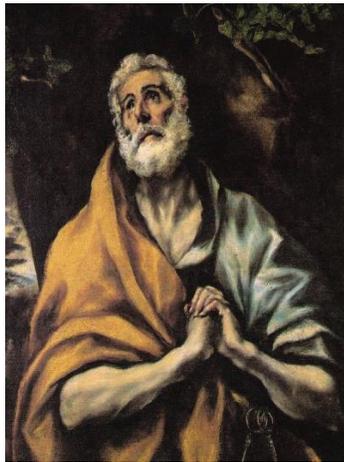


## Children of the Promise: Scott Hahn Reflects on the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Zech 12:10-11; 13:1; Ps 62:2-6. 8-9 r. 2; Gal 3:26-29; Luke 9:18-24



In this Sunday's readings we hear the voice of the Prophet Zechariah as he delivers difficult oracles from God. The people have returned from exile. Now back in Jerusalem, they face the arduous work of rebuilding the Temple. Zechariah acknowledges their hardships and foresees more obstacles.

But their grief has a purpose. It is a remedy, a penance to heal them -- "a fountain to purify from sin and uncleanness."

Thus purified, the people will be ready to receive the Messiah and usher in a new creation. God promises to "pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and petition." So that no one should mistake the identity of the Messiah when He comes, God says through Zechariah: "they shall look on him whom they have thrust through, and they shall mourn for him as one mourns for an only son ... a first-born." That prophecy could be fulfilled in no other than Jesus, the Word made Flesh, the Only-Begotten Son of God, the Crucified.

The day of the Messiah indeed came, with an outpouring of the Spirit. Yet it was a saving event not only for Jerusalem, but for all people. Both Jews and Gentiles could become "children of God," in St. Paul's stunning phrase. Now, "There is neither Jew nor Greek ... slave nor free ... male and female ... if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendant, heirs according to the promise."

In light of these readings, Sunday's Gospel is poignant. Jesus asks his closest friends, "who do you say that I am?" Peter replies, "The Messiah of God." Jesus then reveals to them, as Zechariah had foretold, that the Messiah must be "thrust through" and killed and mourned before the Spirit would come forth on Pentecost.

The day has indeed come. Yet still we long for its fullness, and so we pray to God in the Psalm: "for you I long! For you my body yearns; for you my soul thirsts, Like a land parched, lifeless, and without water."

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**June 18<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

<b>Sat. June 18<sup>th</sup></b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Adelwesa C. Estrabillo – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
<b>Sun. June 19<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moran – RIP – by William Moran
11:00 a.m.	Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents
<b>Mon. June 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tues. June 21<sup>st</sup></b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Saint Aloysius Gonzaga</b> Rose Mangahas – RIP – by Annette and George Joseph
<b>Wed. June 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Saints John Fisher and Thomas More</b> Maureen Blackwell Moran – RIP – by the family
<b>Thurs. June 23<sup>rd</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Harry Leekam – RIP – by the family
<b>Fri. June 24<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Nativity of Saint John the Baptist</b> Deceased Members of the Melo and Ponte families – by Luis Ponte
<b>Sat. June 25<sup>th</sup></b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Adrian de Souza –RIP – by the family
<b>Sun. June 26<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Ursula Lafontaine – RIP – by the Ladies' Auxiliary
11:00 a.m.	Victorino Lanzaderas – RIP – by the family

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*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*

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### **SAINTLY PRAYER**

Let nothing disturb you,  
Let nothing frighten you,  
All things are passing away:  
God never changes.  
Patience obtains all things  
Whoever has God lacks nothing;  
God alone suffices.  
-- *Saint Teresa of Avila*

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### **PRAYER FOR FATHERS**



St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done.  
(*Pope John XXIII*)

### **NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST**



John the Baptist was a contemporary of Christ who was known for evangelization and his baptizing of Jesus Christ.

John the Baptist was born through the intercession of God to Zachariah and Elizabeth, who was otherwise too old to bear children. According to scriptures, the Angel Gabriel visited Elizabeth and Zachariah to tell them they would have a son and that they should name him John. Zachariah was skeptical and for this he was rendered mute until the time his son was born and named John, in fulfillment of God's will.

When Elizabeth was pregnant with John, she was visited by Mary, and John leapt in her womb. This revealed to Elizabeth that the child Mary carried was to be the Son of God. (*Copyright 2016 Catholic Online*)

### **A NEW PRIEST**

Archbishop Lépine will ordain to the Sacred Order of Presbyter, **Frank Scalia**, on Friday, the 24th of June, at 7:30pm. The ceremony will be at Madonna della Difesa Parish (6800 Henri-Julien Ave., Montreal).

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS: JULY 9th CAR WASH**

CAR WASH for Camp Kinkora! Saturday, July 9th from 9 AM to 3 PM at Our Lady of Fatima Church Parking Lot. Donation: \$7.00.

This CAR WASH is being held by the Youth Choir, in partnership with Couples For Christ who will be selling hotdogs and snacks. All proceeds will help fund a summer camp for children whose parents are unable to afford such an expense. Please pass by and have your car looking like new from the efforts of our Youth Choir working for a good cause.