

December 26th & January 2nd, 2021

Our True Home: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Sirach 3:2–6, 12–14 | Psalm: 128:1–5
Second Reading: Colossians 3:12–21 | Gospel: Luke 2:41–52

Why did Jesus choose to become a baby born of a mother and father and to spend all but His last years living in an ordinary human family? In part, to reveal God's plan to make all people live as one "holy family" in His Church (see 2 Corinthians 6:16–18).

In the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, God reveals our true home. We're to live as His children, "chosen ones, holy and beloved," as the First Reading puts it.

The family advice we hear in today's readings—for mothers, fathers, and children—is all solid and practical. Happy homes are the fruit of our faithfulness to the Lord, we sing in today's Psalm. But the Liturgy is inviting us to see more, to see how, through our family obligations and relationships, our families become heralds of the family of God that He wants to create on earth.

Jesus shows us this in today's Gospel. His obedience to His earthly parents flows directly from His obedience to the will of His heavenly Father. Joseph and Mary aren't identified by name, but three times are called "his parents" and are referred to separately as his "mother" and "father." The emphasis is all on their familial ties to Jesus. But these ties are emphasized only so that Jesus, in the first words He speaks in Luke's Gospel, can point us beyond that earthly relationship to the Fatherhood of God.

In what Jesus calls "my Father's house," every family finds its true meaning and purpose (see Ephesians 3:15). The Temple we read about in the Gospel today is God's house, His dwelling (see Luke 19:46). But it's also an image of the family of God, the Church (see Ephesians 2:19–22; Hebrews 3:3–6; 10:21).

In our families we're to build up this household, this family, this living temple of God—until He reveals His new dwelling among us and says of every person: "I shall be his God and he will be my son" (see Revelation 21:3, 7).

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 CLOSED to the public.

Although we are currently not allowed to gather indoors, it is still possible to have outdoor gatherings. Therefore, the masses will be outdoors in the parish parking lot until further notice.

You are invited to park facing the church building, where you will see the mass celebrated from a window overlooking the parking lot. You can tune your car radio to 90.9FM to hear the mass broadcasted on our short range FM transmitter.

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: fatherjpipe@gmail.com

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.

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*

ANNOUNCED MASSES
December 25th – January 9th, 2021

Saturday 11:00 a.m.	Dec. 25th	Christmas: Nativity of the Lord Leah Cordero – Thanksgiving <i>(no 4:30pm vigil mass)</i>
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Dec. 26th	Holy Family (Year C) Domingo and Pompea Pili – RIP – by Ludy and family <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Dec. 27th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Dec. 28th	Holy Innocents Chan Shui-Kam and Yuen Hon-Ching - Thanksgiving
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Dec. 29th	Saint Thomas Becket Noreen Bolohan – RIP by Joan
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Dec. 30th	Weekday For Souls in Purgatory
Friday 9 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Dec. 31st	Saint Silvester I Thanksgiving by the Dager and Abboud families Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Eve) Rose de Souza, Alex and Daniel Rodriguez – Birthday Blessings
Saturday 11:00 a.m.	Jan. 1st	Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day) Maria Ondrechak – Special Intention <i>(no 4:30pm vigil mass)</i>
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jan. 2nd	Epiphany of the Lord (Year C) Sadiq Iqbal – RIP – by the family <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Jan. 3rd	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Jan. 4th	Weekday Henri and Zdzislaw Horodyski – RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 5th	Weekday For Souls in Purgatory
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 6th	Weekday Agustin Atas and Luisa Bencito – RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 7th	Saint Andre Bessette Gloria David – RIP – by the family
Saturday 11:00 a.m.	Jan. 8th	Sunday Vigil Deceased Members of the Donatien family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jan. 9th	Baptism of the Lord (Year C) Nelson and Teresa - Thanksgiving <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.”