

Caesar and the King: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6 | Psalm 96:1,3-5, 7-10
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 | Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21



The Lord is king over all the earth, as we sing in today's Psalm. Governments rise and fall by His permission, with no authority but that given from above (see John 19:11; Romans 13:1).

In effect, God says to every ruler what he tells King Cyrus in today's First Reading: "I have called you . . . though you knew me not."

The Lord raised up Cyrus to restore the Israelites from exile, and to rebuild Jerusalem (see Ezra 1:1-4). Throughout salvation history, God has used foreign rulers for the sake of His chosen people. Pharaoh's heart was hardened to reveal God's power (see Romans 9:17). Invading armies were used to punish Israel's sins (see 2 Maccabees 6:7-16).

The Roman occupation during Jesus' time was, in a similar way, a judgment on Israel's unfaithfulness. Jesus' famous words in today's Gospel: "Repay to Caesar" are a pointed reminder of this. And they call us, too, to keep our allegiances straight.

The Lord alone is our king. His kingdom is not of this world (see John 18:36) but it begins here in His Church, which tells of His glory among all peoples. Citizens of heaven (see Philippians 3:20), we are called to be a light to the world (see Matthew 5:14) – working in faith, laboring in love, and enduring in hope, as today's Epistle counsels.

We owe the government a concern for the common good, and obedience to laws – unless they conflict with God's commandments as interpreted by the Church (see Acts 5:29).

But we owe God everything. The coin bears Caesar's image. But we bear God's own image (see Genesis 1:27). We owe Him our very lives – all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, offered as a living sacrifice of love (see Romans 12:1-2).

We should pray for our leaders, that like Cyrus they do God's will (see 1 Timothy 2:1-2) – until from the rising of the sun to its setting, all humanity knows that Jesus is Lord.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
October 21st – 29th, 2017

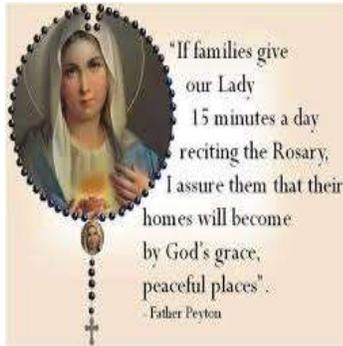
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 21st	Sunday Vigil Ofelia Roy – Safe Flight
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Oct. 22nd	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Maria Aninha Pereira – RIP – by Connie and Jim Bruna Alesi – RIP – by the family
Monday	Oct. 23rd	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Oct. 24th	Saint Anthony Mary Claret Angela Rosa Mignacca – RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 25th	Weekday Adrian de Souza – RIP – by the family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 26th	Weekday In Thanksgiving – Ron and Carolyn
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 27th	Weekday Denise Lachance – Birthday Blessings – by Gisele
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 28th	Sunday Vigil Jose J. Ponte – RIP – by Maria
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Oct. 29th	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Thomas Bolohan – RIP – by Joan Jose J. Ponte – RIP – by Maria

Called Home To The Father

*Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Father Russell Schultz**. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

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MONTH OF THE ROSARY



"The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families... that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary." - Sister Lucy of Fatima

CATHOLIC ACTION MONTREAL – UPDATE



Catholic Action is currently assisting with a Montreal diocesan project for refugees and asylum seekers. This project assists single women, mothers and children, and there is a desperate need for single mattresses and bed frames. The facility (the presbytery of Notre Dame des Victoires Church) will soon serve 45 seekers and at the moment only 5 mattresses are available. Bassinets with mattresses are also needed. Any volunteers with a couple of hours to spare, including students who need community service hours, would be welcomed. A very sincere 'THANK YOU' to all involved in the major cleanup last Saturday. For further information, please contact the Executive Director at CAM, Judy Wong, at [514-243-9227](tel:514-243-9227) (cell) or Email Judy at jwong@catholicaction.ca

FECU INVITATION TO BOWL-A-THON

Fr. David Kiyingi is inviting you, your family and friends to a fun-filled bowl-a-thon to support the **Foundation for the Education of Children in Uganda (FECU)** taking place on **Sunday, November 12, at 1:00 p.m. at the Laurentian Lanes, 222 Montée-de-Liesse (corner: Côte-de-Liesse) St.-Laurent, Qc H4T 1N8**. Tickets are \$20.00 for adult, \$12 for youth under 16. All the proceeds will go to support the education of underprivileged children in Uganda. Donations will also be very much appreciated. Tax-receipts will be given for donations from \$20.00. For info. please, call Fr. David: 514-213-5778; or Noreen: 514-838-0198. Come and relax, while helping someone in Uganda!

SAINT MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH BAZAAR



There will be Bazaar at St. Mark's Anglican Church (1650 Decelles, Saint-Laurent) on Saturday, November 4th, from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Come pay us a visit and enjoy home cooking, jams, jellies, with a lunch room and snack bar. Save on clothing fabrics, jewelry, and gifts.

FATHER RUSSELL SCHULTZ'S FUNERAL

Father Schultz, former long time pastor of Our Lady of Fatima, died on the evening of October 16th. His funeral mass will be here at Our Lady of Fatima parish on Monday, October 23rd, at 11am.

Viewing will be at Urgel Bourgie, 3955 Cote de Liesse, Sunday, October 22nd at 6pm to 9pm. Also, On October 23rd, before the funeral, there will be a viewing from 9:30am to 10:30am in the Church.