

Treasures of the Kingdom: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 | Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130
Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30 | Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52



What is your new life in Christ worth to you?

Do you love His words more than gold and silver, as we sing in today's Psalm? Would you, like the characters in the Gospel today, sell all that you have in order to possess the kingdom He promises to us? If God were to grant any wish, would you follow Solomon's example in today's First Reading—asking not for a long life or riches, but for wisdom to know God's ways and to desire His will?

The background for today's Gospel, as it has been for the past several weeks, is the rejection of Jesus' preaching by Israel. The kingdom of heaven has come into their midst, yet many cannot see that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises, a gift of divine compassion given that they—and we, too—might live.

We too must ever discover the kingdom anew, to find it as a treasure - a pearl of great price. By comparison with the kingdom, we must count all else as rubbish (see [Philippians 3:8](#)). And we must be willing to give up all that we have—all our priorities and plans—in order to gain it.

Jesus' Gospel discloses what Paul, in today's Epistle, calls the purpose of God's plan (see [Ephesians 1:4](#)). That purpose is that Jesus be the firstborn of many brothers.

His words give understanding to the simple, the childlike. As Solomon does today, we must humble ourselves before God, giving ourselves to His service. Let our prayer be for an understanding heart, one that desires only to do His will.

We are called to love God, to delight in His law, and to forsake every false way. And we are to conform ourselves daily ever more closely to the image of His Son.

If we do this, we can approach His altar as a pleasing sacrifice, confident that all things work for the good—that we whom He has justified, will also one day be glorified.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
July 29th – August 6th, 2017

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	July 29th	Sunday Vigil Corrine Legare Pasalis – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	July 30th	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Louis Ottoni – RIP – by the Di Fruscia family Maximiano Jaronel – RIP – by Anna Jaronel
Monday	July 31st	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	August 1st	Saint Alphonsus Liguori Jean-Paul Caron – RIP – by the Massy family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	August 2nd	Saint Eusebius of Vercelli & Saint Peter Julian Eymard Stanlet Tait – RIP – by the Piper family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	August 3rd	Weekday Wilfredo and Winifred Lanzaderas – RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	August 4th	Saint John Mary Vianney Theresa Helferty – RIP – by Joan
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	August 5th	Blessed Frederic Janssoone Veronique Legare Roy – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	August 5th	Sunday Vigil Sal Lancione and Madeleine Brown – RIP – by Maria
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	August 6th	Transfiguration of the Lord Deceased and Living Members of the Branco – Ponte family – by Maria Jeannette Bernier – RIP – by Gisele Denise

*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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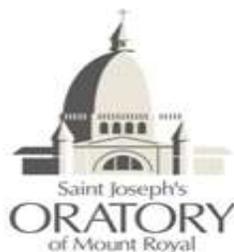
BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS

The **REGISTRATION Forms** for September **ARE AVAILABLE!** **ALL children** of the Parish **must be registered in the faith transmission and education program, Be My Disciples.** Do you have children between the ages of Kindergarten and Junior High? Please enquire at the office or call Connie Kuhr for information – 514-747-9347.

CAMP CARITAS, A SUMMER SPORTS CAMP - WITH A DIFFERENCE!

This year Camp Caritas marks its 45th season. Founded and Directed by Father John Baxter, the 2017 camping session runs from August 1 to August 15. The two week camping session costs only \$500 – and for parents - that is a great value. Situated on Lac La Belle in the Laurentians, 'The Caritas Experience' creates great summer memories for active and sports minded boys between the ages of 12 and 17. Caritas is a summer sports camp with a difference – communicating vital human, spiritual and fraternal values leading to long lasting friendships. Check out the New Camp Video at www.campcaritas.ca and find everything that you need to know about Camp Caritas at this site - as well as a registration form. Need more information: don't hesitate to call or email. Contact Camp Co-Director, Deacon Richard Brisebois, at 514-826-0278 or dcan1000@gmail.com. Camp Caritas is supported by the Pillars Trust Fund.

SUNSHINE AND MUSIC AT THE ORATORY



In this festive summer, Montrealers want to make the most of everything their city has to offer! Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal (3800 Queen Mary Rd., Montreal) is not to be outdone and proposes a first this year– the *Sunshine and Music* series. Free musical performances will be offered in the evening on the Mezzanine Terrace, from where you can admire the most beautiful sunsets over the city. Wednesday evenings from August 2 – September 20 at 7p.m. (weather permitting). Contact 514-733-8211 or info@osj.qc.ca.

HOLY HOUR



There will be silent adoration on a regular basis every Tuesday evening, following the 7pm mass (from 7:30pm to 8:30pm). Also, Adoration every Friday throughout the year, following the 9:00 am mass. Come and spend some time with the Lord!

2017 ANCOP WALK



ANCOP (Answering the Cry of the Poor) will hold its Annual Summer Fund Raising event called **ANCOP WALK on Sunday, August 6th, 9am** from Van Horne Park, Montreal to the streets of Cote des Neiges area. Let's all walk to raise awareness on global poverty issues around us and raise funds to provide education and homes to the poorest of the poor in the Philippines and other countries like India, Tanzania, Nigeria and Kenya. Registration is \$25. For more information, visit ancopcanada.org or call 514 962-6086.