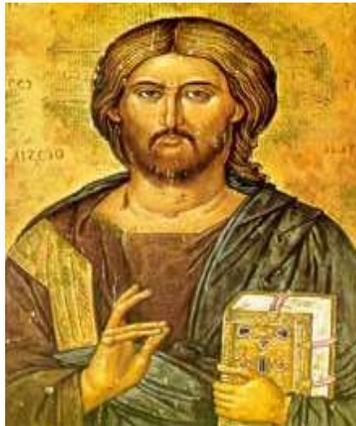


# To Rise Again: Scott Hahn Reflects on the 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; Psalm 17:1,5-6,8,15; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5;  
Luke 20:27-38



With their riddle about seven brothers and a childless widow, the Sadducees in today's Gospel mock the faith for which seven brothers and their mother die in the First Reading.

The Maccabean martyrs chose death—tortured limb by limb, burned alive—rather than betray God's Law. Their story is given to us in these last weeks of the Church year to strengthen us for endurance—that our feet not falter but remain steadfast on His paths.

The Maccabeans died hoping that the "King of the World" would raise them to live again forever (see 2 Maccabees 14:46).

The Sadducees don't believe in the Resurrection because they can't find it literally taught in the Scriptures. To ridicule this belief they fix on a law that requires a woman to marry her husband's brother if he should die without leaving an heir (see Genesis 38:8; Deuteronomy 25:5).

But God's Law wasn't given to ensure the raising up of descendants to earthly fathers. The Law was given, as Jesus explains, to make us worthy to be "children of God"—sons and daughters born of His Resurrection.

"God our Father," today's Epistle tells us, has given us "everlasting encouragement" in the Resurrection of Christ. Through His grace, we can now direct our hearts to the love of God.

As the Maccabeans suffered for the Old Law, we will have to suffer for our faith in the New Covenant. Yet He will guard us in the shadow of His wing, keep us as the apple of His eye, as we sing in today's Psalm.

The Maccabeans' persecutors marveled at their courage. We too can glorify the Lord in our sufferings and in the daily sacrifices we make.

And we have even greater cause than they for hope. One who has risen from the dead has given us His word—that He is the God of the living, that when we awake from the sleep of death we will behold His face, be content in His presence (see Psalm 76:6; Daniel 12:2).

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**November 5<sup>th</sup> – November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

<b>Sat. Nov. 5<sup>th</sup></b> 10:00 a.m.  4:30 p.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Edmond Awakim – RIP – by the family Dominic D'Souza – RIP – by his family
<b>Sun. Nov. 6<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Madelaine Thibodeau – RIP – by Frank Kebe and family Jeffrey Saldana – RIP – by Anna Jaronel
<b>Mon. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tues. Nov. 8<sup>th</sup></b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Elizabeth Csaki – RIP – by her loving family
<b>Wed. Nov. 9<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b> Dominic and Celestina Tywang – RIP  Retired Teachers of Montreal
<b>Thurs. Nov. 10<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Saint Leo the Great</b> Wilfredo Lanzaderas – RIP – by Emma, Edna and family
<b>Fri. Nov. 11<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Saint Martin of Tours</b> Ross O'Donnell – RIP – by Joan
<b>Sat. Nov. 12<sup>th</sup></b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Saint Josaphat</b> Fructouso and Zenona Lanzaderas – RIP – by Emma, Tommy and family
<b>Sun. Nov. 13<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Austin Moran – RIP – by the family Elvira Durinzi – RIP – by the family

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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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**COFFEE SUNDAY**

Hosted by the **Wardens**, everyone is cordially invited to a "Coffee Sunday" on November 13<sup>th</sup>, after the 11 A.M. Mass at the Church Hall.

### **SAINTLY WISDOM: On Abortion**

"The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships...It has portrayed the greatest of gifts - a child - as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience. It has nominally accorded mothers unfettered dominion over the independent lives of their physically dependent sons and daughters...The right to life does not depend, and must not be declared to be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or a sovereign."

- Saint Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa).

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### **BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS**

**PARENT MEETING – November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016**, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All parents of Be My Disciples children must attend.

**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.

### **2016 PILLARS TRUST FUND CAMPAIGN**

The date for the official launch of the 2016 Pillars Trust Fund annual campaign, in all of the 34 parishes and missions in the diocese of Montreal, is the weekend of November 5 and 6. For forty-four years, English Catholics have placed their 'TRUST' in the Pillars Trust Fund to provide financial assistance for programs and services for the benefit of all. Among the twenty-two groups who receive financial assistance are: The Diocesan Priesthood Guild and Vocations Office; the Newman Association and Youth Ministry projects; Adult Religious Education Services; the Parish Vitality Conference; and up to a dozen organizations such as the Benedict Labre House – who, for example, provide shelter, meals, showers, laundry, skills training and new hope to help our homeless brothers and sisters. On behalf of our beneficiaries, kindly accept their deepest appreciation and gratitude for your financial support. We invite all who read this to please donate to the Pillars Trust Campaign at [www.pillarstrust.org](http://www.pillarstrust.org). Thank you very much. (*The Grapevine-Issue 33, October 21, 2016*)

### **COUPLES FOR CHRIST – YOUTH CAMP**

On **November 11-13, 2016** at La Societe des Missions Etrangères (180 Place Juge-Desnoyers, Laval, QC, H7G 1A4). Registration is \$60.00. This camp is for youth with age ranging from 12 – 21 years. This aims to create a venue for the youth to have good clean fun, form bonds of genuine friendship, express freedom as God defines it and grow in faith through a personal relationship with the Lord. It also aims to empower young men and women to answer to God's call in being instruments of love and renewal to their family, to other families and to the whole community. For details, please contact Medy and Joseph Cabahug at 514 737-2904 or email at [cfcyouthmontreal@gmail.com](mailto:cfcyouthmontreal@gmail.com).