

Hope From on High: Scott Hahn Reflects on the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Exodus 17:8-13; Psalm 121:1-8; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8



The Lord is our guardian, beside us at our right hand, interceding for us in all our spiritual battles.

In today's Psalm we're told to lift our eyes to the mountains, that our help will come from Mount Zion and the Temple—the dwelling of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Joshua and the Israelites, in today's First Reading, are also told to look to the hilltops. They are to find their help there—through the intercession of Moses—as they defend themselves against their mortal foes, the Amalekites.

Notice the image: Aaron and Hur standing on each side of Moses, holding his weary arms so that he can raise the staff of God above his head. Moses is being shown here as a figure of Jesus, who also climbed a hilltop, and on Mount Calvary stretched out His hands between heaven and earth to intercede for us against the final enemy — sin and death (see 1 Corinthians 15:26).

By the staff of God, Moses bested Israel's enemies (see Exodus 7:8-12; 8:1-2), parted the Red Sea (see Exodus 14:16) and brought water from the Rock (see Exodus 17:6).

The Cross of Jesus is the new staff of God, bringing about a new liberation from sin, bringing forth living waters from the body of Christ, the new Temple of God (see John 2:19-21; 7:37-39; 19:34; 1 Corinthians 10:4).

Like the Israelites and the widow in today's Gospel, we face opposition and injustice—at times from godless and pitiless adversaries.

We, too, must lift our eyes to the mountains—to Calvary and the God who will guard us from all evil.

We must pray always and not be wearied by our trials, Jesus tells us today. As Paul exhorts in today's Epistle, we need to remain faithful, to turn to the inspired Scriptures—given by God to train us in righteousness.

We must persist, so that when the Son of Man comes again in kingly power, He will indeed find faith on earth.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
October 15th – October 23rd, 2016

Sat. Oct. 15th 4:30 p.m.	Saint Teresa of Jesus Giovanni and Palmarosa Salvatore – RIP – by Antonietta
Sun. Oct. 16th 9:00 a.m.	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Laura Branco Farias and Maria Do Carmo Branco Bento – RIP – by Maria Ponte
11:00 a.m.	Teresita Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Mon. Oct. 17th	NO MASS
Tues. Oct. 18th 7:00 p.m.	SAINT LUKE Sal Lancione and Gerald Chirola – RIP – by the family
Wed. Oct. 19th 9:00 a.m.	Saint Paul of the Cross Jean Brocklehurst – RIP – by Joan
Thurs. Oct. 20th 9:00 a.m.	Weekday Mellie Francisco – RIP – by Tony and family
Fri. Oct. 21st 9:00 a.m.	Weekday For Souls in Purgatory – by Leah
Sat. Oct. 22nd 4:30 p.m.	Dedication of Consecrated Churches Maria E.S. Branco and Jose J. Da Ponte – RIP – by Maria Ponte
Sun. Oct. 23rd 9:00 a.m.	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Claude Dorman – RIP – by William Moran
11:00 a.m.	Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents

Called Home To The Father

*Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Philomena Palmieri**.
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the
mercy of God rest in peace.*

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**WHY YOU SHOULD PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY: 15 REASONS
STRAIGHT FROM OUR LADY**

(Jeff Stempel, October 7, 2015 in IP5 One Peter 5)

1. To all those who shall pray my Rosary devoutly, I promise my special protection and great graces.
2. Those who shall persevere in the recitation of my Rosary will receive signal graces.
3. The Rosary will be a very powerful armor against Hell; it will destroy vice, deliver from sin, and dispel heresy.
4. The Rosary will make virtue and good works flourish, and will obtain for souls the most abundant divine mercies. It will draw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. Those who trust themselves to me through the Rosary will not perish.
6. Whoever recites my Rosary devoutly, reflecting on the mysteries, shall never be overwhelmed by misfortune. He will not experience the anger of God nor will he perish by an unprovided death. The sinner will be converted; the just will persevere in grace and merit eternal life.
7. Those truly devoted to my Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite my Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces and will share in the merits of the blessed.
9. I will deliver promptly from Purgatory souls devoted to my Rosary,
10. True children of my Rosary will enjoy great glory in Heaven.
11. What you shall ask through my Rosary you shall obtain.
12. To those who propagate my Rosary I promise aid in all their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Son that all the members of the Rosary Confraternity shall have as their intercessors, in life and in death, the entire celestial court.
14. Those who recite my Rosary faithfully are my beloved children, the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion to my Rosary is a special sign of predestination.

BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS

Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated at Our Lady of Fatima **this Sunday, October 16th**. Thank you to all catechists in the Be My Disciples Program, as well as all other catechetical programs in our parish.

CHRISTMAS BOXES - As part of our Junior High youth group activities to increase our children's Christian awareness, we will once again participate in Operation Christmas Child in conjunction with Samaritan's Purse. This is a project where every Christmas, millions of shoeboxes filled with gifts are hand delivered to millions of needy children around the world who would otherwise not know God's love for them through His gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. Our youth will be filling the shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, hygiene products (no liquids or toothpaste), and other small gifts such as biblical books, socks, t-shirts, etc. Basically anything that could be useful for a needy child and that will fit in a shoebox, small backpack, duffle bag etc., but nothing battery powered. No guns, knives or anything portraying violence. Please check the pamphlets available for specific information. Choose if the gift is for a **boy** or a **girl** and the **age group**. Please donate \$7.00 per box for shipping costs.

The shoeboxes are available at the office. For information please contact Frank - 514-333-0791; Connie - 514-747-9347, or the office – 514-747-4226. **DEADLINE** for returning the filled boxes is **Sunday, November 13th**. **Thank you** to ALL parishioners for your great generosity.