

March 20th & 27th, 2022

Fruits of the Fig: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Exodus 3:1–8, 13–15 | Psalm 103:1–4, 6–8, 11
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1–6, 10–12 | Gospel: Luke 13:1–9

In the Church, we are made children of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God who makes known His name and His ways to Moses in today’s First Reading.

Mindful of His covenant with Abraham (see Exodus 2:24), God came down to rescue His people from the slave drivers of Egypt. Faithful to that same covenant (see Luke 1:54–55, 72–73), He sent Jesus to redeem all lives from destruction, as today’s Psalm tells us.

Paul says in today’s Epistle that God’s saving deeds in the Exodus were written down for the Church, intended as a prelude and foreshadowing of our own Baptism by water, our liberation from sin, our feeding with spiritual food and drink.

Yet the events of the Exodus were also given as a “warning”—that being children of Abraham is no guarantee that we will reach the promised land of our salvation.

At any moment, Jesus warns in today’s Gospel, we could perish, not as God’s punishment for being “greater sinners” but because, like the Israelites in the wilderness, we stumble into evil desires, fall into grumbling, forget all His benefits.

Jesus calls us today to “repentance”—not a one-time change of heart, but an ongoing, daily transformation of our lives. We’re called to live the life we sing about in today’s Psalm, blessing His holy name, giving thanks for His kindness and mercy.

The fig tree in His parable is a familiar Old Testament symbol for Israel (see Jeremiah 8:3; 24:1–10). As the fig tree is given one last season to produce fruit before it is cut down, so too Jesus is giving Israel one final opportunity to bear good fruits as evidence of its repentance (see Luke 3:8).

Lent should be for us like the season of reprieve given to the fig tree, a grace period in which we let “the gardener,” Christ, cultivate our hearts, uprooting what chokes the divine life in us, strengthening us to bear fruits that will last into eternity.

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** to the public gatherings indoors. Places of worship will still keep the usual health requirements of: sanitizing hands when entering the building, wearing a mask, keeping a three-foot distance (lowered from the previous six-foot requirement) from those outside your "bubble".

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.

Also, as has been our practice throughout the pandemic, for the foreseeable future we will continue using only the main entrance doors for you to enter the Church.

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 14	7:00pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, April 15	3:00pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7:00pm, Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday, April 16	8:00pm, Resurrection of the Lord (Vigil)
Easter Sunday, April 17	9am & 11am, Resurrection of the Lord

WAY OF THE CROSS

Everyone is invited to the **Way of the Cross every Friday at 7p.m.** during this Lenten season. Doors open at 6:45pm.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

If you would like to contribute to beautifying our Church with Easter flowers, please place an envelope in the collection basket and mark on it "Easter flowers." If you include your name or envelope number, you will receive an income tax receipt for it at year end.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

To our dear parishioners who used the envelope system for the weekly donation to the Parish in 2021, your income tax receipts are ready at the **Sacristy**. Please pick up your receipt either on the weekend after Mass or during the week, Monday to Friday.

If you prefer to receive your receipt by mail, please contact the office. Thank you.

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

“It is true that the other saints enjoy great power in heaven, but they ask as servants, and do not command as masters. Saint Joseph, to whose authority Jesus was subject on earth, obtains what he desires from his kingly foster Son on heaven.”

- *Saint Thomas Aquinas*

ANNOUNCED MASSES March 19th- April 3rd, 2022

Saturday 10 a. m.	March 19th	Saint Joseph Maria Calmela Himo – Blessings and Thanksgiving – by the family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	March 19th	Sunday Vigil Josee Crodua - Thanksgiving
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	March 20th	Third Sunday of Lent (Year C) Ma. Liezl Caracas - Thanksgiving
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	March 21st	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	March 22nd	Weekday Lucille King – RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	March 23rd	Weekday Beverly Piper – RIP – by Linda Piper
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	March 24th	Weekday Lucille King – RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	March 25th	Annunciation of the Lord Noel Atas – RIP – by the family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	March 26th	Sunday Vigil Rolly Mariano, Maria Lamsem and Wilfredo Amparo – RIP – by Tammy Gonon
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	March 27th	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C) Cesar Romea – RIP – by the family
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	March 28th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	March 29th	Weekday Karla Palanca – Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	March 30th	Weekday Lucille King – RIP – by the family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	March 31st	Weekday Lucille King – RIP – by the family
Friday	April 1st	Weekday

9:00 a.m.		Lucille King – RIP – by the family
Saturday 10 a. m.	April 2nd	Saint Francis of Paola Lucille King – RIP – by the family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	April 2nd	Sunday Vigil Ina Carvajal – RIP – by Mercedes and family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	April 3rd	Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year C) Lucille King – RIP – by the family
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."