

‘Oh, the Depths!’: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Isaiah 22:15, 19-23 | Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8
Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36 | Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20



“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!” Paul exclaims in today’s Epistle. Today’s Psalm, too, takes up the triumphant note of joy and thanksgiving. Why? Because in the Gospel, the heavenly Father reveals the mystery of His kingdom to Peter.

With Peter, we rejoice that Jesus is the anointed son promised to David, the one prophesied to build God’s temple and reign over an everlasting kingdom (see 2 Samuel 7:1-28).

What Jesus calls “my Church” is the kingdom promised to David’s son (see Isaiah 9:1–7). As we hear in today’s First Reading, Isaiah foretold that the keys to David’s kingdom would be given to a new master, who would rule as father to God’s people.

Jesus, the root and offspring of David, alone holds the kingdom’s keys (see Revelation 1:18; 3:7; 22:16). In giving those keys to Peter, Jesus fulfills that prophecy, establishing Peter—and all who succeed him—as holy father of His Church.

His Church, too, is the new house of God—the spiritual temple founded on the “rock” of Peter, and built up out of the living stones of individual believers (see 1 Peter 2:5).

Abraham was called “the rock” from which the children of Israel were hewn (see Isaiah 51:1–2). And Peter becomes the rock from which God raises up new children of God (see Matthew 3:9).

The word Jesus uses—“church” (ekklesia in Greek)—was used in the Greek translation of the Old Testament for the “assembly” of God’s children after the exodus (see Deuteronomy 18:16; 31:30).

His Church is the “assembly of the firstborn” (see Hebrews 12:23; Exodus 4:23–24), established by Jesus’ exodus (see Luke 9:31). Like the Israelites, we are baptized in water, led by the Rock, and fed with spiritual food (see 1 Corinthians 10:1–5).

Gathered at His altar, in the presence of angels, we sing His praise and give thanks to His holy name.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
August 26th – September 3rd, 2017

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| Saturday 4:30 p.m. | Aug. 26th | Sunday Vigil Louis Ottoni – RIP – by Pina Agnessi |
| Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | Aug. 27th | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Martin Leekam – Blessings – by the family John Birinyi – RIP – by Barbara |
| Monday | Aug. 28th | NO MASS |
| Tuesday 7:00 p.m. | Aug. 29th | Passion of Saint John the Baptist Simeona and Damaso Acuzar – RIP – by the Acuzar family |
| Wednesday 9:00 a.m. | Aug. 30th | Weekday Veronique Legare Roy – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy |
| Thursday 9:00 a.m. | Aug. 31st | Weekday Antonio Sia – RIP – by the family |
| Friday 9:00 a.m. | Sept. 1st | Weekday Stanley Tait – RIP – by the Piper family |
| Saturday 10:00 a.m. | Sept. 2nd | Blessed Andre Grasset Deceased Members of the Family – by Kathy Donatien |
| Saturday 4:30 p.m. | Sept. 2nd | Sunday Vigil Louis Ottoni – RIP – by Albert and Frances Iacovella |
| Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | Sept. 3rd | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Edward Moran – RIP – by the family Eduardo and Remedios Domingo – RIP – by the Domingo 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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SAINT MONICA, August 27



Saint Monica was born in North Africa in 332 of Christian parents. At a young age, she was given in marriage to Patricius; they had three children. Patricius criticized his wife's piety and her generosity to the poor, but was always respectful of her person. Monica's influence was such that both husband and mother-in-law converted to Christianity. In 371, a year after his baptism, Patricius died.

Monica then devoted herself to the conversion of her son, Augustine, who had abandoned his Christian faith. After 17 years of Monica's persistent prayers, Augustine was converted while in Milan where he met Bishop Ambrose and returned to his faith. Mother and son enjoyed a close relationship from then on; Monica died during their return trip to Africa. She had said that there was nothing left for her to do, all her hopes having been fulfilled.

All we know about Monica comes from Augustine's *Confessions*. In the tenth chapter of book IX, he describes a spiritual experience they shared near the end of her life, and he always remembered his mother's efforts on his behalf. She is a patron of mothers

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.

PARENT MEETING – will be on Sunday, August 27th, 10:00 A.M. at the Church Hall. **All parents must attend.**

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Inspired by the friends of the paralyzed man, who were able to overcome every obstacle and provide him with access to Jesus, we also desire to provide a way to Jesus, for those with limited mobility in our community.

With confidence in your unfailing help, we entrust to your care this project, that it may be successfully completed, according to the will of our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.