

March 19th & 26th, 2023

Eyesight to the Blind: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Lent

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First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6–7, 10–13 | Psalm 23:1–6
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8–14 | Gospel: John 9:1–41

God's ways of seeing are not our ways, we hear in today's First Reading. Jesus illustrates this in the Gospel as the blind man comes to see and the Pharisees are made blind.

The blind man stands for all humanity. "Born totally in sin," he is made a new creation by the saving power of Christ.

As God fashioned the first man from the clay of the earth (see Genesis 2:7), Jesus gives the blind man new life by anointing his eyes with clay (see John 9:11). As God breathed the spirit of life into the first man, the blind man is not healed until he washes in the waters of Siloam, a name that means "Sent."

Jesus is the One "sent" by the Father to do the Father's will (see John 9:4; 12:44). He is the new source of life-giving water: the Holy Spirit who rushes upon us in Baptism (see John 4:10; 7:38–39).

This is the Spirit that rushes upon God's chosen king David in today's First Reading. A shepherd like Moses before him (see Exodus 3:1; Psalm 78:70–71), David is also a sign pointing to the good shepherd and king to come—Jesus (see John 10:11).

The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. By His death and Resurrection He has made a path for us through the dark valley of sin and death, leading us to the verdant pastures of the kingdom of life, the Church.

In the restful waters of Baptism He has refreshed our souls. He has anointed our heads with the oil of Confirmation and spread the Eucharistic table before us, filling our cups to overflowing.

With the once-blind man we enter His house to give God the praise, to renew our vow: "I do believe, Lord."

"The Lord looks into the heart," we hear today. Let Him find us, as Paul advises in today's Epistle, living as "children of light," trying always to learn what is pleasing to our Father.

MASS SCHEDULE ADDITIONS

Monday, March 20th Mass at 9am: We will be celebrating the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Saturday, March 25th at Mass at 10am: We will be celebrating the solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Everyone is invited to the Way of the Cross every Friday at 7 p.m. during the Lenten season.

LENT

Lent is the 40-day period before Easter, excluding Sundays (the day Jesus arose), from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday before the Lord's Supper. **Lent begins on Ash Wednesday**, the day the faithful have their foreheads signed with the ashes in the form of a Cross. **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are also days of fast and abstinence.**

- **A day of fast:** is one on which Catholics who are 18 to 60 years old may eat a single, normal meal and have two snacks, so long as these snacks do not add up to a second meal. (Those with medical conditions requiring a greater or more regular food intake are exempt from this limited fast.)
- **A day of Abstinence:** one on which Catholics, 14 years or older must abstain from meat. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence, because Jesus died for our sins on Friday. (*To note, all Fridays of the year are still days of abstinence from meat, although we now have the option on those days of substituting no meat by making another act of penance, charity or religious devotion.*)

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

To our dear parishioners who used the envelope system for the weekly donation to the Parish in 2022, your income tax receipts are ready on February 11th, Saturday, at the Sacristy. Please pick up your receipt on the weekend after Mass or during the week, Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 2 pm. Thank you.

ADORATION

Come spend some time with Our Lord.

Tuesdays 6pm to 7pm (*mass at 7pm*)

Thursdays 8am to 9am (*mass at 9am*)

Fridays 9:30am to 10:30am (*mass at 9am*)

First Saturday of the Month 10:30am to 11:30am (*mass at 10am*)

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.

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:
fatherjpiper@gmail.com

SAINTLY WISDOM

“There are many saints to whom God has given the power to assist us in the necessities of life, but the power given to St. Joseph is unlimited: it extends to all our needs, and all those who invoke him with confidence are sure to be heard.”

- *Saint Thomas Aquinas*

ANNOUNCED MASSES
March 18^h – April 2nd, 2023

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Mar. 18th	Sunday Vigil Noel Atas – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 19th	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A) Josee Crodua – In thanksgiving to Saint Joseph
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 20th	Saint Joseph Alban de Souza – RIP – by the family
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Mar. 21st	Weekday Corinne Legare Pasalin - RIP
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 22nd	Weekday Teresita, Felix & Paciencia Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Ofelia Roy
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 23rd	Weekday Beverly Piper – RIP – by Kevin and Linda Piper
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 24th	Weekday Deceased and Living Members of the Rodrigues family – by Leo and Lavinia
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Mar. 25th	ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD The Himo family – In Honor and Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Mar. 25th	Sunday Vigil Noel Atas – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 26th	Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A) Hannibel and Pauline Alvares – RIP – by the Alvares family
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Mar. 27th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Mar. 28th	Weekday Cesar Romea – RIP -by Cecille and family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 29th	Weekday Karla Palanca – Blessings and Thanksgiving
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 30th	Weekday Dawn Habib – RIP – by Janet Prasad and family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 31st	Weekday Jean Solomon – For healing – by Janet Prasad and family
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Apr. 1st	Weekday Deceased and Living Members of the Rodrigues family – by Leo and Lavinia
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Apr. 1st	Sunday Vigil Ina Carvajal – RIP – by Mercedes Lynes and family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 2nd	Passion (Palm Sunday) (Year A) Maria Lourdes Pereira – RIP – by Connie, Jim and 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.”