

November 28th & December 5th, 2021

Heads Up: Scott Hahn Reflects on the First Sunday of Advent

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 | Psalm 25:4-5,8-10,14
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 | Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Every Advent, the Liturgy of the Word gives our sense of time a reorientation. There's a deliberate tension in the next four weeks' readings—between promise and fulfillment, expectation and deliverance, between looking forward and looking back.

In today's First Reading, the prophet Jeremiah focuses our gaze on the promise God made to David, some 1,000 years before Christ. God says through the prophet that He will fulfill this promise by raising up a "just shoot," a righteous offspring of David, who will rule Israel in justice (see 2 Samuel 7:16; Jeremiah 33:17; Psalm 89:4-5; 27-38).

Today's Psalm, too, sounds the theme of Israel's ancient expectation: "Guide me in your truth and teach me. For you are God my savior and for you I will wait all day."

We look back on Israel's desire and anticipation knowing that God has already made good on those promises by sending His only Son into the world. Jesus is the "just shoot," the God and Savior for Whom Israel was waiting.

Knowing that He is a God who keeps His promises lends grave urgency to the words of Jesus in today's Gospel.

Urging us to keep watch for His return in glory, He draws on Old Testament images of chaos and instability—turmoil in the heavens (see Isaiah 13:11, 13; Ezekiel 32:7-8; Joel 2:10); roaring seas (see Isaiah 5:30; 17:12); distress among the nations (see Isaiah 8:22; 14:25) and terrified people (see Isaiah 13:6-11).

He evokes the prophet Daniel's image of the Son of Man coming on a cloud of glory to describe His return as a "theophany," a manifestation of God (see Daniel 7:13-14).

Many will cower and be literally scared to death. But Jesus says we should greet the end-times with heads raised high, confident that God keeps His promises, that our "redemption is at hand," that "the kingdom of God is near" (see Luke 21:31).

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/>

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:
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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Coming soon!

Christmas Mass Reservations

Due to the Covid protocols (max 250 people, spaced out for social distancing) and the larger than normal number of people we receive for Christmas masses, reservations will be required for our Masses on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day; reservations will help us manage the number of people coming to each mass so we can make sure everyone has a place at one of our masses and no one is turned away. More information regarding reservations & the Christmas Mass schedule will be coming soon.

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 28th). 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.

PRAYING FOR THE DEAD

Yellow envelopes are available at the Main Entrance for anyone who wishes to fill them in remembrance for the souls of their departed family members and friends. These envelopes will be kept in the Sanctuary throughout November, the month of prayers for the dead.

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

The Saints on St. Joseph:

“Joseph worked assiduously as the natural and divine law requires, with a supernatural spirit, performing humble work, content with his state in life and with his modest income.”

- *Blessed James Alberione*

ANNOUNCED MASSES
November 27th – December 12th, 2021

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Nov. 27th	Sunday Vigil Irma Pili – RIP – by Ludi and family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 28th	First Sunday of Advent (Year C) Deceased and Living Members of the Alvares family
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Nov. 29th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Nov. 30th	Saint Andrew Deceased and Living Members of the Guerra and Rodrigues families – by Leo and Lavinia
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Dec. 1st	Weekday Ruth Gaudreau – Thanksgiving for favors received
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Dec. 2nd	Weekday Rafik Mehrez – Special Intentions – by Rosemarie Boranian
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Dec. 3rd	Saint Francis Xavier Deceased and Living Members of the Rodrigues and Guerra families – by Leo and Lavinia
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Dec. 4th	Weekday Monica Monteiro – RIP – by Nelson Alvares and family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Dec. 4th	Sunday Vigil Violeta Bautista – RIP – by Lemuel and Aliz Salazar and family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Dec. 5th	Second Sunday of Advent Teresita, Felix and Paciencia Manzo Manzanal - RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Dec. 6th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Dec. 7th	Saint Ambrose Stanley L. Tait – RIP – by Linda Piper
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Dec. 8th	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima – by Whilemine
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Dec. 9th	Weekday Rafik Mehrez – Special Intentions – by Rosemarie Boranian
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Dec. 10th	Our Lady of Loreto Camilo Esquivel Sr. – RIP – by the family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Dec. 11th	Sunday Vigil Cornelio Palanca - Thanksgiving
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Dec. 12th	Third Sunday of Advent (Year C) Lionel Romea – RIP – by Cecille Romea
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.”