

December 7 & 14, 2025

Kingdom Come: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Second Sunday in Advent

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First Reading: Isaiah 11:1–10 | Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17
Second Reading: Romans 15:4–9 | Gospel: Matthew 3:1–12

“The kingdom of heaven is at hand,” John proclaims. And the Liturgy today paints us a vivid portrait of our new king and the shape of the kingdom He has come to bring.

The Lord whom John prepares the way for in today’s Gospel is the righteous king prophesied in today’s First Reading and Psalm. He is the king’s son, the son of David—a shoot from the root of Jesse, David’s father (see Ruth 4:17).

He will be the Messiah, anointed with the Holy Spirit (see 2 Samuel 23:1; 1 Kings 1:39; Psalm 2:2), endowed with the seven gifts of the Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.

He will rule with justice, saving the poor from the ruthless and wicked. His rule will be not only over Israel—but will extend from sea to sea, to the ends of the earth. He will be a light, a signal to all nations. And they will seek Him and pay Him homage.

In Him, all the tribes of the earth will find blessing. The covenant promise to Abraham (see Genesis 12:3), renewed in God’s oath to David (see Psalm 89:4,28), will be fulfilled in His dynasty. And His name will be blessed forever.

In Christ, God confirms His oath to Israel’s patriarchs, Paul tells us in today’s Epistle. But no longer are God’s promises reserved solely for the children of Abraham. The Gentiles, too, will glorify God for His mercy. Once strangers, in Christ they will be included in “the covenants of promise” (see Ephesians 2:12).

John delivers this same message in the Gospel. Once God’s chosen people were hewn from the rock of Abraham (see Isaiah 51:1–2). Now, God will raise up living stones (see 1 Peter 2:5)—children of Abraham born not of flesh and blood but of the Spirit.

This is the meaning of the fiery baptism He brings—making us royal heirs of the kingdom of heaven, the Church.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE OF MASSES

December 24th (Christmas Mass)	- 7:00pm & 9:00pm
December 25th (Christmas Mass)	- 11:00am
December 26 th (Weekday Mass)	- 9:00am
December 27 th (Octave Mass)	- 9:30am
December 27 th (Sunday Vigil)	- 4:30pm
December 28th (Sunday Mass: Holy Family)	- 9:00am & 11:00am
December 29 th (Octave Mass)	- 8:00am
December 30 th (Weekday Mass)	- 7:00pm
December 31st (Mary Mother of God Mass)	- 4:30pm
January 1st, 2025 (Mary Mother of God Mass)	- 11:00am

*Note: Masses in **Bold**: Holy Days of obligation*

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office is closed on the following dates:

December 25th & 26th, 2024

January 1st & 2nd, 2025

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

December 8th is the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **There will be a mass on Monday, December 8th at 8am** to celebrate the great Marian solemnity.

ADVENT ADORATION

"Come let us adore Him"

On Wednesdays during Advent December 3rd, 10th, 17th:

Following the 9am mass, there will be adoration throughout the day, concluding at 10pm.

Enter the church through the back side entrance near the parking lot.

ENVELOPES FOR 2026 SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Envelopes for 2026 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.

SUNDAY MISSALS

The new 2026 Sunday Missals have arrived. They go into effect the first Sunday of Advent (November 30th). \$5 each.

THE CATHOLIC CALENDAR

The 2026 Catholic Calendar is now available at \$5.00 each.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

If you would like to donate money to buy flowers to beautify our Church, you can place the money in an envelope (marked Christmas flowers) and put it in the collection basket with your name and address (for your income tax receipt at year end). Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY GROUP

You are warmly invited to join our Prayer and Bible Study Group starting this September at Our Lady of Fatima Parish! This will be a meaningful and Spirit-filled time to grow in faith, pray together, explore God's Word, and discern His personal message to you. Whether you are new to the faith, prayer, the Bible or have been reading it for years, all are invited. Come as you are, bring a friend, an open heart, and a desire to know Jesus more deeply. We look forward to growing in faith with you!

Sessions will be Every 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month, from 7:30am to 9:45am. Next session is on January 3rd, then January 17th, etc. and onwards! ***For the 1st Saturdays of the month, after the sessions, everyone is encouraged to attend the 10am Mass and Adoration.***

For more info and to register, please call 514-617-4021 or email emiltirona@gmail.com.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA ONLINE 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.

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

Let us have clean hearts ready inside us for the Lord Jesus, so that he will be glad to come in.

- *St. Clement of Alexandria*

CALLED HOME TO THE FATHER:

Roland Basanes

His funeral will be Monday, December 8th at 10:00am

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

ANNOUNCED MASSES
December 6th – 21st, 2025

Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Dec. 6th	St. Nicholas Reverend John F. Gee – RIP – by Joan O'Donnell
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Dec. 6th	Sunday Vigil Stanley Tait – RIP – by Kevin & Linda Piper
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Dec. 7th	Second Sunday of Advent (Year A) <i>Pro Populo</i> Giuseppe Pagliaro – RIP – by Anna Stabile
Monday 8:00 a.m.	Dec. 8th	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Souls in Purgatory (Souls Box)
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Dec. 9th	Saint Juan Diego Nancy Morena – RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Dec. 10th	Our Lady of Loreto Jose Mourelo Lopez & Amalia Lebron Mourelo – RIP – by the family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Dec. 11th	Saint Damasus I Deceased Members of the Rodrigues & Guerra families – RIP – by Leo & Lavinia
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Dec. 12th	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Jerry Roy – RIP – by Ofelia Roy
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Dec. 13th	Sunday Vigil In Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity and Holy Family – by the Lynes family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Dec. 14th	Third Sunday of Advent (Year A) <i>Pro Populo</i> Bobot Palanca - Thanksgiving
Monday	Dec. 15th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Dec. 16th	Weekday Lionel Romea – RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Dec. 17th	Weekday Mitchie Palanca - Thanksgiving
Thursday 9:00 a.m..	Dec. 18th	Weekday Kyla Palanca - Thanksgiving
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Dec. 19th	Weekday Deceased Members of the Rodrigues & Guerra families – RIP – by Leo & Lavinia
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Dec. 20th	Sunday Vigil Felix Opulencia Manzanal – RIP – by Ofelia Roy
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Dec. 21st	Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A) <i>Pro Populo</i> Raymundo Natividad – RIP – by Anna

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.”