

Do Not Be Anxious: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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Isaiah 49:14–15; Psalm 62:2–3, 6–9; 1 Corinthians 4:1–5;
Matthew 6:24–24



We are by nature prone to be anxious and troubled about many things.

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus confronts us with our most common fears. We are anxious mostly about how we will meet our material needs—for food and drink; for clothing; for security for tomorrow.

Yet in seeking security and comfort, we may unwittingly be handing ourselves over to servitude to “mammon,” Jesus warns. “Mammon” is an Aramaic word that refers to money or possessions.

Jesus is not condemning wealth. Nor is he saying that we shouldn't work to earn our daily bread or to make provisions for our future.

It is a question of priorities and goals. What are we living for? Where is God in our lives?

Jesus insists that we need only to have faith in God and to trust in his Providence.

The readings this Sunday pose a challenge to us. Do we really believe that God cares for us, that he alone can provide for all our needs?

Do we believe that he loves us more than a mother loves the infant at her breast, as God himself promises in this week's beautiful First Reading? Do we really trust that he is our rock and salvation, as we sing in the Psalm?

Jesus calls us to an intense realism about our lives. For all our worrying, none of us change the span of our days. None of us has anything that we have not received as a gift from God (see 1 Cor. 4:7).

St. Paul reminds us in the Epistle that when the Lord comes he will disclose the purposes of every heart.

We cannot serve both God and mammon. We must choose one or the other. Our faith cannot be partial. We must put our confidence in him and not be shaken by anxiety.

Let us resolve today to seek his Kingdom and his holiness before all else—confident that we are beloved sons and daughters, and that our Father in heaven will never forsake us.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
February 25th – March 5th, 2017

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
Monday	Feb. 27th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Feb. 28th	Weekday Kornel Piacek – RIP – by his wife and family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mar. 1st	ASH WEDNESDAY Justina Timbol and Santiago Reyes – RIP – by the Timbol family Stanley Tait – RIP – by the Piper family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 2nd	Weekday Louis Ottoni – RIP – by Albert and Frances Iacovella
Friday 9:00 a.m.	March 3rd	Weekday Stanley O'Donnell – RIP – by Joan
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Mar. 4th	Saint Casimir Thanksgiving to the Holy Family – by Mercedes and family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Mar. 4th	Sunday Mass of Anticipation Gerald O'Donnell – RIP – by Charles Brocklehurst
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Mar. 5th	First Sunday of Lent Angela Rosa and Giuseppe Mignacca – RIP – by the family Victor O. Kramer – RIP – by the family

*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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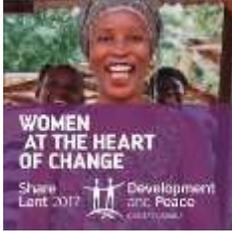
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ASH WEDNESDAY



Ashes will be distributed to the faithful at two Masses on Ash Wednesday, March 1st, at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

50 YEARS OF SHARE LENT



On Ash Wednesday, Development and Peace–Caritas Canada will launch its 50th annual campaign, entitled Women at the Heart of Change.

Since the Organization's founding in 1967, money donated annually by Catholics during Share Lent provides essential support to the poorest populations of Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

Today, Development and Peace supports over 173 partners and 194 projects in 46 countries around the world!

You can make Share Lent a part of your family's Lenten journey by using the Solidarity Calendar, which you can obtain today in your parish. This year, the Share Lent collection will take place April 2nd, which is Solidarity Sunday. If you need more information, contact Betty Machny at 514-748-9294 or bmachny@bell.net.

PRAYERS FOR THE UNBORN



Throughout 2017, every First Saturday of the month, following 4:30pm mass, the Couples for Christ will lead a Rosary for Life, as we pray for an end to the evil of abortion through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: POVERTY DINNER



Once again, Development and Peace is sponsoring a soup dinner, to be held Saturday, March 25th. In order to make the success we want it to be, we need volunteers. I would invite everyone who is interested to a meeting on Sunday, March 12th. Time and place to be announced. Or contact Betty Machny at 514-748-9294, or drop me a line at bmachny@bell.net.

SUMMER JOBS AT CAMP KINKORA



Are you looking for a summer job? Do you enjoy the great outdoors? Would you like a unique opportunity to learn and grow and develop in leadership through service to children, youth, families, and Special Needs communities? Camp Kinkora, in the Laurentians, is looking for young people like **YOU** to join their team this summer. This unique and impactful Kinkora

experience is sure to offer fun, faith, and friendship with memories to last lifetime! Visit www.campkinkora.com for job postings (specifically kitchen aides, maintenance, and lifeguards) or contact Cori-Ann at campkinkora1@gmail.com for more information.