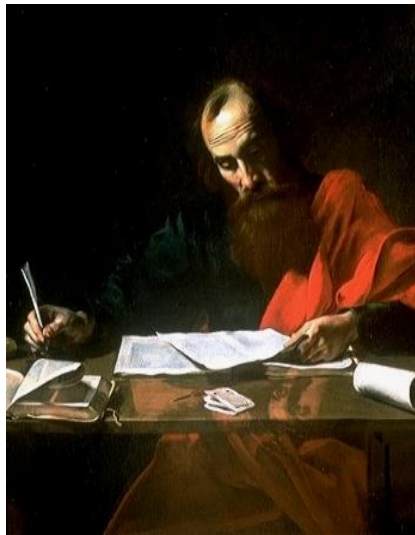


Counting the Cost: Scott Hahn Reflects on the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Wisdom 9:13-18; Psalm 90:3-6, 12-17; Philemon 1:9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33



Like a king making ready for battle or a contractor about to build a tower, we have to count the cost as we set out to follow Jesus.

Our Lord today is telling us upfront the sacrifice it will take. His words aren't addressed to His chosen few, the Twelve, but rather to the "great crowds" - to "anyone," to "whoever" wishes to be His disciple.

That only makes His call all the more stark and uncompromising. We are to "hate" our old lives, renounce all the earthly things we rely upon, to choose Him above every person and possession. Again He tells us that the things we have - even our family ties and obligations - can become an excuse, an obstacle that keeps us from giving ourselves completely to Him (see [Luke 9:23-26](#), [57-62](#)).

Jesus brings us the saving Wisdom we are promised in today's First Reading. He is that saving Wisdom.

Weighed down by many earthly concerns, the burdens of our body and its needs, we could never see beyond the things of this world, could never detect God's heavenly design and intention. So in His mercy He sent us His Spirit, His Wisdom from on High, to make straight our path to Him.

Jesus himself paid the price for to free us from the sentence imposed on Adam, which we recall in today's Psalm (see [Genesis 2:7](#); [2:19](#)). No more will the work of our hands be an affliction, no more are we destined to turn back to dust.

Like Onesimus in today's Epistle, we have been redeemed, given a new family and a new inheritance, made children of the father, brothers and sisters in the Lord.

We are free now to come after Him, to serve Him - no longer slaves to the ties of our past lives. In Christ, all our yesterdays have passed. We live in what the Psalm today beautifully describes as the daybreak of His kindness. For He has given us wisdom of heart, taught us to number our days aright.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
September 3rd – September 11th, 2016

Sat. Sept. 3rd 10:00 a.m.	Saint Gregory the Great Savio – RIP – by the Mendes family
4:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving - by Ruth Gaudreau
Sun. Sept. 4th 9:00 a.m.	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Eddie Moran – RIP – by the family
11:00 a.m.	Remedios and Eduardo Domingo – RIP – by the Domingo family
Mon. Sept. 5th	NO MASS
Tues. Sept. 6th 7:00 p.m.	Weekday Brandon Sandhu – RIP – by Emily
Wed. Sept. 7th 9:00 a.m.	Weekday Harry Caragianis – RIP – by Gisele St. Onge
Thurs. Sept. 8th 9:00 a.m.	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Anniversary Thanksgiving – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Fri. Sept. 9th 9:00 a.m.	Saint Peter Claver Living Members of the Leekam family – Blessings – by Leah
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

*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!

A CELEBRATION FOR BISHOP TOM



Saturday, September 10 is the 5th anniversary of Bishop Tom's Episcopal Ordination and Sunday, September 11th is his 46th birthday. So, we are celebrating and hope that you want to be part of it! **All parishioners are invited!**

Please let us know if you are able to attend. We need to know how many people we will be welcoming. Please contact Irah Tirona at 514-336-4892 or Connie Kuhr at 514-747-9347. We hope to see you there!

Date : Sunday, September 11, 2016
Time : 12:30 p.m. - following the 11:00 a.m. Mass
Location : Our Lady of Fatima Church Hall
Type of Event : Pot Luck Lunch - bring your favourite dish (ready to serve)

LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



Loyola High School will be hosting an Open House for all prospective students on Saturday, September 17th, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. If you are interested in a Catholic education for your son, come and meet the students, teachers and administrators who make up the Loyola family. Tour our school, learn about our sports teams, explore the labs, Fine Arts and Robotics facilities.

Financial Aid is available to students who qualify. To learn more, please visit www.loyola.ca/admissions".

OPEN HOUSE AT THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL OF MONTREAL



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 or www.sacredheart.qc.ca