

April 28th & May 5th, 2024

On the Vine: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn

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First Reading: Acts 9:26–31 | Psalm 22:26–28, 30–32

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18–24 | Gospel: John 15:1–8

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that He is the true vine that God intended Israel to be—the source of divine life and wisdom for the nations (see Sirach 24:17–24).

In Baptism, each of us was joined to Him by the Holy Spirit. As a branch grows from a tree, our souls are to draw life from Him, nourished by His word and the Eucharist.

Paul in today's First Reading seeks to be grafted onto the visible expression of Christ the true vine—His Church. Once the chief persecutor of the Church, Paul encounters initial resistance and suspicion. But he is known by his fruits, by his powerful witness to the Lord working in his life (see Matthew 7:16–20).

We too are commanded today to bear good fruits as His disciples so that our lives give glory to God. Like Paul's life, our lives must bear witness to His goodness.

Jesus cautions us, however, that if we're bearing fruit, we can expect that God will "prune" us—as a gardener trims and cuts back a plant so that it will grow stronger and bear even more fruit. He is teaching us today how to look at our sufferings and trials with the eyes of faith. We need to see our struggles as pruning, by which we are being disciplined and trained so that we can grow in holiness and bear fruits of righteousness (see Hebrews 12:4–11).

We need to always remain rooted in Him, as today's Epistle tells us. We remain in Him by keeping His commandment of love, by pondering His words, letting them dwell richly in us (see Colossians 3:16), and by always seeking to do what pleases Him. In everything we must be guided by humility, remembering that apart from Him we can do nothing.

As we sing in today's Psalm, we must fulfill our vows, turning to the Lord in worship, proclaiming his praises, until all families come to know His justice in their lives.

**POTLUCK POTLUCK POTLUCK!
FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA POTLUCK**

Sunday, May 12, 2024 after the 11:00 A.M. Mass in the Church hall. Everyone is welcome.

For more info call the Secretary at 514-747-4226. You may also call: Cecilia 514-886-3820 or Emma 438-728-3325.

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.

SAINTLY WISDOM

“You cannot put straight in others what is warped in yourself.”
- *Saint Athanasius*

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 27th – May 12th, 2024

Saturday 4:30 p.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>
Monday .	April 29th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	April 30th	Saint Marie of the Incarnation Ted Biro – RIP – by Kevin & Linda Piper
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	May 1st	Saint Joseph the Worker Paciencia Manzo Manzanal - RIP – by Ofelia Roy
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	May 2nd	Saint Athanasius Mervyn Mojica – Thanksgiving and Blessings
Friday 9:00 a.m.	May 3rd	SAINT PHILIP AND SAINT JAMES Ross O'Donnell – RIP – by Joan
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	May 4th	Weekday Elaine Passmore March – RIP – by Regina Farrell
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	May 4th	Sunday Vigil Mathilde Wojciechowski – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	May 5th	Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B) <i>Pro Populo</i>
11:00 a.m.		Karlo Ilagan – Thanksgiving
Monday	May 6th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	May 7th	Weekday Joseph C. Nwihim - RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	May 8th	Weekday In Thanksgiving to the Holy Virgin Mary – by the Lynes family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	May 9th	Weekday Ernesto Tirona – RIP – by Emil & Irah Tirona
Friday 9:00 a.m.	May 10th	Saint John of Avila Anthonypillai Saverimutthu – RIP – by Julia
Saturday 4:30 p.m..	May 11th	Sunday Vigil Pierre Combe – RIP – by Edmund, Diana and Kevin
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	May 12th	Ascension of the Lord (Year B) Ricardo, Justina & Efren Sr. Timbol – RIP – by the Timbol 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.”