

April 2nd & 9th, 2023

All Is Fulfilled: Scott Hahn Reflects on Passion Sunday

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Isaiah 50:4–7 | Psalm 22:8–9, 17–20, 23–24
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6–11 | Gospel: Matthew 26:14–27:66

“All this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel (see **Matthew 26:56**). Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled.

By the close of today’s long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished: the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the Cross at the place called the Skull.

In His Passion, Jesus is “counted among the wicked,” as Isaiah had foretold (see **Isaiah 53:12**). He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today’s First Reading and Psalm.

The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked (see **Matthew 27:31**), as His hands and feet are pierced, as enemies gamble for His clothes (see **Matthew 27:35**), and as His enemies dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering (see **Matthew 27:39–44**).

He remains faithful to God’s will to the end. He does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that, as He speaks in today’s First Reading, “The Lord God is My help . . . I shall not be put to shame.”

Destined to sin and death as children of Adam’s disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ’s perfect obedience to the Father’s will (see **Romans 5:12–14, 17–19**; **Ephesians 2:2; 5:6**).

This is why God greatly exalted Him. This is why we have salvation in His name. Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken. We know, as the centurion realizes today, that truly this is the Son of God (see **Matthew 27:54**).

TRIDUUM AND EASTER SCHEDULE

April 6th: Holy Thursday 7pm

April 7th: Good Friday 3pm (Way of the Cross 7pm)

April 8th: Easter Vigil 8pm

April 9th: Easter Sunday 9am & 11am

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: fatherjpipe@gmail.com

SAINTLY WISDOM

“It is because of faith that we exchange the present for the future.”

- *Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen*

ANNOUNCED MASSES

April 1st – 16th, 2023

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>
Monday	Apr. 3rd	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Apr. 4th	Weekday Mo Keung Mark and Wai Fong Tam – RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 5th	Weekday Stanley O'Donnell – RIP- by Joan O'Donnell
Thursday 7:00 p.m.	Apr. 6th	HOLY THURSDAY: Last Supper Our Lady of Fatima's deceased Pastors – RIP
Friday 3:00 p.m.	Apr. 7th	GOOD FRIDAY Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday 8:00 p.m.	Apr. 8th	HOLY SATURDAY: Easter Vigil <i>Pro Populo</i>
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 9th	EASTER SUNDAY (Year A) Irma Pili – RIP – by Ludi and family
11:00 a.m.		Shehade Dager – RIP – by Suzie Dager
Monday	Apr. 10th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Apr. 11th	Easter Octave Windell and Cecille Crodua – Thanksgiving
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 12th	Easter Octave Maria E. S. Melo – RIP – by Connie
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 13th	Easter Octave Rudy and Nora Mojica – Thanksgiving
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 14th	Easter Octave Pierre, Elza and Marcel – RIP – by Marilyn
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Apr. 15th	Sunday Vigil Albert A. Piper – RIP – by Kevin and Linda Piper
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 16th	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) (Year A) Gerardo and Ildebrando Lanzaderas – 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.”