

December 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## What Do We Do? Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14–18 | Psalm: Isaiah 12:2–6  
Second Reading: Philippians 4:4–7 | Gospel: Luke 3:10–18

The people in today's Gospel are "filled with expectation." They believe John the Baptist might be the messiah they've been waiting for. Three times we hear their question: "What then should we do?"

The messiah's coming requires every man and woman to choose—to "repent" or not. That's John's message and it will be Jesus' too (see Luke 3:3; 5:32; 24:47).

"Repentance" translates a Greek word, *metanoia* (literally, "change of mind"). In the Scriptures, repentance is presented as a twofold "turning"—away from sin (see Ezekiel 3:19; 18:30) and toward God (see Sirach 17:20–21; Hosea 6:1).

This "turning" is more than attitude adjustment. It means a radical life change. It requires "good fruits as evidence of your repentance" (see Luke 3:8). That's why John tells the crowds, soldiers, and tax collectors they must prove their faith through works of charity, honesty, and social justice.

In today's Liturgy, each of us is being called to stand in that crowd and hear the "good news" of John's call to repentance. We should examine our lives, asking from our hearts as they did: "What should we do?" Our repentance should spring not from our fear of coming wrath (see Luke 3:7–9) but from a joyful sense of the nearness of our saving God.

This theme resounds through today's readings: "Rejoice! . . . The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all," we hear in today's Epistle. In today's Responsorial, we hear again the call to be joyful, unafraid at the Lord's coming among us.

In today's First Reading, we hear echoes of the angel's Annunciation to Mary. The prophet's words are very close to the angel's greeting (compare Luke 1:28–31). Mary is the Daughter Zion—the favored one of God, told not to fear but to rejoice that the Lord is with her, "a mighty Savior."

She is the cause of our joy. For in her draws near the Messiah, as John had promised: "One mightier than I is coming."

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA ONLINE MINISTRIES

### The Rosary

Emil & Irah Tirona are 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/>

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### 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](http://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](http://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:  
[fatherjpipe@gmail.com](mailto:fatherjpipe@gmail.com)

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE OF MASSES

<b>*December 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Mass)</b>	<b>-7:00pm and 9:00pm</b>
<b>*December 25<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Mass)</b>	<b>-11:00am</b>
<b>December 26<sup>th</sup> (Sunday Mass)</b>	<b>-9:00am and 11:00am</b>
December 27 <sup>th</sup> (Weekday Mass) St. John	-9:00am
December 28 <sup>th</sup> (Weekday Mass) Holy Innocents	-7:00pm
December 29 <sup>th</sup> (Weekday Mass)	-9:00am
December 30 <sup>th</sup> (Weekday Mass)	-9:00am
<b>December 31<sup>st</sup> (Mary Mother of God Mass)</b>	<b>- 4:30pm</b>
<b>January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 (Mary of Mother God Mass)</b>	<b>- 11:00am</b>
<b>January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 (Epiphany)</b>	<b>-9:00am and 11:00am</b>

*Note:*

*Masses in **Bold**: Holy Days of obligation  
No 4:30pm vigil mass*

*\* Reservations required for the Christmas Eve & Christmas Day masses*

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## CHRISTMAS MASS RESERVATIONS

Reservations will be required for the Christmas masses (Christmas Eve at 7pm & 9pm, Christmas Day 11am) to ensure a place for all.

*Reservations will open:* Wednesday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am, and close on Thursday December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am.

*How To Reserve: either online or by phone.*

- *Online Reservations:* Those on our parish emailing list will receive the links before reservations start. The links will also be on our parish website. The links will go live for reservation on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am.
- *Phone Reservations:* Call the secretary during office hours (9am to 2pm Monday to Friday). The secretary will only begin taking reservations once the online links go live on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

## ADVENT CONFESSIONS

In addition to the usual confessional availability, Father Jason will also be available for your Advent Season confessions on;

- Saturday Dec 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12noon
- Saturday Dec 18<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12noon

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

If you would like to donate money to buy flowers to beautify our Church, you can place the money in an envelope (marked Christmas flowers) and put it in the collection basket with your name and address (for your income tax receipt at year end. Thank you for your generosity.

## **CATHOLIC CALENDARS**

The 2022 Catholic calendars are now available. Five dollars (\$5) each.

## **SUNDAY MISSALS**

The new 2022 Sunday missals have arrived. They go into effect the first Sunday of Advent (November 28<sup>th</sup>). Five dollars (\$5) each.

## **ENVELOPES FOR 2022 SUNDAY OFFERINGS**

Envelopes for 2022 Sunday offerings are at the front of the Church. **PLEASE TAKE ONLY THE BOX WITH YOUR NAME AND NUMBER ON IT.** If you have never used the envelopes and wish to start, please ask for a new box at the Office or call 514-747-4226 during office hours (9am to 2pm), to register. **We request all users to please put your name and address on the first few envelopes for the New Year to ensure proper recording.** Thank you.

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## **SAINTLY WISDOM**

“Arise, all you nobles and peasants! Mary invites all, rich and poor, just and sinners, to enter the cave of Bethlehem, to adore and to kiss the feet of her newborn Son.”

- *Saint Alphonsus Liguori*

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**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**December 11<sup>th</sup> – December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Dec. 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Cornelio Palanca - Thanksgiving
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Dec. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent (Year C)</b> Lionel Romea – RIP – by Cecile Romea  <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Dec. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint John of the Cross</b> Sharon Piper – RIP – by Kevin and Linda Piper
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Dec. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> For Souls in Purgatory
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Dec. 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Frank Martin – RIP – by Nelson and Teresa
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Dec. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Conrad Worell – RIP – by the family
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Dec. 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Kyla Palanca - Thanksgiving
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Dec. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> Leo, Rosa Maria and Anthony Borges – RIP – by Nelson and Teresa  <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Dec. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Saint Peter Canisius</b> Sharon Piper – RIP – by Kevin and Linda Piper
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Albert E. Piper – RIP – by Linda Piper
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Felix O. Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
<b>Friday</b> 7:00 p.m.  9:00 p.m.	<b>Dec. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b> Thanksgiving by the Cordero family  Thanksgiving by the Dager and Abboud families
<b>Saturday</b> 11:00 a.m.	<b>Dec. 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas: Nativity of the Lord</b> Leah Cordero – Thanksgiving  <i>(no 4:30pm vigil mass)</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Dec. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Holy Family (Year C)</b> Domingo and Pompea Pili – RIP – by Ludy and family  <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.”