

March 15th & 22nd, 2026

Eyesight to the Blind: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Lent

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First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6–7, 10–13 | Psalm 23:1–6
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8–14 | Gospel: John 9:1–41

God's ways of seeing are not our ways, we hear in today's First Reading. Jesus illustrates this in the Gospel as the blind man comes to see and the Pharisees are made blind.

The blind man stands for all humanity. "Born totally in sin," he is made a new creation by the saving power of Christ.

As God fashioned the first man from the clay of the earth (see Genesis 2:7), Jesus gives the blind man new life by anointing his eyes with clay (see John 9:11). As God breathed the spirit of life into the first man, the blind man is not healed until he washes in the waters of Siloam, a name that means "Sent."

Jesus is the One "sent" by the Father to do the Father's will (see John 9:4; 12:44). He is the new source of life-giving water: the Holy Spirit who rushes upon us in Baptism (see John 4:10; 7:38–39).

This is the Spirit that rushes upon God's chosen king David in today's First Reading. A shepherd like Moses before him (see Exodus 3:1; Psalm 78:70–71), David is also a sign pointing to the good shepherd and king to come—Jesus (see John 10:11).

The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. By His death and Resurrection He has made a path for us through the dark valley of sin and death, leading us to the verdant pastures of the kingdom of life, the Church.

In the restful waters of Baptism He has refreshed our souls. He has anointed our heads with the oil of Confirmation and spread the Eucharistic table before us, filling our cups to overflowing. With the once-blind man we enter His house to give God the praise, to renew our vow: "I do believe, Lord."

"The Lord looks into the heart," we hear today. Let Him find us, as Paul advises in today's Epistle, living as "children of light," trying always to learn what is pleasing to our Father.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 2	7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, April 3	3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7:00 p.m. Way of the Cross
Holy Saturday, April 4	8:00 p.m. Resurrection of the Lord (Vigil)
Easter Sunday, April 5	9 & 11 a.m. Resurrection of the Lord

WAY OF THE CROSS

Everyone is invited to the Way of the Cross every Friday at 7 p.m. during the Lenten season.

ADORATION DURING LENT

All day Wednesdays during Lent, beginning after the 9am mass, until 10pm. Enter by the side entrance.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

If you would like to contribute to beautifying our Church with Easter flowers, please place an envelope in the collection basket and mark on it "Easter flowers". If you include your name or Sunday envelope number, you will receive an income tax receipt for it at year end.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

To our dear parishioners who used the envelope system for the weekly donation to the Parish in 2025, 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.

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.

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 Saturday at 7:30am and every 3rd Friday at 7:30pm of every month.** No session on April 4th. Next session is on April 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 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.

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

"O Lord, I believe in You, but increase my faith.

You are my only hope, but strengthen my confidence.

I love you above all things,

but increase this love so that I seek for nothing outside Your holy will."

- Blessed Columba Marmion

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 14th –29th, 2026

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Mar. 14th	Sunday Vigil Roland Basanes – RIP – by Rudy & Nora Mojica
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Mar. 15th	Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year A) <i>Pro Populo</i> Emily Palanca – Thanksgiving
Monday .	Mar. 16th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Mar. 17th	Saint Patrick Giuseppe Pagliaro – RIP – by Anna Stabile
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 18th	Saint Cyril of Jerusalem Noel Atas – RIP – by the family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 19th	Saint Joseph (solemnity) Fructouso & Zenona Lanzaderas – RIP -by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 20th	Weekday Josee Crodua - Thanksgiving
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Mar. 21st	Sunday Vigil Beverly Piper – RIP – by Kevin & Linda Piper
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Mar. 22nd	Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A) <i>Pro Populo</i> Karla Palanca – Thanksgiving
Monday	Mar. 23rd	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Mar. 24th	Weekday Raymond Jack – Special Intentions
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 25th	Annunciation of the Lord (solemnity) Noel Atas – RIP – by the family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 26th	Weekday Raymond Jack – Special Intentions
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 27th	Weekday Alzemira Branco Ponte – RIP – by Connie
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Mar. 28th	Sunday Vigil Cesar Romea – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Mar. 29th	Passion (Palm Sunday) (Year A) Maria Conceicao Melo – Blessings and Thanksgiving – by Connie & Jim <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.”