

## Saints, Here and There: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Solemnity of All Saints

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; Psalm 24:1-61; John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12



The first reading focuses us for today's solemnity. In the Book of Revelation, St. John reports "a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue" ([Revelation 7:9](#)).

This is Good News. Salvation has come not only for Israel, but for the Gentiles as well. Here is the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham, that by his seed all the nations of the world would bless themselves (see [Genesis 22:18](#)).

The Church celebrates many famous Christians on their individual memorials, but today she praises God for all His "holy ones," His saints. That is the title St. Paul preferred when he addressed his congregations.

Divinized by baptism, they were already "saints," by the grace of God (see [Colossians 1:2](#)). They awaited, however, the day when they could "share in the inheritance of the saints in light" ([Colossians 1:12](#)).

And so do we, as the Scriptures give us reasons for both celebration and hope. In our second reading, St. John tells us that to be "saints" means to be "children of God"—and then he adds: "so we are"! Note that he speaks in the present tense.

Yet John also says that we have unfinished business to tend. We are already God's children, but "what we shall be has not yet been revealed." Thus we work out our salvation: "Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as He is pure" ([1 John 3:1-3](#)).

We do this as we share the life of Christ, who defined earthly beatitude for us. We are "blessed," he says, when we are poor, when we mourn, when we are persecuted for his sake. It is then we should "Rejoice and be glad, for [our] reward will be great in heaven" ([Matthew 5:12](#)).

Until then, we pray with the Psalmist: "Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face." Salvation has come through Abraham's seed, but it belongs to all nations. For "the Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it" ([Psalm 24:1](#)).

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**October 31<sup>st</sup> – November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

<b>Sat. Oct. 31<sup>st</sup></b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Benjamin Saldana – RIP – by Anna Jaronel
<b>Sun. Nov. 1<sup>st</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>All Saints</b> Deceased Members of Lancione family – RIP - by the family For all the Souls in Purgatory – by Timbol-Domingo & Garcia family
<b>Mon. Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup></b>  9:00 a.m.	<b>Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed</b> For all our deceased Parishioners
<b>Tues. Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup></b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Saint Martin de Porres</b> Anthony, Rosa Maria & Leo Borges – RIP – by Anne Marie
<b>Wed. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Saint Charles Borromeo</b> Daryll Alves – Birthday Blessings – by the family
<b>Thurs. Nov. 5<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Weekday</b> William Hawkins – RIP – by Joan
<b>Fri. Nov. 6<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Weekday</b> For all the Souls in Purgatory
<b>Sat. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup></b> 10:00 a.m.  4:30 p.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Teresita Vinuya – RIP – by Carmen Tablan Deceased & Living Members of the Rodrigues Family – by Leo & Lavinia
<b>Sun. Nov. 8<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Fredo Andino – Birthday Blessings – by Lopez-Andino family Joao J. Ponte RIP – by Maria

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**Collection:**

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**Counters:**

November 1, 2015 – Kevin Wong and Bobot Palanca

November 8, 2015 – Emil Tirona and Rose Combe

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*Coffee Sunday*

Hosted by the Be My Disciples, everyone is cordially invited to a "Coffee Sunday" on **November 8<sup>th</sup>**, the second Sunday of the month, after the 11 A.M. Mass at the Church Hall.

*Sunday Missals*

The 2015-2016 Sunday Missals are now available after every Mass. The cost is \$6.00 each. There is a collection plate beside the Missals for the people to put their money in.

### *Special Mass on Monday*

Special Mass will be offered on **Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 A.M.** for all our deceased parishioners.

### *Fatima Ladies' Auxiliary News*

**Bazaar** - Saturday, November 28th, 9:30a.m. to 2:00p.m. The usual tables will be featured and there will be a Raffle for many prizes plus a cash prize. As usual, lots of help is needed: men for the set-up on Wednesday evening, people to set up and run the booths, young people for waiters and waitresses and to work on some booths, kitchen help, etc. Please remember our very popular Bake Table. Lots of baked goods are always needed. We also need soft cover books, toys, household items, (no furniture or clothes), handicrafts, etc. We still have lots of new costume jewellery and our prizes will be awesome! **Raffle tickets** will be handed out soon and we are also looking into calendars! Watch this space for more news. For information: Geri - (514) 335-8683, Carolyn- (514) 747- 0735, Elaine- (514) 333 - 4034

**Shower for Anne's House** - The Ladies' Auxiliary will be having a Shower for Anne's House on Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> after the two Masses at the Pennefather Room. Coffee will be served. Please note that the women who live there need gift cards from Tim Horton's, MacDonald's, Pharmaprix and David's Tea. Bus tickets are also in demand.

**Ladies' Auxiliary Meeting** - will be on November 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 7 pm at Fr. MacDonald Room. All ladies of the Parish are invited to attend.

### *Be My Disciples News*

**Harvest Party** - Saturday, November 14th, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. in the church hall, for Be My Disciples children and their families. **ALL friends are welcome!** This will be an evening of great fun and friendship with activities for every taste. Refreshments will be served. Donation is \$2.00 per person. The harvest equals abundance of God's gifts and generosity, so we ask that everyone who attends please contribute a non-perishable food item for OASIS. A box will be available in the hall. Please contact Connie Kuhr if you would like to attend.

**Christmas Boxes** - We are again participating in Operation Christmas Child in conjunction with Samaritan's Purse. Fill a box, delight a child. For information please contact Frank - [514-333-0791](tel:514-333-0791) or Connie - [514-747-9347](tel:514-747-9347)

**Parent Meeting** - November 15, 2015 immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All parents of Be My Disciples children must attend.

### *Around the Diocese*

**Bazaar** - Saturday, November 7 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. at St. Mark's Anglican Church located at 1650 rue Decelles, Saint-Laurent. Available items range from Canadian made infant, children, ladies knitted goods & crafts to fabrics & yard goods, treasure troves, dollar table, gift shop, jewellery, books. Enjoy home cooking in the lunch room. Pay us a visit.