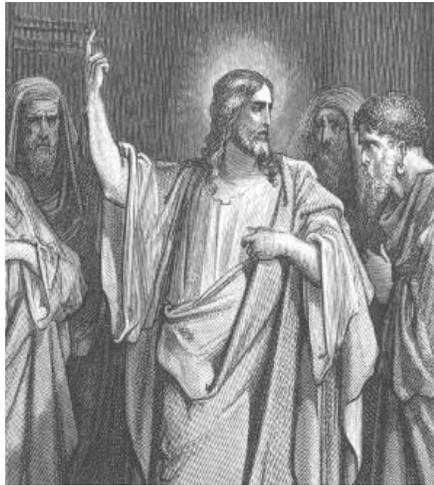


August 14 & August 21, 2016

Consuming Fire: Scott Hahn Reflects on the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Jeremiah 38:4–6, 8–10; Psalm 40:2–4, 18; Hebrews 12:1–4;
Luke 12:49–53



Our God is a consuming fire, the Scriptures tell us (see Hebrews 12:29; Deuteronomy 4:24).

And in this week's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of fire to describe the demands of discipleship.

The fire he has come to cast on the earth is the fire that he wants to blaze in each of our hearts. He made us from the dust of the earth (see Genesis 2:7), and filled us with the fire of the Holy Spirit in baptism (see Luke 3:16).

We were baptized into his death (see Romans 6:3). This is the baptism our Lord speaks of in the Gospel this week. The baptism with which He must be baptized is His passion and death, by which He accomplished our redemption and sent forth the fire of the Spirit on the earth (see Acts 2:3).

The fire has been set, but it is not yet blazing. We are called to enter deeper into the consuming love of God. We must examine our consciences and our actions, submitting ourselves to the revealing fire of God's Word (see 1 Corinthians 3:13).

In our struggle against sin, we have not yet resisted to the point of shedding our own blood, Paul tells us in this week's Epistle. We have not undergone the suffering that Jeremiah suffers in the First Reading this week.

But this is what true discipleship requires. To be a disciple is to be inflamed with the love of God. It is to have an unquenchable desire for holiness and zeal for the salvation of our brothers and sisters.

Being His disciple does not bring peace in the false way that the world proclaims peace (see Jeremiah 8:11). It means division and hardship. It may bring us to conflict with our own flesh and blood.

But Christ is our peace (see Ephesians 2:14). By his cross, he has lifted us up from the mire of sin and death—as he will rescue the prophet Jeremiah (see Jeremiah 38:10).

And as we sing in the Psalm this week, we trust in our deliverer.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
August 13th – 28th, 2016

Sat. Aug. 13th
4:30 p.m.

Saints Pontian & Hippolytus

Ursula Lafontaine – RIP – by Maria E. S. Ponte

Sun. Aug. 14th
9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Patrick Owen Dowd – RIP – by the Wardens
Florence Gadwah – RIP – by Janet Prasad

Mon. Aug. 15th
9:00 a.m.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Luong Quy – For Healing – by Marguerite Kinh

Tues. Aug. 16th
7:00 p.m.

Saint Stephen of Hungary

Kimberley Kuhr & Matthew Curran
Anniversary Blessings – by Connie and Jim

Wed. Aug. 17th
9:00 a.m.

Blessed Elizabeth Turgeon

Harry Caragianis – RIP – by Denise

Thurs. Aug. 18th
9:00 a.m.

Weekday

Peter & Ana Leekam – RIP – by the Children

7:30 p.m.

MASS FOR HEALING

Fri. Aug. 19th
9:00 a.m.

Saint John Eudes

Anni & John Koczczuk & Karl Petruch –
RIP – by Rita

Sat. Aug. 20th
4:30 p.m.

Saint Bernard

Isidro Campomanes – RIP – by Angelina

Sun. Aug. 21st
9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents
Luisa Bencito Atas – RIP – by the family

Mon. Aug. 22nd

NO MASS

Tues. Aug. 23rd
7:00 p.m.

Saint Rose of Lima

For Souls in Purgatory – by Leah

Wed. Aug. 24th
9:00 a.m.

Saint Bartholomew

Rosalina Mojica – RIP – by the family

Thurs. Aug. 25th
9:00 a.m.

Saint Louis and Saint Joseph Calasanz

Noreen Bolohan – RIP – by Joan

Fri. Aug. 26th
9:00 a.m.

Weekday

Ivan Forde – RIP – by Teresa and family

Sat. Aug. 27th
4:30 p.m.

Saint Monica

Stanley Henriques – RIP – by Jean & Claire

Sun. Aug. 28th

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m.

John Birinyi – RIP – by Barbara & Elizabeth Hack

11:00 a.m.

Agustin Atas – Birthday Blessings – by the family

*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 EXAMPLE



Saint Monica an example of perseverance in prayer: Through her persistent prayer and simple example of being a faithful Christian, her husband who was a pagan and critical of her faithfulness, eventually converted and was baptized. Her son, Augustine, who was a playboy of sorts and involved with various sects, lived completely contrary to the Christian faith. He too would also eventually convert to Christianity after many tears and years of prayer by his mom, St. Monica. He went on to become a bishop, and great champion of the faith.

At times we can become discouraged when our prayers are not answered, especially when the opposite of what we pray for happens. Yet, St. Monica teaches us to never give up, never give in; keep bringing it to Jesus, keep persevering in prayer and trust Jesus will provide. The Church celebrates the memorial of Saint Monica on August 27th, and her son Saint Augustine, on August 28th.

SAINTLY WISDOM

“The desire is your prayers; and if your desire is without ceasing, your prayer will also be without ceasing. The continuance of your longing is the continuance of your prayer.”

- Saint Augustine

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY



This solemnity of Our Lady, celebrated on **August 15th**, falls on a Monday this year. There will be a 9am mass on the 15th to celebrate Mary's assumption.

MASS FOR HEALING



We will have another **mass for healing** on **August 18th**, Rosary at 7pm, mass at 7:30pm. A priest will be available for confession and the anointing of the sick.

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.

PARENT MEETING - August 28th immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. For **all parents** of the children in the Be My Disciples program. Please keep this date.