

April 14th & 21st, 2024

Understanding the Scriptures: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Acts 3:13–15, 17–19 | Psalm 4:2, 4, 7–9
Second Reading: 1 John 2:1–5 | Gospel: Luke 24:35–48

Jesus in today's Gospel teaches His apostles how to interpret the Scriptures.

He tells them that all the Scriptures of what we now call the Old Testament refer to Him. He says that all the promises found in the Old Testament have been fulfilled in His Passion, death, and Resurrection. And He tells them that these Scriptures foretell the mission of the Church—to preach forgiveness of sins to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

In today's First Reading and Epistle, we see the beginnings of that mission. And we see the apostles interpreting the Scriptures as Jesus taught them to.

God has brought to fulfillment what He announced beforehand in all the prophets, Peter preaches. His sermon is shot through with Old Testament images. He evokes Moses and the Exodus, in which God revealed himself as the ancestral God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (see Exodus 3:6, 15). He identifies Jesus as Isaiah's suffering servant who has been glorified (see Isaiah 52:13).

John, too, describes Jesus in Old Testament terms. Alluding to how Israel's priests offered blood sacrifices to atone for the people's sins (see Leviticus 16; Hebrews 9–10), he says that Jesus intercedes for us before God (see Romans 8:34), and that His blood is a sacrificial expiation for the sins of the world (see 1 John 1:7).

Notice that in all three readings, the Scriptures are interpreted to serve and advance the Church's mission—to reveal the truth about Jesus, to bring people to repentance, the wiping away of sins, and the perfection of their love for God.

This is how we, too, should hear the Scriptures. Not to know more "about" Jesus, but to truly know Him personally, and to know His plan for our lives.

In the Scriptures, the light of His face shines upon us, as we sing in today's Psalm. We know the wonders He has done throughout history. And we have the confidence to call to Him, and to know that He hears and answers.

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 30th 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 1st, Feb 15th, Feb 29th, March 14th, April 4th, April 18th, May 2nd,

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

Contact Emil: *phone 514-627-4021 or email 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 24th, 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/>

SAINTLY WISDOM

“There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already born for us, and does not now bear with us.”

- *Saint John Paul II*

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*)

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.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
April 13th – April 28th, 2024

Saturday 9:00 a.m.	April 13th	Sunday Vigil Alban de Souza – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	April 14th	Third Sunday of Easter (Year B) Gerardo & Ildebrando Lanzaderas – RIP – by the family
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday .	April 15th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	April 16th	Weekday Rosalia Mangahas – RIP – by Edgar Mangahas and family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	April 17th	Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Olivia Ventura – Thanksgiving – by Ofelia Roy
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	April 18th	Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin Albert A. Piper – RIP – by Kevin & Linda Piper
Friday 9:00 a.m.	April 19th	Weekday Patricia Ward – RIP – by Joan O'Donnell
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	April 20th	Sunday Vigil Agnes & Elisa Romea -Thanksgiving – by Cecile Romea
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	April 21st	Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B) <i>Pro Populo</i>
11:00 a.m.		Karla Palanca – Thanksgiving
Monday	April 22nd	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	April 23rd	Weekday Maurice Lauzon - RIP – by Linda Piper
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	April 24th	Weekday Exequiel Cubero – RIP – by the family & friends
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	April 25th	SAINT MARK Jose and Hong – Blessings
Friday 9:00 a.m.	April 26th	Weekday Mariane Letourneau – Blessings
Saturday 9:00 a.m.	April 27th	Sunday Vigil Mathilde Wojciechowski – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	April 28th	Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B) Maria E. S. Ponte – RIP – by Connie & Jim
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.”