

For Your Life: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9 | Psalm 63:2-6, 8-9
Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2 | Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27



Today's First Reading catches the prophet Jeremiah in a moment of weakness. His intimate lamentation contains some of the strongest language of doubt found in the Bible. Following God's call, he feels abandoned. Preaching His Word has brought him only derision and reproach.

But God does not deceive—and Jeremiah knows this. He tests the just (see Jeremiah 20:11–12), and disciplines His children through their sufferings and trials (see Hebrews 12:5–7).

What Jeremiah learns Jesus states explicitly in today's Gospel. To follow Him is to take up a cross, to deny yourself— your priorities, preferences, and comforts. It is to be willing to give it all up, even life itself, for the sake of His gospel. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we have to join ourselves to the Passion of Christ, to offer our bodies—our whole beings—as living sacrifices to God.

By His Cross, Jesus has shown us what Israel's sacrifices of animals were meant to teach—that we owe to God all that we have.

God's kindness is a greater good than life itself, as we sing in today's Psalm. The only thanks we can offer is our spiritual worship—to give our lives to the service of His will (see Hebrews 10:3–11; Psalm 50:14, 23).

Peter doesn't yet get this in today's Gospel. As it was for Jeremiah, the cross is a stumbling block for Peter (see 1 Corinthians 1:23). This too is our natural temptation—to refuse to believe that our sufferings play a necessary part in God's plan.

That's how people think, Jesus tells us today. But we are called to the renewal of our minds—to think as God thinks, to will what He wills.

In the Mass, we once again offer ourselves as perfect and pleasing sacrifices of praise (see Hebrews 13:15). We bless Him as we live, confident that we will find our lives in losing them, that with the riches of His banquet, our souls will be satisfied.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
September 2nd – 10th, 2017

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
Monday	Sept. 4th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Sept. 5th	Weekday Beatrice Piper – RIP – by the Piper family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 6th	Weekday Elizabeth Hack – RIP – by Barbara
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 7th	Weekday For Souls in Purgatory – by Phil
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 8th	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rita and Pietro Mosca – RIP – by the family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sept. 9th	Sunday Vigil Jerry and Ofelia Roy – Anniversary Thanksgiving
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sept. 10th	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Deceased Members of D’Souza and Sequeira families John Birinyi – RIP – by Barbara

*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



Be My Disciples will re-start next Sunday, September 10th immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. We hope you had a happy and restful summer, and we will be very happy to see all of you next week.

If you are new to the parish, or if you forgot to re-register your child for Be My Disciples, you may still do so. Please call the office at 514 747-4226 to register your child **BEFORE NEXT SUNDAY**. The Be My Disciples program is for **ALL children** of the Parish between the ages of Kindergarten and Junior High. It is a **faith transmission and education program** by which we help you, the parents, instruct your child in our Catholic faith. Welcome to our new catechetical year!

HONORING THE APPARITIONS AT FATIMA 100 YEARS AGO



Fr. Robert J. Gendreau will be the celebrant on Saturday, September 2 at the oldest church in Montreal, the Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Église Visitation-de-la-Bienheureuse-Vierge-Marie), 1847 Gouin Boulevard East, Montreal, H2C 1C8, starting at 9 am with the Rosary, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and celebration of the Eucharist with the Fatima message at 10 am. All are welcome.

Archbishop Christian Lépine will be presiding at the centennial Mass in honour of the last apparition at Fatima on Friday, October 13, 7:30 pm at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral, the corner of René-Lévesque and de la Cathédrale Streets, Montreal, H3B 2V3 (Bonaventure Metro Station, orange line). At this Mass in October, the Archbishop will be consecrating the Cathedral. (*The Grapevine, August 24, 2017*)

LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL'S OPEN HOUSE



Loyola High School will be hosting an Open House for prospective students on Saturday, September 16th, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. If you are interested in a Catholic education for your son, come and meet the people who make up the Loyola family, tour our school, learn about our sports teams, explore the labs, Fine Arts and Robotics facilities. Loyola ensures that finances are not a barrier to a qualified student attending. We offer Financial Aid to families who could otherwise not afford the school fees. To learn more, please visit loyola.ca.

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, SEPTEMBER 8th



This feast originated in the Eastern Church and was commemorated in the West as early as the 5th century. No one is certain where Mary was born, but two traditions have survived from ancient times, one naming Nazareth and the other, Jerusalem. An occasion for praise and thanksgiving, the feast celebrates Mary's personal sanctity and vocation as the mother of Jesus. (*Living with Christ, September 2017*)