

# A Yoke for the Childlike: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10 | Psalm 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14  
Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13 | Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30



Jesus is portrayed in today's Gospel as a new and greater Moses.

Moses, the meekest man on earth (see Numbers 12:3), was God's friend (see Exodus 34:12,17). Only he knew God "face to face" (see Deuteronomy 34:10). And Moses gave Israel the yoke of the Law, through which God first revealed himself and how we are to live (see Jeremiah 2:20; 5:5).

Jesus too is meek and humble. But He is more than God's friend. He is the Son who alone knows the Father. He is more also than a law-giver, presenting himself today as the yoke of a new Law, and as the revealed Wisdom of God.

As Wisdom, Jesus was present before creation as the firstborn of God, the Father and Lord of heaven and earth (see Proverbs 8:22; Wisdom 9:9). And He gives knowledge of the holy things of the kingdom of God (see Wisdom 10:10).

In the gracious will of the Father, Jesus reveals these things only to the "childlike"—those who humble themselves before Him as little children (see Sirach 2:17). These alone can recognize and receive Jesus as the just savior and meek king promised to daughter Zion, Israel, in today's First Reading.

We too are called to childlike faith in the Father's goodness, as sons and daughters of the new kingdom, the Church.

We are to live by the Spirit we received in baptism (see Galatians 5:16), putting to death our old ways of thinking and acting, as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle. Our "yoke" is to be His new law of love (see John 13:34), by which we enter into the "rest" of His kingdom.

As we sing in today's Psalm, we joyously await the day when we will praise His name forever in the kingdom that lasts for all ages. This is the sabbath rest promised by Jesus—first anticipated by Moses (see Exodus 20:8-11), but which still awaits the people of God (see Hebrews 4:9).

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**July 8<sup>th</sup> – July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>July 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Elizabeth Csaki – RIP – by the family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>July 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Louis Ottoni – RIP – by the Di Fruscia family  Domingo and Pompea Pili – RIP – by Ludi and family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>July 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Benedict</b> Frank Van de Bennet – RIP – by M&E Wojciechowski
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>July 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Adrian de Souza – RIP – by the family
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>July 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Henry</b> Beatrice Piper – RIP – by the family
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>July 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Camillus de Lellis</b> Laura Cenido – RIP – by the Sia family
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>July 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Antonio Melo and Maria dos Anjos Serra – RIP – by Maria
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>July 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Alfredo Ferraresi – RIP – by his wife  Maureen Blackwell – RIP – by the family

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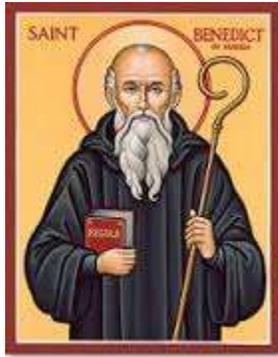
***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God rest in peace.***

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## SAINT BENEDICT of Norcia



July 11 is the feast day of Saint Benedict. Here are a few quotes from this great saint, who was the “Father of Western Monasticism.” Here are a few of his quotes which provide practical spiritual advice:

- 1) “The first degree of humility is prompt obedience.”
- 2) “Be careful to be gentle, lest in removing the rust, you break the whole instrument.”
- 3) “Idleness is an enemy of the soul.”
- 4) “One who never stops talking cannot avoid falling into sin.”
- 5) “Let all guests who arrive be received like Christ, for He is going to say, ‘I came as a guest, and you received Me’ (Matt. 25:35).”

## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL – JULY 16



The Carmelites have celebrated their patronal feast on this day since the 14<sup>th</sup> century. According to tradition, Saint Simon Stock was given the brown scapular by the Blessed Virgin on this day in 1251. The Order of Carmel dates back to a group of Western hermits who in the 12<sup>th</sup> century settled on Mount Carmel, overlooking the plain of Galilee, in imitation of the prophet Elijah (see 1 Kings 18.19-46 and 2 Kings 2.25). They grouped themselves around a small chapel dedicated to Our Lady. In the 13<sup>th</sup> century, the order of Carmel as we know it was formed, retaining the twin devotions of the early hermits: to Elijah and his solitary prayer, and to Our Lady under the title of ‘Mount Carmel.’

## 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!

## THE FOOD BANK “OASIS”



Please remember to bring non-perishable food and leave them in the bins at the doors of the church...Thank you.