

April 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## Seeing and Believing: Scott Hahn Reflects on Easter Sunday

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37–43 | Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23  
Second Reading: Colossians 3:1–4 | Gospel: John 20:1–9

Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed."

What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He hadn't been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind.

But notice the repetition of the word "tomb"—seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day.

Chosen to be His "witnesses," today's First Reading tells us, the Apostles were "commissioned . . . to preach . . . and testify" to all that they had seen—from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb. More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan—to know how "all the prophets bear witness" to Him (see Luke 24:27, 44).

Now they could "understand the Scripture," could teach us what He had told them—that He was "the Stone which the builders rejected," that today's Psalm prophesies His Resurrection and exaltation (see Luke 20:17; Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11).

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, give thanks for "Christ our life," as today's Epistle calls Him.

Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above.

We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come—the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory."

## 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/>

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### 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.

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.

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You can check regularly our parish website for updates:  
**[www.our-lady-of-fatima.ca](http://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](http://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](mailto:fatherjpipe@gmail.com)

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### 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.

### 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.

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### SAINTLY WISDOM

“Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and alleluia is our song.”

- *Saint John Paul II*

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### ANNOUNCED MASSES: April 16<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 p.m.	<b>April 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Resurrection of the Lord, Vigil</b> Soul in Purgatory
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<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>April 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Resurrection of the Lord</b> Gerardo and Ildebrando Lanzaderas – RIP – by the family  <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>April 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Octave</b> Christine Ilagan - Thanksgiving
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Octave</b> Patricia Ward – RIP – by Joan
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Easter Octave</b> Stephanie – Special Intentions – by Kevin and Linda Piper
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Easter Octave</b> Lucille King – RIP – by the family
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>April 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Lucille King – RIP – by the family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>April 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)</b> Menchu Baniqued and Elsie Valdez – RIP – by Precy Baniqued  <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>April 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Our Lady of Good Counsel</b> Lucille King – RIP – by the family
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Lucille King – RIP – by the family
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Maria E. S. Ponte – RIP – by Connie and Jim
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Catherine of Siena</b> Karlo Ilagan - Thanksgiving
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>April 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Lucille King – RIP – by the family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>May 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> Mervyn Mojica – Blessings and 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.”