

Be Not Afraid: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13 | Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35
Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15 | Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33



Our commitment to Christ will be put to the test.

We will hear whispered warnings and denunciations, as Jeremiah does in today's First Reading. Even so-called friends will try to trap and trip us up.

For His sake we will bear insults and be made outcasts—even in our own homes, we hear in today's Psalm.

As Jeremiah tells us, we must expect that God will challenge our faith in Him, and probe our minds and hearts, to test the depths of our love.

"Do not be afraid," Jesus assures us three times in today's Gospel.

Though He may permit us to suffer for our faith, our Father will never forget or abandon us. As Jesus assures us today, everything unfolds in His Providence, under His watchful gaze—even the falling of the tiniest sparrow to the ground. Each one of us is precious to Him.

Steadfast in this faith, we must resist the tactics of Satan. He is the enemy who seeks the ruin of our soul in Gehenna, or hell.

We are to seek God, as the Psalmist says. Zeal for the Lord's house, for the heavenly kingdom of the Father, should consume us, as it consumed Jesus (see Jn 2:17). As Jesus bore the insults of those who blasphemed God, so should we (see Rm 15:3).

By the gracious gift of himself, Jesus bore the transgressions of the world, Paul tells us in today's Epistle. In rising from the dead, He has shown us that God rescues the life of the poor, that He does not spurn His own when they are in distress. In His great mercy, He will turn toward us, as well. He will deliver us from the power of the wicked.

That is why we proclaim His name from the housetops, as Jesus tells us. That is why we sing praise and offer thanksgiving in every Eucharist. We are confident in Jesus' promise—that we who declare our faith in Him before others will be remembered before our heavenly Father.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
June 24th – July 2nd, 2017

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| Saturday 10:00 a.m. | June 24th | Nativity of Saint John the Baptist Patrick and Martha Leekam – Anniversary Blessings – by the family |
| Saturday 4:30 p.m. | June 24th | Sunday Vigil Adelwisa C. Estrabillo – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy |
| Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | June 25th | Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Bruna Alesi – RIP – by the family Adrian De Souza – RIP – by the family |
| Monday | June 26th | NO MASS |
| Tuesday 7:00 p.m. | June 27th | Saint Cyril of Alexandria Gerardo and Ildebrando Lanzaderas – RIP – by the family |
| Wednesday 9:00 a.m. | June 28th | Saint Irenaeus Sean and Xavier Ip – Special Intention |
| Thursday 9:00 a.m. | June 29th | SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL For Souls in Purgatory – by Phil |
| Friday 9:00 a.m. | June 30th | First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church Victorino and Daniela Lanzaderas – RIP – by the family |
| Saturday 10:00 a.m. | July 1st | Weekday Thanksgiving – by Kathy Donatien |
| Saturday 4:30 p.m. | July 1st | Sunday Vigil Louis Ottoni – RIP – by Rose Maria and family |
| Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | July 2nd | Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Dorothy Bennett – RIP – by the Ladies' Auxiliary For Souls in Purgatory – by Phil |

*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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First Communion Recipients, 2017 -



These young people received their First Communion on Saturday, June 10th: Ariane Michaela Ampig, Nishani Antonypillai, Erik Ramy Georges Atallah, Kevin-Arnold Borja, Kimberly Borja, Audrey Del Pilar, Samantha Espinosa, Rica

Salazar Fabia, Joia-Mary Ganeshapillai, John-Red Geronimo, Ryan Alexander Hart, Alexa Valentina Iapaolo, Marc Spencer Jacob, Noah Michael Kebe, Jacob Lau, Jadon Lau, Mikha Lictaoa, Sami Manno, Bryan James Pagay, Gabriel Scurti, Christine Bernadette Tablan, Fiona Thiruchelvam, SeanHenri Crisostomo Vale, and Lemuel Causis Visca. We congratulate them and their parents, for taking this big step along their journey of faith, and we ask our wonderful community to keep these young people in our prayers.

A heartfelt **thank you** to all the **Catechists and Assistants** who worked all year with love and dedication to help the parents and guide all our children and young people in their journey of faith! May God bless them and their families.

The **Registration Forms** for September **are available!** **ALL children** of the Parish **must be registered in this faith transmission and education program.** All parishioners, who have children between the ages of Kindergarten and Junior High, please enquire at the office or call Connie Kuhr for information – 514-747-9347. The **DEADLINE is June 25, 2017.** Registrations after that date will incur a late fee of \$25.00 per person.

CFC-YOUTH MONTREAL: FUNDRAISER



CFC-Youth Montreal presents **Talent Show Fundraiser 2nd Edition.** The fundraiser will showcase the many God-given and diverse talents of our youth. This event will take place on Friday, July 7 from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. at St. Kevin parish hall (5600 Côte-des-Neiges Rd., Montreal). Tickets are \$5 each. All proceeds will go toward the transportation costs of our Montreal delegates to CFC-Youth Canada's Eastern True North Conference this July in Bishop's University in Sherbrooke, QC. We hope that you will be able to come and support us. Bring your family and friends. Contact CFC- Youth Montreal @ cfcyouthmontreal@gmail.com.

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