

Holy as God: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Leviticus 19:1–2, 17–18; Psalm 103:1–4, 8, 10, 12–13;
1 Corinthians 3:16–23; Matthew 5:38–48



We are called to the holiness of God. That is the extraordinary claim made in both the First Reading and Gospel this Sunday.

Yet how is possible that we can be perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect? Jesus explains that we must be imitators of God as his beloved children ([Eph. 5:1–2](#)).

As God does, we must love without limit—with a love that does not distinguish between friend and foe, overcoming evil with good (see [Rom. 12:21](#)).

Jesus himself, in his Passion and death, gave us the perfect example of the love that we are called to.

He offered no resistance to the evil—even though he could have commanded twelve legions of angels to fight alongside him. He offered his face to be struck and spit upon. He allowed his garments to be stripped from him. He marched as his enemies compelled him to the Place of the Skull. On the cross he prayed for those who persecuted him (see [Matt. 26:53–54, 67; 27:28, 32; Luke 23:34](#)).

In all this he showed himself to be the perfect Son of God. By his grace, and through our imitation of him, he promises that we too can become children of our heavenly Father.

God does not deal with us as we deserve, as we sing in this week's Psalm. He loves us with a Father's love. He saves us from ruin. He forgives our transgressions.

He loved us even when we had made ourselves his enemies through our sinfulness. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (see [Rom. 5:8](#)).

We have been bought with the price of the blood of God's only Son (see [1 Cor. 6:20](#)). We belong to Christ now, as St. Paul says in this week's Epistle. By our baptism, we have been made temples of his Holy Spirit.

And we have been saved to share in his holiness and perfection. So let us glorify him by our lives lived in his service, loving as he loves.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
February 18th – 26th, 2017

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Feb. 18th	Sunday Mass of Anticipation Gerald O'Donnell – RIP – by Charles Brocklehurst
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Feb. 19th	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Rosemarie Breton – RIP – by William Moran Bruna Alesi – RIP – by the family
Monday	Feb. 20th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Feb. 21st	Saint Peter Damian Ela Dimaya Birthday - Thanksgiving
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 22nd	CHAIR OF SAINT PETER Abilio and Gilbert – RIP – by Mercedes and family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 23rd	Saint Polycarp Saverimuttu Marypillai – RIP – by Julia and family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 24th	Weekday Tillie and Tom Kennedy – RIP – by Maria
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Feb. 25th	Sunday Mass of Anticipation Adrian de Souza – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Feb. 26th	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jose J. Ponte – RIP – by Luis Ponte Ofelia Roy – Birthday Thanksgiving - by Jerry Roy

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*Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Ruth Beaulieu Kaplan**.
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