

August 22nd & 29th, 2021

A Choice to Make: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18 | Psalm 34:2-3, 16-23
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32 | Gospel: John 6:60-69

This Sunday's Mass readings conclude a four-week meditation on the Eucharist.

The Twelve Apostles in today's Gospel are asked to make a choice—either to believe and accept the New Covenant He offers in His Body and Blood or return to their former ways of life.

Their choice is prefigured by the decision Joshua asks the Twelve Tribes to make in today's First Reading.

Joshua gathers them at Shechem—where God first appeared to their father Abraham promising to make his descendants a great nation in a new land (see [Genesis 12:1-9](#)). And he issues a blunt challenge: either renew their covenant with God or serve the alien gods of the surrounding nations.

We too are being asked today to decide whom we will serve. For four weeks we have been presented in the liturgy with the mystery of the Eucharist—a daily miracle far greater than those performed by God in bringing the Israelites out of the land of Egypt.

He has promised us a new homeland and eternal life, offering us bread from heaven to strengthen us on our journey. He has told us that unless we eat His Flesh and drink His Blood we will have no life in us.

It is a hard saying, as many murmur in today's Gospel. Yet He has given us the words of eternal life.

We must believe, as Peter says today, that He is the Holy One of God, who handed Himself over for us, who gave His flesh for the life of the world.

As we hear in today's Epistle, Jesus did this that we might be sanctified, made holy, through the water and word of Baptism by which we enter into His new covenant. Through the Eucharist, He nourishes and cherishes us, making us His own flesh and blood, as husband and wife become one flesh.

Let us renew our covenant today, approaching the altar with confidence that, as we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will redeem the lives of His servants.

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!

All areas of our diocese are classified as green zone as of June 28. Maximum numbers of participants are as follows: no more than 250 persons at Sunday or weekday Masses; a maximum of 250 persons may attend weddings and funerals, as always not including liturgical servers.

With respect to weddings and funerals, please note that people in the congregation are required to remain seated throughout the service.

Now that Montreal is a "Green Zone", places of worship will still keep the protocols of: sanitizing hands when entering the building, wearing a mask, keeping a six foot distance from those outside your "bubble". Following the protocols, we can receive around 110-120 in the church & choir loft, and around other 50 in the Hall if needed.

Therefore, because we are able to accommodate a much greater number of people, until further notice: **NO MORE RESERVATIONS** will be required. It will be first come first serve in the church, and if it fills up, we will have a place for you in the Hall.

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:

“Those souls most sensitive to the impulses of divine love have rightly seen in Joseph a brilliant example of the interior life.”

- *Saint John Paul II*

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

ANNOUNCED MASSES August 21st – September 5th, 2021

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Aug. 21st	Sunday Vigil Luisa Bencito – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 22nd	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Suzie Dager – Blessings and Thanksgiving – by the family
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Aug. 23rd	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Aug. 24th	Saint Bartholomew Rosalina Ernacio – RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 25th	Saint Louis Tommy and Emma - Thanksgiving
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 26th	Weekday Mathilde van de Bennet – RIP – by Tom and Anna Treschak
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 27th	Saint Monica Ivan Forde – RIP – by the family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Aug. 28th	Sunday Vigil Agustin Atas – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 29th	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Veronique Legare Roy – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy

11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Aug. 30th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Aug. 31st	Weekday Lorique Cyr Mojica – Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 1st	Weekday All priests and bishops – Blessings of love, courage and holiness
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 2nd	Blessed Andre Grasset Joseph Banas – RIP
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 3rd	Saint Gregory the Great Basil Vandemark – RIP – by Jo-Ann
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Sept. 4th	Weekday Gaudencio, Pelagia and Norberto Arao-arao – RIP – by the family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sept. 4th	Sunday Vigil Eduardo and Remedios Domingo – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 5th	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) <i>Pro Populo</i>
11:00 a.m.		Pauline Dzioban – RIP – by Olga Bernacki

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.”