

The Humble Path: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28 | Psalm 25:4-9
Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11 | Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32



Echoing the complaint heard in last week's readings, today's First Reading again presents protests that God isn't fair. Why does He punish with death one who begins in virtue but falls into iniquity, while granting life to the wicked one who turns from sin?

This is the question that Jesus takes up in the parable in today's Gospel.

The first son represents the most heinous sinners of Jesus' day – tax collectors and prostitutes – who by their sin at first refuse to serve in the Lord's vineyard, the kingdom. At the preaching of John the Baptist, they repented and did what is right and just. The second son represents Israel's leaders – who said they would serve God in the vineyard, but refused to believe John when he told them they must produce good fruits as evidence of their repentance (see **Matthew 3:8**).

Once again, this week's readings invite us to ponder the unfathomable ways of God's justice and mercy. He teaches His ways only to the humble, as we sing in today's Psalm. And in the Epistle today, Paul presents Jesus as the model of that humility by which we come to know life's true path.

Paul sings a beautiful hymn to the Incarnation. Unlike Adam, the first man, who in his pride grasped at being God, the New Adam, Jesus, humbled himself to become a slave, obedient even unto death on the cross (see **Romans 5:14**). In this He has shown sinners – each one of us – the way back to the Father. We can only come to God, to serve in His vineyard, the Church, by having that same attitude as Christ.

This is what Israel's leaders lacked. In their vainglory, they presumed their superiority – that they had no further need to hear God's Word or God's servants.

But this is the way to death, as God tells Ezekiel today. We are always to be emptying ourselves, seeking forgiveness for our sins and frailties, confessing on bended knee that He is Lord, to the glory of the Father.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
September 30th – October 8th, 2017

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sept. 30th	Sunday Vigil For All Souls in Purgatory – by Kathy Donatien
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Oct. 1st	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Maria Aninha Pereira – RIP – by the Be My Disciples Catechists Florence Lewis – RIP – by Janet Prasad
Monday	Oct. 2nd	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Oct. 3rd	Weekday Zoilo Quiroz – RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 4th	Saint Francis of Assisi Rogelio Magallanes – RIP – by the Fumar family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 5th	Weekday Letitia Sequeira - RIP
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 6th	Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher Abilio Carvajal – RIP – by Mercedes and family
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Oct. 7th	Our Lady of the Rosary Rita and Pietro Mosca – RIP – by the family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 7th	Sunday Vigil Jerry Roy – Birthday Thanksgiving – by Ofelia Roy
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Oct. 8th	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Maria Louisa Amirthanathan – RIP – by the Be My Disciples Catechists Feliks Rewers – RIP – by Wanda Rewers

*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 THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS: October 1



Marie-Francoise Therese Martin was born in Normandy, France, in 1873, ninth and youngest child of Louis Martin and Azelie-Marie Guerin; only five daughters survived to adulthood. Their mother died when Therese was only five years old and the family moved to Lisieux, where she was raised by her father, her sisters and an aunt. Three of her sisters became Carmelite nuns and the fourth joined the Visitandines.

Therese entered the Carmel of Lisieux when she was 15. Her motto was a phrase from the great Carmelite mystic, John of the Cross: "Love is repaid by love alone." Therese held special devotions to the heart of Jesus and to the spiritual Motherhood of Mary. Tuberculosis limited Therese's activities. She pioneered the ideal of the 'little way': fidelity in the small things, trust and complete self-surrender to God. (*Living with Christ, October 2017*)

SAINTLY QUOTE:

"Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love." — Saint Thérèse

SAINTLY PRAYER:

O my God! I offer Thee all my actions of this day for the intentions and for the glory of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I desire to sanctify every beat of my heart, my every thought, my simplest works, by uniting them to Its infinite merits; and I wish to make reparation for my sins by casting them into the furnace of Its Merciful Love.

O my God! I ask of Thee for myself and for those whom I hold dear, the grace to fulfill perfectly Thy Holy Will, to accept for love of Thee the joys and sorrows of this passing life, so that we may one day be united together in heaven for all Eternity. Amen. — Saint Thérèse

A SPECIAL CELEBRATION FOR D & P



On October 20, 2017, Development and Peace will celebrate its 50th anniversary. Go to www.devp.org/50years to learn about the history of D&P, watch videos and find out about upcoming celebrations. Learn more about the vital role women play in conflict prevention and peacebuilding. Stay connected.

Exciting news and events will be announced throughout the fall. Join a dynamic pan-Canadian movement that takes action for peace and justice. (*The Grapevine, September 14, 2017*)

A CONFERENCE FOR EVERYONE

Auxiliary Bishop Alain Faubert and the Episcopal Vicar for the English-speaking faithful, Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, will be guest speakers at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral on **Friday evening, November 17**, at the official bilingual opening of the *Faith Enrichment Conference*.

Loyola High School will be the venue for English workshops to be held on **Saturday, November 18**; workshops will be held, in French, at Collège André-Grasset on the same date. **Circle November 17 & 18 in your calendar!** (*The Grapevine, September 14, 2017*)

