people of Israel, but also to the Gentiles, who will "take wing" through their new life in Christ. God indeed will "lift high the lowly tree," as He solemnly promises.

Such salvation surpasses humanity's most ambitious dreams. And so we express our gratitude in the Psalm: "Lord, it is good to give thanks to you." It is indeed good, and better still to give thanks with praise. The Psalmist speaks of those who are just upon the earth, but looks to God as the source and measure of justice, of righteousness. Like Ezekiel, he evokes the image of a flourishing tree to describe the lives of the just. The image, again, suggests the Cross as the measure of righteousness.

The Cross is a sign of contradiction to those who would rather "flourish" in worldly terms. As St. Paul emphasizes to the Corinthians, we need courage. Our faith makes us strong, and it is proved in our deeds. He reminds us that we will be judged by the ways our faith manifests itself in works: "so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil."

God Himself will empower the works He expects from us, though we freely choose to correspond to His grace. In the prophetic oracles, He scattered the seed that sprang up and became the mustard tree, large enough to accommodate all the birds of the sky, just as Ezekiel had seen. He gave this doctrine to His disciples in terms they were able to understand, and He provided a full explanation. In the sacraments He provides still more: the grace of faith and the courage we need to live in the world as children of God.

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. **However, beginning the weekend of June 12-13, places of worship can have up to 100 people gathered; as always, keeping with the 6-foot distance and wearing a mask at all times, etc..**

Reservations are still 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:

“If all the faithful are debtors to the Virgin Mother for being made worthy through her to receive the Redeemer, there can be no doubt that next to the Mother of God we owe to St. Joseph our special homage and veneration.”

- *Saint Elisabeth of Schonau*

MONTH OF JUNE: MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

The month of June, which is the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is filled with some great feast days. The *solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus* (Corpus Christi) celebrated on the second Thursday after Pentecost, is celebrated in Canada on the second Sunday after Pentecost (June 6th this year). *Solemnity of The Sacred Heart of Jesus* is celebrated on the third Friday [19 days] after Pentecost, this year it falls on June 11th. Note that when there is a solemnity on a Friday, we can eat meat on those Fridays. We also have the *solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist* on June 24th, one of only three nativities we celebrate throughout our annual liturgical calendar. Then on June 29th we celebrate the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, who were both martyred in Rome.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

“In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph.”

– *Our Lady of Fatima*

The feast day of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is celebrated the day after the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This year the feast day falls on June 12th. There will be a mass added to our schedule on Saturday June 12th at 10am, followed by the Rosary.

“If you put all the love, of all the mothers into one heart,
it still would not equal the love
of the Heart of Mary for her children.”

- *St Louis de Montfort*

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

ANNOUNCED MASSES

June 12th & 27th, 2021

Saturday 10:00 a.m.	June 12th	Immaculate Heart of Mary Souls in Purgatory – by Maria Ondrechak
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	June 12	Sunday Vigil Mathilde van de Bennet – RIP – by Tom and Anna Treschak
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	June 13th	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Shirley Tambalo – RIP – by Kathleen Joy and family
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	June 14th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	June 15th	Weekday Cresente Arancon – RIP – by Alma and family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	June 16th	Weekday Ester Paja – RIP – by Delia
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	June 17th	Weekday Alexander Ip – Birthday Blessings
Friday 9:00 a.m.	June 18th	Weekday Raouf and Atallah families – Thanksgiving for the blessings received
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	June 19th	Sunday Vigil Pedrito Manzo-Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	June 20th	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Victorino and Daniela Lanzaderas – RIP – by the family
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	June 21st	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	June 22nd	Saint John Fisher and Saint Thomas More Milton Pridham – RIP – by Louis Mignacca
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	June 23rd	Weekday Nguyen Dinh Kinh – RIP – by Marguerite Kinh
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	June 24th	Nativity of Saint John the Baptist Teresita, Felix and Paciencia Manzo-Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Friday 9:00 a.m.	June 25th	Weekday Adrian de Souza – RIP – by the family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	June 26th	Sunday Vigil Alban de Souza – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	June 27th	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Souls in Purgatory – by Connie and Jim
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>

THE FIVE PRAYERS OF FATIMA

The Fatima Prayer/Decade Prayer

(Mary told the children that people should add this prayer to the end of each decade of the Rosary.)

“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy. Amen.”

The Sacrifice Prayer

(Mary gave the children this prayer, as well as the Fatima Prayer/Decade Prayer, on June 13th, 1917. The prayer is meant to be recited when you are offering up suffering to God.)

“O Jesus, it is for the love of Thee, in reparation for the offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and for the conversion of poor sinners [that I do this].”

The Pardon Prayer

(This prayer was given to the children by the angel that visited them in 1916, the year before Mary appeared to them.)

“My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I beg pardon for all those that do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee.”

The Angel's Prayer

(This is another prayer given to the children by the angel. There was a Eucharistic host and chalice suspended in the air, and the angel led them in kneeling before it and praying this prayer.)

“O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary I beg the conversion of poor sinners.”

The Eucharistic Prayer

(When Mary appeared to the children for the first time on May 13, 1917, she said, “You will have much to suffer, but the grace of God will be your comfort.” According to Lucia, a bright light shone all around them, and without thinking about it, they all started reciting this prayer.)

“Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament.”