

To Go Up Higher: Scott Hahn Reflects on the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Psalm 68:4-7,10-11; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24;
Luke 14:1, 7-14



We come to the wedding banquet of heaven by way of humility and charity. This is the fatherly instruction we hear in today's First Reading and the message of today's Gospel.

Jesus is not talking simply about good table manners. He is revealing the way of the kingdom, in which the one who would be greatest would be the servant of all (see Luke 22:24-27).

This is the way He showed us, humbling Himself to come among us as a man (see Philippians 2:5-8), as one who serves, as the bearer of glad tidings to the poor (see Luke: 4:18).

This is the way, too, that the Father has shown us down through the ages - filling the hungry, sending the rich away empty, lifting up the lowly, pulling down the proud (see Luke 1:52-53).

We again call to mind the Exodus in today's Psalm - how in His goodness the Lord led the Israelites from imprisonment to prosperity, rained down bread from heaven, made them His inheritance, becoming a "Father of orphans."

We now too have gained a share of His inheritance. We are to live humbly, knowing we are not worthy to receive from His table (see Luke 6:7; 15:21). We are to give alms, remembering we were ransomed from sin by the price of His blood (see 1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

The Lord promises that if we are humble we will be exalted and find favor with God; that if we are kind to those who can never repay us, we will atone for sins, and find blessing in the resurrection of the righteous.

We anticipate the fulfillment of those promises in every Eucharist, today's Epistle tells us. In the Mass, we enter the festal gathering of the angels and the firstborn children of God, the liturgy of the heavenly Jerusalem in which Jesus is the high priest, the King who calls us to come up higher (see Proverbs 25:6-7).

ANNOUNCED MASSES
August 27th – September 4th, 2016

Sat. Aug. 27th 4:30 p.m.	Saint Monica Stanley Henriques – RIP – by Jean and Claire
Sun. Aug. 28th 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time John Birinyi and Elizabeth Hack – RIP – by Barbara Agustin Atas – Birthday Blessings – by the family
Mon. Aug. 29th	NO MASS
Tues. Aug. 30th 7:00 p.m.	Weekday Antonio Sia – RIP – by the family
Wed. Aug. 31st 9:00 a.m.	Weekday Oma and Opa Hess – RIP – by Rita
Thurs. Sept. 1st 9:00 a.m.	Weekday Thelma Redon – RIP – by the nieces
Fri. Sept. 2nd 9:00 a.m.	Blessed Andre Grasset For Souls in Purgatory – by Phil
Sat. Sept. 3rd 10:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Saint Gregory the Great Savio – RIP – by the Mendes family Thanksgiving - by Ruth Gaudreau
Sun. Sept. 4th 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Eddie Moran – RIP – by the family Remedios and Eduardo Domingo – RIP – by the Domingo 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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PARISH MISSION ON THE "FOUR BASIC QUESTIONS"



As part of the spiritual preparation for the consecration of the church, Bishop Tom will be preaching a parish mission from September 12-15. He will explore "Four Basic Questions":

1. Who is God?
2. If God is good, why is there evil in the world?
3. If God is good but there is evil in the world, what has God done about it?
4. If God is good but there is evil in the world and God is doing something about it, how do we get on board?

Each evening will start at 7:00 pm with a presentation of approximately 45 minutes. During a brief break people will be able to submit anonymous written questions, which Bishop Dowd will then address one by one after the break. The evening ends when the last question is answered.

Please come, and bring your curiosity, your questions, and your friends!

FEAST DAY OF SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT, SEPTEMBER 3



Saint Gregory was born about the year 540 into a wealthy Roman family. After brief but distinguished service as Chief Magistrate of Rome, Gregory resigned to become a Benedictine monk and used his great wealth to establish several monasteries. In 578 he was ordained deacon and sent to Constantinople as papal ambassador.

In 586 Gregory was recalled to Rome and became abbot. Four years later he was elected pope. His charity in feeding starving Romans, his protection of Jewish rights and his political diplomacy helped him earn the title 'Great.'

He is known as the Apostle of England for sending missionaries there, including Augustine of Canterbury. Gregory, who died in 604, is a Doctor of the Church (*Living with Christ, September 2016*).

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