

May 29th & June 5th, 2022

The Good News: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Ascension of the Lord

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Acts 1:1–11 | Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17–23 or Hebrews 9:24–28; 10:19–23 |
Gospel: Luke 24:46–53

In today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus' appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus' saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and He has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies.

The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf (see Hebrews 4:14–15). Indeed, His intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the First Reading for the feast of the Ascension: "in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:5). The Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church's attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children. To live that divine life we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit we must be purified through Baptism.

The Responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord" (Psalm 47). The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace.

The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called "illumination" or "enlightenment" because of the light that came with God's saving grace (see, for example, Hebrews 10:32). Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened," he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their "hope" is "his inheritance among the holy ones," the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with Him at the Father's right hand.

This is the "good news" the Apostles are commissioned to spread—to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem—at the Ascension. It's the good news we must spread today.

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.

NO RESERVATIONS are required.

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:
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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.

CATHOLIC CALENDARS

The 2022 Catholic calendars are now available. 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 pray for easy lives; pray to be stronger people.”
- *Blessed Solanus Casey*

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

During the June 4th, 4:30pm mass, our children who have been preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will be confirm at this mass.

THURSDAYS OF JUNE: ADORATION

During this month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to make reparation for the many past and ongoing sins our Eucharistic Lord suffers in the Blessed Sacrament: In addition to our usual schedule, **every Thursday throughout the month of June there will be a Holy Hour of silent adoration beginning at 8am** followed by our usual 9am mass.

MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

The feast day of *Mary, Mother of the Church* falls on the first Monday after Pentecost, which is June the 6th this year. There will be a **mass on Monday the 6th at 9am** to celebrate this beautiful feast day together.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
May 28th – June 12th, 2022

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	May 28th	Sunday Vigil Alban de Souza – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	May 29th	Ascension of the Lord (Year C) Hannibal and Pauline Alvares – RIP – by Nelson and Teresa Alvares
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	May 30th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	May 31st	VISITATION OF MARY May O'Donnell – RIP – by Joan
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	June 1st	Saint Justin Lucille King – RIP – by the family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	June 2nd	Saint Marcellinus & Saint Peter Lucille King - RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	June 3rd	Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions Lucille King – RIP – by the family
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	June 4th	Weekday Leonarda Magtanong – RIP – by Anna
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	June 4th	Sunday Vigil Lucille King – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	June 5th	Pentecost Sunday (Year C) Angela Rosa, Giuseppe Mignacca – RIP – by the family
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday 9:00 a.m.	June 6th	Mary, Mother of the Church Souls in Purgatory – by Linda Piper
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	June 7th	Weekday Lucille King – RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	June 8th	Weekday Deceased Members of the MacDonald and Howard families – RIP – by the family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	June 9th	Saint Ephrem Eucharista Thambypillai – RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	June 10th	Weekday Margaret Philips – RIP – by Joan O'Donnell
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	June 11th	Sunday Vigil Madeleine Lynes and Ina Carvajal – RIP – by Mercedes and family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	June 12th	Most Holy Trinity (Year C) Allister and Marian MacGillivray – RIP – by Leslie
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.”