

The Widows' Faith: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Thirty-second Sunday Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn

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1 Kings 1:10-16; Psalm 146:7-10; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:41-44

We must live by the obedience of faith, a faith that shows itself in works of charity and self-giving (see [Galatians 5:6](#)). That's the lesson of the two widows in today's liturgy.



The widow in the First Reading isn't even a Jew, yet she trusts in the word of Elijah and the promise of his Lord. Facing sure starvation, she gives all that she has, her last bit of food—feeding the man of God before herself and her family.

The widow in the Gospel also gives all that she has, offering her last bit of money to support the work of God's priests in the Temple.

In their self-sacrifice, these widows embody the love that Jesus last week revealed as the heart of the Law and the Gospel. They mirror the Father's love in giving His only Son, and Christ's love in sacrificing himself on the cross.

Again in today's Epistle, we hear Christ described as a new high priest and the suffering servant foretold by Isaiah. On the cross, He made sacrifice once and for all to take away our sin and bring us to salvation (see [Isaiah 53:12](#)).

And again we are called to imitate His sacrifice of love in our own lives. We will be judged, not by how much we give—for the scribes and wealthy contribute far more than the widow. Rather, we will be judged by whether our gifts reflect our livelihood, our whole beings, all our heart and soul, mind and strength.

Are we giving all that we can to the Lord—not out of a sense of forced duty, but in a spirit of generosity and love (see [2 Corinthians 9:6-7](#))?

Do not be afraid, the man of God tells us today. As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will provide for us, as he sustains the widow.

Today, let us follow the widows' example, doing what God asks, confident that our jars of flour will not grow empty, nor our jugs of oil run dry.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
November 7th – November 15th, 2015

Sat. Nov. 7th

10:00 a.m.

4:30 p.m.

Weekday

Teresita Vinuya – RIP – by Carmen Tablan

Deceased & Living Members of the Rodrigues Family – by Leo & Lavinia

Sun. Nov. 8th

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fredo Andino – Birthday Blessings
– by Lopez-Andino family

Joao J. Ponte – RIP – by Maria

Mon. Nov. 9th

NO MASS

Tues. Nov. 10th

7:00 p.m.

Saint Leo the Great

Sal Lancione – RIP – by Maria

Wed. Nov. 11th

9:00 a.m.

Saint Martin of Tours

Claire – Blessings and Speedy Recovery – by Kathy Donatien

Thurs. Nov. 12th

9:00 a.m.

Saint Josaphat

Maureen Roper – Thanksgiving –
by the family

Fri. Nov. 13th

9:00 a.m.

Weekday

Ross O' Donnell – RIP – by Joan

Sat. Nov. 14th

4:30 p.m.

Weekday

Elvira Durinzi – RIP – by the family

Sun. Nov. 15th

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Kathleen and Eileen –
Thanksgiving – by the family
Luis Leite Melo – RIP – by Maria

Collection:

November 1, 2015 - **\$2,738.75...Thank you for your generosity**

Counters:

November 8, 2015 – Emil Tirona and Rose Combe

November 15, 2015 – Betty Machny and Jim Kuhr

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.

Coffee Sunday

Hosted by the Be My Disciples, everyone is cordially invited to a "Coffee Sunday" today, **November 8th**, after the 11 A.M. Mass at the Church Hall.

Fatima Ladies' Auxiliary News

Bazaar - Saturday, November 28th, 9:30a.m. to 2:00p.m. We accept articles in good condition, but please no TV's, furniture or clothes. We have nice raffle prizes, including two cash ones, and many other valuable prizes. **Raffle tickets** will be handed out this weekend, please take an envelope as we depend on this raffle to raise money for our parish. Do not forget our BAKE table which needs lots of goodies. Last but not least, we need HELP, including teenagers to serve lunch, and people to work on the booths etc. For information: Geri - (514) 335-8683 and Carolyn - (514) 747-0735.

Reminder: Shower for Anne's house, the shelter for homeless women, in the Pennefather room downstairs, Sunday, Nov.15th, after Mass. Donations can include gift cards to MacDonald's, Horten's, or bus tickets. If you cannot buy these items yourself, monetary donations will be accepted, and the Ladies Auxiliary members will purchase what the women need. INFO: Geri [514-335-8683](tel:514-335-8683), Elaine [514-333-4034](tel:514-333-4034).

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. Deadline for returning the boxes is Sunday, November 15th. 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.

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**That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even
those whose convictions differ from our own.**