

March 6th & 13th, 2022

Forty Days: Scott Hahn Reflects on the First Sunday of Lent

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4–10 | Psalm 91:1–2, 10–15
Second Reading: Romans 10:8–13 | Gospel: Luke 4:1–13

In today's epic Gospel scene, Jesus relives in His flesh the history of Israel.

We've already seen that, like Israel, Jesus has passed through water and been called God's beloved Son (see [Luke 3:22](#); [Exodus 4:22](#)). Now, as Israel was tested for forty years in the wilderness, Jesus is led into the desert to be tested for forty days and nights (see [Exodus 15:25](#)).

He faces the temptations put to Israel: Hungry, He's tempted to grumble against God for food (see [Exodus 16:1–13](#)). As Israel quarreled at Massah, He's tempted to doubt God's care (see [Exodus 17:1–6](#)). When the Devil asks for His homage, He's tempted to do what Israel did in creating the golden calf (see [Exodus 32](#)).

Jesus fights the Devil with the Word of God, three times quoting from Moses' lecture about the lessons Israel was supposed to learn from its wilderness wanderings (see [Deuteronomy 8:3](#); [6:16](#), [12–15](#)).

Why do we read this story on the first Sunday of Lent? Because like the biblical sign of forty (see [Genesis 7:12](#); [Exodus 24:18](#); [34:28](#); [1 Kings 19:8](#); [Jonah 3:4](#)), the forty days of Lent are a time of trial and purification.

Lent is to teach us what we hear over and over in today's readings. "Call upon me, and I will answer," the Lord promises in today's Psalm. Paul promises the same thing in today's Epistle (quoting [Deuteronomy 30:14](#); [Isaiah 28:16](#); [Joel 2:32](#)).

This was Israel's experience, as Moses reminds his people in today's First Reading: "We cried to the Lord . . . and He heard." But each of us is tempted, as Israel was, to forget the great deeds He works in our lives, to neglect our birthright as His beloved sons and daughters.

Like the litany of remembrance Moses prescribes for Israel, we should see in the Mass a memorial of our salvation, and "bow down in His presence," offering ourselves in thanksgiving for all He has given us.

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

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

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

“Do not try to please everybody. Try to please God, the angels, and the saints; they are your public.”

- *Saint John Vianney*

ANNOUNCED MASSES
March 5th- 20th, 2022

Saturday 10 a. m.	March 5	Weekday Joseph Abboud – Birthday Blessings – by the family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	March 5th	Sunday Vigil Abilio Carvajal and Gilbert Leynes – RIP – by Mercedes and family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	March 6th	First Sunday of Lent (Year C) Angela, Rosa, Giuseppe Mignacca – RIP – by the family
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	March 7th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	March 8th	Saint John of God For Souls in Purgatory – by Maria Ondrechak
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	March 9th	Saint Frances of Rome Ap Joseph – RIP – by Roselyn
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	March 10th	Weekday Jessie Piper – RIP – by Linda Piper
Friday 9:00 a.m.	March 11th	Weekday Deceased Members of Pereira and de Souza families – RIP – by the family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	March 12th	Sunday Vigil Sebastian Victor – RIP – by the Raymond family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	March 13th	Second Sunday of Lent (Year C) Special Intentions for friends – by Maria Ondrechak
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	March 14th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	March 15th	Weekday Loris Daher – RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	March 16th	Weekday Elaine Leclerc – RIP – by Kevin and Linda Piper
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	March 17th	Saint Patrick Stephanie – Special Intentions – by Kevin and Linda Piper
Friday 9:00 a.m.	March 18th	Saint Cyril of Jerusalem Noel Atas – RIP – by the family
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>

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.”