

May 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## The Good News: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Ascension of the Lord

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Acts 1:1–11 | Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17–23 | Gospel: Mark 16:15–20

(In dioceses where Ascension is celebrated on Thursday, see also the reflection for the Seventh Sunday of Easter.)

In today's first reading, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus' appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus' saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and he has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies.

The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf (see Hebrews 4:14–15).

Indeed, his intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the first reading for the feast of the Ascension: "in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" ([Acts 1:5](#)). Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church's attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children. To live that divine life we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit we must be purified through baptism.

The Responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord" (Psalm 47). The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace.

The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called "illumination" or "enlightenment" (see, for example, Hebrews 10:32) because of the light that came with God's saving grace. Saint Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened," he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their "hope" is "his inheritance among the holy ones," the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with him at the Father's right hand.

This is the "good news" the Apostles are commissioned to spread—to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem—at the first Ascension. It's the good news we must spread today.

## **SPECIAL MASS**

In celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, a special mass will be said on **Monday, May 13, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.**

## **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH BRUNCH**

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

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

## **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

“The heart is free that is held by no love  
other than the love of God.”

- *Saint Bonaventure*

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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

May 11<sup>th</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m..	<b>May 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Pierre Combe – RIP – by Edmund, Diana and Kevin
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>May 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ascension of the Lord (Year B)</b> Ricardo, Justina & Efren Sr. Timbol – RIP – by the Timbol family  <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b> .9:00 a.m.	<b>May 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>OUR LADY OF FATIMA</b> <i>For Blessed Virgin Mother's Intention</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>May 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Matthias</b> Pelagio, Gaudencio & Norberto Arao-arao – RIP – by the family
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>May 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Deceased Members of the Tait & Piper families – RIP – by Kevin and Linda Piper
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>May 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Jean Brocklehurst – RIP – by Joan
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>May 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Elizabet Yvorchuk – RIP – by Kenneth Yvorchuk
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>May 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Nicolas Sebastian Victor & Sebastian Victor Glean – RIP – by Raymond & family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>May 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday (Year B)</b> A.P. Joseph – RIP – by Rosalyn Jacob & family  <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>May 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Stella Romea - Thanksgiving
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>May 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Pemie and Serapion Bandala – RIP -by the family
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>May 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Desiderio Manzo Manzanal – RIP - by Ofelia Roy
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>May 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Michael Farrell – RIP – by Regina
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m..	<b>May 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Alban de Souza – RIP – by the family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>May 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Most Holy Trinity (Year B)</b> <i>Pro Populo</i>  Zoilo Quiroz – RIP – by the family

## 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.”