

March 31<sup>st</sup> & April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## New Morning: 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

The tomb was empty. In the early morning darkness of that first Easter, there was only confusion for Mary Magdalene and the other disciples. But as the daylight spread, they saw the dawning of a new creation.

At first they didn't understand the Scripture, today's Gospel tells us. We don't know which precise Scripture texts they were supposed to understand. Perhaps it was the sign of Jonah, who rose from the belly of the great fish after three days (see Jonah 1:17). Or maybe Hosea's prophecy of Israel's restoration from exile (see Hosea 6:2). Perhaps it was the psalmist who rejoiced that God had not abandoned him to the netherworld (see Psalm 16:9–10).

Whichever Scripture it was, as the disciples bent down into the tomb, they saw and they believed. What did they see? Burial shrouds in an empty tomb. The stone removed from the tomb. Seven times in nine verses we hear that word—"tomb."

What did they believe? That God had done what Jesus said He would do—raised Him up on the third day (see Mark 9:31; 10:34).

What they saw and believed they bore witness to, as today's First Reading tells us. Peter's speech is a summary of the gospels—from Jesus' baptism in the Jordan to His hanging on a tree (see Deuteronomy 21:22–23), to His rising from the dead.

We are children of the apostles, born into the new world of their witness. Our lives are now "hidden with Christ in God," as today's Epistle says. Like them, we gather in the morning on the first day of the week—to celebrate the Eucharist, the feast of the empty tomb.

We rejoice that the stones have been rolled away from our tombs, too. Each of us can shout, as we do in today's Psalm: "I shall not die, but live." They saw and believed. And we await the day they promised would come—when we, too, "will appear with Him in glory."

## **SPECIAL MASSES**

There is be a mass on Monday **April 1<sup>st</sup> at 9am**, to celebrate Monday of the Easter Octave.

There will also be a mass on **Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am**, to celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, which was bumped from its usual feast day (March 25<sup>th</sup>) because it fell within the Holy Week this year.

## **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

The parish office will be closed on **Monday, April 1, 2024**.  
Blessed and Happy Easter to all!

## **CATHOLICISM PROJECT**

We are pleased to present **The Catholicism Project**, a 10 part video series on the Catholic faith from Word on Fire **by Bishop Robert Barron. Thursdays from 7pm-9pm every two weeks**, beginning Nov 30<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall. Each evening we will watch an episode followed by discussion and fellowship. Cost: No Fee.

Mark your calendars for all ten evenings:

Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, Feb 29<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup>, April 18<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>,

For more information and/or **to register**:

Contact Emil: *phone 514-627-4021 or email [emiltriona@gmail.com](mailto:emiltriona@gmail.com)*

## **INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

To our dear parishioners who used the envelope system for the weekly donation to the Parish in 2023, your income tax receipts are ready on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## **CATHOLIC CALENDARS**

The 2024 Catholic calendars are now available. Five dollars (\$5) each.

## ENVELOPES FOR 2024 SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Envelopes for 2024 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 Rectory 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.**

## 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 AND 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.olof.ca/homilies/>

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## SAINTLY WISDOM

“I have given everything to my Master: he will take care of me.  
The best thing for us is not what we consider best, but what the  
Lord wants of us!”

- *Saint Josephine Bakhita*

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## 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*)

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God rest in peace.

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**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 p.m.	<b>Mar. 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> Resurrection of the Lord (Vigil)
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Mar. 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Resurrection of the Lord (Year B)</b> Jorge Kuhr & Dorothy Birch – RIP – by Connie & Jim
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Easter Octave</b> Father Jason Piper – Special Intentions
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>April 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Easter Octave</b> Ina Carvajal – RIP – by the Lynes family
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Easter Octave</b> Geri Matthews – For Healing – by the Our Lady's Auxillary
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Octave</b> Justino Florece – RIP – by Karla Palanca
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Octave</b> Renato Mancini – RIP – by Louis Mignacca
<b>Saturday</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>April 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Octave</b> A. P. Joseph – RIP – by Rosalyn Jacob & family
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>April 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Mathilde Wojciechowski – RIP – by the family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) (Year B)</b> Irma Pili – RIP – by Ludi
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b> Ted Biro – RIP – by Linda Piper
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>April 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Renato Mancini – RIP – by Angelina Mignacca
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Deceased Members of the De Torto family – RIP – by Pat and family
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Stanislaus</b> Maria E. S. Melo – RIP – by Connie & Jim
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Yolanda Amaro Manzanal – Thanksgiving – by Ofelia Roy
<b>Saturday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Alban de Souza – RIP – by the family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter (Year B)</b> Gerardo & 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.”