

## Life By Faith: Scott Hahn Reflects on the 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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Habakkuk 1:2-3;2:2-4; Psalm 95:1-2,6-9; 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14;  
Luke 17:5-10



Because of his faith, the just man shall live. We hear in today's First Reading the original prophetic line made so central by St. Paul (see Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38).

We are to live by faith in Christ who loved us and gave himself on the Cross for us (see Galatians 2:20).

The world, though, can seem to us as seventh-century Judah seemed to Habakkuk—in the control of God's enemies. The strife and discord we face in our own lives can sometimes cause us to wonder, as the prophet does, why God doesn't seem to hear or intervene when we cry for help.

We can't let our hearts be hardened by the trials we undergo. As today's Psalm reminds us: Israel forgot His mighty works, lost faith in the sound words of His promise. They tested God in the desert, demanding a sign.

But God didn't redeem Israel from Egypt only to let them die in the desert. And He didn't ransom us from futility only to abandon us in our trials. He is our God and we are the people He shepherds always—though at times His mercy and justice seem long delayed.

If we call on the Lord, as the Apostles do in today's Gospel, He will increase our faith, will stir to a flame the Holy Spirit who has dwelt within us since Baptism.

As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, the Lord will always give us the love and self-control we need to bear our share of hardship for the Gospel—with a strength that can come from God alone.

Our task is to continue doing what He has commanded—to love and to build up His kingdom—trusting that His vision still presses on to its fulfillment.

For His vision still has its time. One day, though we are but "unprofitable servants," we will be invited to eat and drink at our Master's table. It is that day we anticipate with each celebration of the Eucharist.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**October 1<sup>st</sup> – October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

<b>Sat. Oct. 1<sup>st</sup></b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>Saint Therese of the Child Jesus</b> Leo, Rosa Maria & Anthony Borges – RIP – by Nelson & Theresa
4:30 p.m.	Angelo Del Pino – RIP – by Leah
<b>Sun. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Thanksgiving by Aiden Mark Villahermosa
11:00 a.m.	Jerry Roy – Birthday Blessings – by Ofelia Roy
<b>Mon. Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tues. Oct. 4<sup>th</sup></b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Saint Francis of Assisi</b> Anne Alice Aloysius – RIP – by Julia and family
<b>Wed. Oct. 5<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Abraham – RIP – by Elsa
<b>Thurs. Oct. 6<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Saint Bruno</b> Abilio Carvajal – RIP – by Mercedes and family
<b>Fri. Oct. 7<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b> For Souls in Purgatory – by Phil
<b>Sat. Oct. 8<sup>th</sup></b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Weekday</b> McCollin and Freddy – RIP – by their nieces
<b>Sun. Oct. 9<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Angela Rosa and Giuseppe Mignacca – RIP – by the family
11:00 a.m.	Feliks Rewers –RIP – by Wanda

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*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 CONSECRATION: October 13th (7pm)**

October 13th is almost here! Bishop Tom will be presiding a special ceremony to consecrate the parish. This is a very important, and grace filled moment in the life of our parish community. All are invited to be present for this blessed celebration!

### **INTERCULTURAL DAY: October 16<sup>th</sup> following the 11am mass**

You are invited to an intercultural day to celebrate the consecration of our parish! Our parish is blessed to consist of many different cultural backgrounds and ancestry, shaping who we are as one church united in Jesus Christ. You are encouraged to share your culture with the community by bringing some artwork and crafts, traditional costumes (or you may wear them too at the event), a dance, music, and other ways you can think of to showcase your culture. We will provide tables to display your items. And most importantly, what better way to share your culture with others than by bringing traditional food from your country.

Please contact the event planners to coordinate your cultural contribution to our celebration. Contact person: **Irah Tirona** - (514) 336-4892

Thank you to those who have filled out the cultural survey sheet that the parish had sent out before. We will contact you shortly.

### **TIME FLIES!**

September 1st marked the first year of Bishop Tom and myself at Our Lady of Fatima. This past year has been a great joy for us to be with you, as we got to know and serve this parish community. Thank you for your warm embrace and support throughout the past year! We look forward to this next year with you, as one community together; growing closer to Jesus, through Mary, at Our Lady of Fatima parish. - Fr. Jason Piper

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the couples who were recently married at our Lady of Fatima: **Alex Kwon & Jenny Do** (May 14th) **Jeffery Chirola & Stefania Lancione** (July 23rd), **Christopher Soueidan & Joyce Choueiri** (Sept 24th). May the Holy Family bless and help each couple grow in the love of Christ for each other as they begin their new lives together as husband and wife.

### **BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS**

**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 13<sup>th</sup>**. **Thank you** to ALL parishioners for your great generosity.