

March 16th & 23rd, 2025

The Glory in Sight: Scott Hahn Reflects on the 2nd Sunday of Lent

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn

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First Reading: Genesis 15:5–12, 17–18 | Psalm 27:1, 7–9, 13–14

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17–4:1 | Gospel: Luke 9:28–36

In today's Gospel, we go up to the mountain with Peter, John, and James. There we see Jesus "transfigured," speaking with Moses and Elijah about His "exodus."

The Greek word "exodus" means "departure." But the word is chosen deliberately here to stir our remembrance of the Israelites' flight from Egypt.

By His death and resurrection, Jesus will lead a new Exodus—liberating not only Israel but every race and people; not from bondage to Pharaoh, but from slavery to sin and death. He will lead all mankind, not to the territory promised to Abraham in today's First Reading, but to the heavenly commonwealth that Paul describes in today's Epistle.

Moses, the giver of God's law, and the great prophet Elijah, were the only Old Testament figures to hear the voice and see the glory of God atop a mountain (see Exodus 24:15–18; 1 Kings 19:8–18).

Today's scene closely resembles God's revelation to Moses, who also brought along three companions and whose face also shone brilliantly (see Exodus 24:1; 34:29). But when the divine cloud departs in today's Gospel, Moses and Elijah are gone. Only Jesus remains. He has revealed the glory of the Trinity—the voice of the Father, the glorified Son, and the Spirit in the shining cloud.

Jesus fulfills all that Moses and the prophets had come to teach and show us about God (see Luke 24:27). He is the "chosen One" promised by Isaiah (see Isaiah 42:1; Luke 23:35), the "prophet like me" that Moses had promised (see Deuteronomy 18:15; Acts 3:22–23; 7:37). Far and above that, He is the Son of God (see Psalm 2:7; Luke 3:21–23).

"Listen to Him," the Voice tells us from the cloud. If, like Abraham, we put our faith in His words, one day we too will be delivered into "the land of the living" that we sing of in today's Psalm. We will

share in His resurrection, as Paul promises, our lowly bodies glorified like His.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

To our dear parishioners who used the envelope system for the weekly donation to the Parish in 2024, your income tax receipts are ready at the Sacristy. Please pick up your receipt either on the weekend after Mass or during the week, Monday to Friday, from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Thank you.

THE CATHOLIC CALENDAR

The 2025 Catholic Calendar is now available at \$5.00 each.

ENVELOPES FOR 2025 SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Envelopes for 2025 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.**

MARY: A BIBLICAL WALK WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER

Please join us for a Biblical Study of our Blessed Mother Mary (An 8 session Video Series presented by Dr. Edward Sri / Ascension Press). **Fridays from 7pm-8:30 pm every two weeks**, beginning November 22nd in the parish hall. These videos will be followed by Sharing/Discussions and some Fellowship (coffee/snacks). Cost: No Fee.

In this Biblical study, you will: 1) experience an extraordinary pilgrimage through Mary's life and see why she is an essential part of our faith; 2) see the significance of Mary as we explore the biblical roots of our beliefs about her; 3) deepen your devotion to Mary as you discover our Blessed Mother in a uniquely personal way; 4) be drawn closer to Christ as Mary leads us to a more profound and personal relationship with her Son.

Mark your calendars for the last evening: Mar. 21st

To join, please register online (www.olof.ca), email emiltirona@gmail.com, or call 514-617-4021.

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/>

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*)

SAINTLY WISDOM

Joseph can tell us many things about Jesus.

Therefore, never neglect devotion to him.

-St. Josemaria Escriva

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
March 15th – 30th, 2025

Saturday 4:30 p.m..	Mar. 15th	Sunday Vigil In Thanksgiving to Saint Joseph – by the Lynes family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Mar. 16th	Second Sunday of Lent (Year C) <i>Pro Populo</i> Josee Crodua - Thanksgiving
Monday	Mar. 17th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Mar. 18th	Saint Cyril of Jerusalem Fructouso and Zenona Lanzaderas – RIP - by Emma and Tommy
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 19th	Saint Joseph (solemnity) In Honor of Saint Joseph – Thanksgiving – by Ofelia Manzanal Roy
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 20th	Weekday Josee Crodua – Thanksgiving
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 21st	Weekday Sisters Mary Jeanne & Jeannette Antoine – RIP – by Rosemarie
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Mar. 22nd	Sunday Vigil Beverley Piper – RIP – by Linda & Kevin Piper
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Mar. 23rd	Third Sunday of Lent (Year C) <i>Pro Populo</i> Frances Morelli – RIP – by Anna Kobajlo
Monday	Mar. 24th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Mar. 25th	The Annunciation of the Lord (solemnity) Noel Atas – RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 26th	Weekday Concetta De Rosa – RIP - by the family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 27th	Weekday Robert Jesus Rumbaoa – RIP – by Lemuel, Aliz Salazar & family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 28th	Weekday The Nguyen family - Thanksgiving
Saturday 4:30 p.m..	Mar. 29th	Sunday Vigil Karla Palanca - Thanksgiving
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Mar. 30th	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C) Angela Rosa & Giuseppe Mignacca – RIP – by Louis Mignacca <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.”