

April 30th & May 7th, 2023

What Are We To Do? Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday in Easter

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
Copyright 2023 www.salvationhistory.com

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36–41 | Psalm 23:1–6
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20–25 | Gospel: John 10:1–10

Easter's empty tomb is a call to conversion.

By this tomb, we should know for certain that God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah, as Peter preaches in today's First Reading.

He is the "Lord," the divine Son that David foresaw at God's right hand (see Psalms 110:1, 3; 132:10–11; Acts 2:34). And He is the Messiah that God had promised to shepherd the scattered flock of the house of Israel (see Ezekiel 34:11–14, 23; 37:24).

As we hear in today's Gospel, Jesus is that Good Shepherd, sent to a people who were like sheep without a shepherd (see Mark 6:34; Numbers 27:16–17). He calls not only to the children of Israel but to all those far off from Him—to whomever the Lord wishes to hear His voice.

The call of the Good Shepherd leads to the restful waters of Baptism, to the anointing oil of Confirmation, and to the table and overflowing cup of the Eucharist, as we sing in today's Psalm.

Again on this Sunday in Easter, we hear His voice calling us His own. He should awaken in us the response of those who heard Peter's preaching. "What are we to do?" they cried.

We have been baptized. But each of us goes astray like sheep, as we hear in today's Epistle. We still need daily to repent, to seek forgiveness of our sins, to separate ourselves further from this corrupt generation.

We are called to follow in the footsteps of the Shepherd of our souls. By His suffering He bore our sins in His body to free us from sin. But His suffering is also an example for us. From Him we should learn patience in our afflictions, to hand ourselves over to the will of God.

Jesus has gone ahead, has driven us through the dark valley of evil and death. His Cross has become the narrow gate through which we must pass to reach His empty tomb—the verdant pastures of life abundant.

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: fatherpiper@gmail.com

SAINTLY WISDOM

“Choose now what you would wish to have chosen at life’s end.”

- *Saint Anthony Mary Claret*

ANNOUNCED MASSES
April 29th – May 14th, 2023

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Apr. 29th	Sunday Vigil Ted Biro – RIP – by Kevin and Linda Piper
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Apr. 30th	Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A) Maria E. S. Ponte – RIP – by Connie <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	May 1st	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	May 2nd	Saint Athanasius Mervyn Mojica – Blessings and Thanksgiving
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	May 3rd	Saint Philip and Saint James Paciencia Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Ofelia Roy
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	May 4th	Weekday Lemuel Salazar Jr. – RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	May 5th	Weekday In Honor and Thanksgiving to St. Joseph – by Mercedes and family
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	May 6th	Saint François de Laval The Alvares family – Thanksgiving
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	May 6th	Sunday Vigil Mathilde Wojciechowski – RIP – by Edmund and family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	May 7th	Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A) Ernesto Tirona – RIP – by the family <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	May 8th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	May 9th	Weekday Anosa Naom – RIP – by the Hanna family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	May 10th	Saint John of Avila Anthonipillai Saverimutthu – RIP – by Julia and family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	May 11th	Weekday Jean Brocklehurst – RIP – by Joan O'Donnell
Friday 9:00 a.m.	May 12th	Weekday Deceased Members of the Tait & Piper families – RIP – by Kevin and Linda Piper
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	May 13th	OUR LADY OF FATIMA Myrna Pomerada – RIP – by Rachelle & Tony
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	May 13th	Sunday Vigil In Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity and Holy family – by Mercedes and family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	May 14th	Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A) Ricardo and Justine Timbol – RIP – by the family <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.”