

January 23rd & 30th, 2022

New Day Dawns: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2–6, 10 | Psalms 19:8–10, 15
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12–30 | Gospel: Luke 1:1–4, 4:14–21

The meaning of today's liturgy is subtle and many-layered.

We need background to understand what's happening in today's First Reading.

Babylon having been defeated, King Cyrus of Persia decreed that the exiled Jews could return home to Jerusalem. They rebuilt their ruined temple (see Ezra 6:15–17) and under Nehemiah finished rebuilding the city walls (see Nehemiah 6:15).

The stage was set for the renewal of the covenant and the re-establishment of the Law of Moses as the people's rule of life. That's what's going on in today's First Reading, as Ezra reads and interprets (see Nehemiah 8:8) the Law and the people respond with a great "Amen!"

Israel, as we sing in today's Psalm, is rededicating itself to God and His Law. The scene seems like the Isaiah prophecy that Jesus reads from in today's Gospel.

Read all of Isaiah 61. The "glad tidings" Isaiah brings include these promises: the liberation of prisoners (61:1); the rebuilding of Jerusalem, or Zion (61:3–4; see also Isaiah 60:10); the restoration of Israel as a kingdom of priests (61:6; Exodus 19:6); and the forging of an everlasting covenant (61:8; Isaiah 55:3). It sounds a lot like the First Reading.

Jesus, in turn, declares that Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in Him. The Gospel scene, too, recalls the First Reading. Like Ezra, Jesus stands before the people, is handed a scroll, unrolls it, then reads and interprets it (compare Luke 4:16–17, 21 and Nehemiah 8:2–6, 8–10).

We witness in today's Liturgy the creation of a new people of God. Ezra started reading at dawn of the first day of the Jewish new year (see Leviticus 23:24). Jesus also proclaims a "sabbath," a great year of Jubilee, a deliverance from slavery to sin, a release from the debts we owe to God (see Leviticus 25:10).

The people greeted Ezra "as one man." And, as today's Epistle teaches, in the Spirit the new people of God—the Church—is made "one body" with Him.

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 gatherings indoors.

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: fatherjpiiper@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

“All proceeds from the Eucharist, all passes through the Eucharist, all returns to the Eucharist, all is drawn together in the Eucharist.”
- *Saint Veronica Giuliani*

ANNOUNCED MASSES
January 22nd – February 6th, 2022

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Jan. 22nd	Sunday Vigil Mary Magdalene Montoute – RIP – by Pearl Montoute
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jan. 23rd	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Father Jason Piper – Special Intentions – by Suzie <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Jan. 24th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Jan. 25th	Conversion of Saint Paul Antonina Saputorosso - RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 26th	Saints Timothy and Titus Jeremias Fernando –RIP – by Emma Moraes
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 27th	Saint Angela Merici Father Jason Piper – Special Intentions
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 28th	Saint Thomas Aquinas For Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Jan. 29th	Sunday Vigil Helen Mikus RIP – by her husband and Family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jan. 30th	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Jean Pierre – Birthday Blessings – by the family <i>Pro Populo.</i>
Monday	Jan. 31st	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Feb. 1st	Weekday Denny Bernard – RIP
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 2nd	Presentation of the Lord For Souls in Purgatory
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 3rd	Weekday Anna – RIP – by Olivia
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 4th	Weekday Peter – RIP – by the Banas family
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Feb. 5th	Saint Agatha Thanksgiving – by Olivia and family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Feb. 5th	Sunday Vigil Juraj Ondrechak – Special Intention – by Maria Ondrechak
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Feb. 6th	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Constantino Lopez – RIP – by the 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.”