

Restored to Life: Scott Hahn Reflects on the 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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1 Kings 17:17-24; Psalms 30: 2,4-6,11-13; Gal 1:11-19; Luke 7:11-17



Jesus in today's Gospel meets a funeral procession coming out of the gates of the town of Nain. Unlike when he raised Jairus' daughter (Mark 5) or Lazarus (John 11), no one requests his assistance. Moved by compassion for the widow who had lost her only son, Jesus steps forward and, laying his hand on the bier, commands him to arise.

The onlookers were reminded of the story of Elijah in the first reading who raised the dead child of the widow of Zarephath and "gave him [back] to his mother." They proclaimed that "a great prophet has arisen in our midst."

Jesus of course is more than a prophet; he is the ruler over life and death. In the Mosaic law, contact with a dead body renders an Israelite unclean for a week ([Numbers 19:11-19](#)). Jesus' touch and word reverses that; instead of being defiled by contact with death, he gave life.

Like the physical healings that he performed, Jesus' raising people from the dead is a sign of the Messiah's arrival ([Luke 7:22](#)). But it is more than that; these healings are visible signs of the awakening and liberating of men from the spiritual death caused by sin (see [Mark 2:1-12](#)).

The Church Fathers return to this theme again and again. St. Ambrose writes, "the widow signifies Mother Church, weeping for those who are dead in sin and carried beyond the safety of her gates. The multitudes looking on will praise the Lord when sinners rise again from death and are restored to their mother."

When we are dead in sin, it is the outstretched hand and the words of Christ spoken by his priest that raise us from spiritual death and restore us to the arms of our mother, the Church. With the Psalmist, then, we can sing "I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. You brought me up from the nether world; you preserved me from those going down into the pit."

ANNOUNCED MASSES
June 4th – 12th, 2016

Sat. June 4th 10:00 a.m.	Immaculate Heart of Mary Cesar Campomanes – RIP – by Angelina
4:30 p.m.	Elsa Cardoza – Birthday Thanksgiving – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Sun. June 5th 9:00 a.m.	Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Angela Rosa and Giuseppe Mignacca – RIP – by the family
11:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Mass by Edna Lanzaderas
Mon. June 6th	NO MASS
Tues. June 7th 7:00 p.m.	Weekday (<i>Mass intention available</i>)
Wed. June 8th 9:00 a.m.	Weekday (<i>Mass intention available</i>)
Thurs. June 9th 9:00 a.m.	Saint Ephrem Ina and Madeleine – RIP – by Mercedes and family
Fri. June 10th 9:00 a.m.	Weekday For Souls in Purgatory – by Phil
Sat. June 11th 4:30 p.m.	Saint Barnabas Javier Campomanes – RIP – by Angelina
Sun. June 12th 9:00 a.m.	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Antonio Melo and Maria dos Anjos Serra – RIP – by Luis Ponte
11:00 a.m.	Ursula Lafontaine – RIP – by Irene and Rene Vinet

*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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BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS



The Be My Disciples Registrations for September 2016 are ready! **ALL children** of the Parish between the ages of Kindergarten and Grade VI **must be registered in this faith transmission and education program.** Please register immediately so that we can plan (order books, get Catechists, form groups, etc.) for next year. The **deadline is June 26, 2016.** Registrations after that date will be charged a late fee of \$25.00 per person. **Please call Connie Kuhr for Registration & information – 514-747-9347.**

COFFEE SUNDAY



Hosted by the Couples for Christ, everyone is cordially invited to a "Coffee Sunday" on June 12th after the 11 A.M. Mass at the Church Hall.

2016 SCHEDULE OF COFFEE SUNDAY HOSTS

June 12	- Couples for Christ
July 10	- Legion of Mary
August 14	- Be my Disciples
September 11	- Wardens
October 9	- Couples for Christ
November 13	- Legion of Mary
December 11	- Be My Disciples

ESCC 35th AGM AND CARDINAL THOMAS COLLINS' PUBLIC LECTURE

The English Speaking Catholic Council invites you to celebrate its 35 years of service to the English-speaking Catholic community. A public lecture delivered by Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto, entitled The Cross in the Public Square will follow our Annual General Meeting **to be held on Thursday, June 16th.**

5:30 p.m. AGM in Loyola High School's Atrium

6:15 p.m. Lecture by Cardinal Thomas Collins in the Eric Maclean, S.J. Centre for the Performing Arts

Reception to follow at 2477 West Broadway, Montreal

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FEAST OF ST. JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA

In celebration of the feast of St. Josemaria Escriva, founder of Opus Dei (www.opusdei.ca), all are cordially invited to a Solemn Mass presided by Archbishop Christian Lépine on Friday, June 17 at 7:30 pm. at Marie-Reine-du-Monde Cathedral. Confessions will be heard starting at 7:00 p.m.