

# Affair of the Heart: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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Sirach 15:15–20; Psalm 119:1–2, 4–5, 17–18, 33–34; 1 Corinthians 2:6–10  
Matthew 5:17–37



Jesus tells us in the Gospel this week that he has come not to abolish but to “fulfill” the Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets.

His Gospel reveals the deeper meaning and purpose of the Ten Commandments and the moral Law of the Old Testament. But his Gospel also transcends the Law. He demands a morality far greater than that accomplished by the most pious of Jews, the scribes and Pharisees.

Outward observance of the Law is not enough. It is not enough that we do not murder, commit adultery, divorce, or lie.

The law of the new covenant is a law that God writes on the heart (see Jer. 31:31–34). The heart is the seat of our motivations, the place from which our words and actions proceed (see Matt. 6:21; 15:18–20).

Jesus this week calls us to train our hearts, to master our passions and emotions. And Jesus demands the full obedience of our hearts (see Rom. 6:17). He calls us to love God with all our hearts, and to do his will from the heart (see Matt. 22:37; Eph. 6:6)

God never asks more of us than we are capable. That is the message of this week’s First Reading. It is up to us to choose life over death, to choose the waters of eternal life over the fires of ungodliness and sin.

By his life, death, and resurrection, Jesus has shown us that it is possible to keep his commandments. In baptism, he has given us his Spirit that his Law might be fulfilled in us (Rom. 8:4).

The wisdom of the Gospel surpasses all the wisdom of this age that is passing away, St. Paul tells us in the Epistle. The revelation of this wisdom fulfills God’s plan from before all ages.

Let us trust in this wisdom, and live by his Kingdom law.

As we do in this week’s Psalm, let us pray that we grow in being better able to live his Gospel, and to seek the Father with all our heart.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
February 11<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

<b>Saturday</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>Feb. 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b> For the Sick
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Feb. 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Mass of Anticipation</b> Gerald O'Donnell – RIP – by Charles Brocklehurst
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Feb. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Thanksgiving by Ruth Gaudreau  Adoracion Buguis Borlaza – RIP – by Elena
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Feb. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saints Cyril &amp; Methodius</b> Nicholas and Ida Gang – RIP – by Maria Keller and Family
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Feb. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Father Brian Moon – RIP – by Maria
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Feb. 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Father Brian Moon – RIP – by Ron and Carolyn
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Feb. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</b> Tom Kennedy – RIP – by Eva and family
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Feb. 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Mass of Anticipation</b> Gerald O'Donnell – RIP – by Charles Brocklehurst
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Feb. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Rosemarie Breton – RIP – by William Moran  Bruna Alesi – 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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## **PRAYER TO ST. PEREGRINE: For Healing**

O great St. Peregrine,  
you have been called "The Mighty,"  
"The Wonder-Worker,"  
because of the numerous miracles  
which you have obtained from God  
for those who have had recourse to you.

For so many years you bore in your own flesh  
this cancerous disease  
that destroys the very fiber of our being,  
and who had recourse to the source of all grace  
when the power of man could do no more.

You were favoured with the vision of Jesus  
coming down from His Cross to heal your affliction.  
Ask of God and Our Lady,  
the cure of the sick whom we entrust to you.  
*(Pause here and silently recall the names of the sick  
for whom you are praying)*

Aided in this way by your powerful intercession,  
we shall sing to God, now and for all eternity,  
a song of gratitude for His great goodness and mercy.  
Amen.

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