

Seeking the Lost: Scott Hahn Reflects on the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14; Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Timothy 1:12-17;
Luke 15:1-10



The episode in today's First Reading has been called "Israel's original sin." Freed from bondage, born as a people of God in the covenant at Sinai, Israel turned aside from His ways, fell to worshipping a golden calf.

Moses implores God's mercy, as Jesus will later intercede for the whole human race, as He still pleads for sinners at God's right hand and through the ministry of the Church.

Israel's sin is the sin of the world. It is your sin and mine. Ransomed from death and made His children in Baptism, we fall prey to the idols of this world. We remain a "stiff-necked people," resisting His will for us like an ox refuses the plowman's yoke (see Jeremiah 7:26).

Like Israel, in our sin we push God away, reject our divine sonship. Once He called us "my people" (see Exodus 3:10; 6:7). But our sin makes us "no people," people He should, in justice, disown (see Deuteronomy 32:21; 1 Peter 2:10).

Yet in His mercy, He is faithful to the covenant He swore by His own self in Jesus. In Jesus, God comes to Israel and to each of us—as a shepherd to seek the lost (see Ezekiel 34:11-16), to carry us back to the heavenly feast, the perpetual heritage promised long ago to Abraham's children.

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners," Paul cries in today's Epistle. These are the happiest words the world has ever known. Because of Jesus, as Paul himself can testify, even the blasphemer and persecutor can seek His mercy.

As the sinners do in today's Gospel, we draw near to listen to Him. In this Eucharist, we bring Him the acceptable sacrifice we sing of in today's Psalm—our hearts, humbled and contrite.

In the company of His angels and saints, we rejoice that He has wiped out our offense, celebrate with Him—that we have turned from the evil way that we might live (see Ezekiel 18:23).

ANNOUNCED MASSES
September 10th – September 18th, 2016

Sat. Sept. 10th 4:30 p.m.	Weekday Veronique Legare Roy – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Sun. Sept. 11th 9:00 a.m.	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Patrick Owen Dowd – RIP – by Maria E.S. Ponte
11:00 a.m.	John Birinyi – RIP – by Barbara
Mon. Sept. 12th	NO MASS
Tues. Sept. 13th 7:00 p.m.	Saint John Crystostom Margaret Ann Corrigan – RIP – by William Moran
Wed. Sept. 14th 9:00 a.m.	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Thanksgiving for favors received – by Ruth Gaudreau
Thurs. Sept. 15th 9:00 a.m.	Our Lady of Sorrows In Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart of Jesus - by the Kebe family
Fri. Sept. 16th 9:00 a.m.	Saints Cornelius & Cyprian Deceased Members of the Leekam Family – RIP – by Leah
Sat. Sept. 17th 4:30 p.m.	Saint Robert Bellarmine Susanne Rousseau – RIP – by the family
Sun. Sept. 18th 9:00 a.m.	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Virgilio Perreira & Joao J. De Ponte – RIP – by Maria
11:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Borges Family – RIP – Nelson & Teresa

*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



Be My Disciples will re-start today, September 11th immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass!

We hope you had a happy and restful summer, and we will be very happy to see all of you.

Welcome to our new catechetical year!

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!

OPEN HOUSE AT THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL OF MONTREAL



Avenue. Parking available. For information or www.sacredheart.qc.ca

5th and 6th grade girls considering enrolment at Sacred Heart -the English Catholic all girls' high school in Montreal- are invited to visit the school during Open House on Saturday, Sept. 24, from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., or on Tuesday, October 4, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. 3635 Atwater Avenue. Parking available. For information 514-937-2845

HOLY HOUR



Every Friday, following the 9am mass, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for one hour of Holy Adoration, Rosary, silent prayer, and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, concluding with Divine Praises and Benediction. Come and spend some time with the Lord.

ST. MARK ANGLICAN CHURCH: ANNUAL BREAKFAST

St. Mark's Anglican Church at 1650 Decelles in Saint-Laurent will be holding its Annual Breakfast on Saturday, September 24th from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Donation: Adults - \$12:00; Children 10 years and under - \$5.00. Everyone is welcome.