

# Love Commanded: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26 | Psalm 18:2-4, 47, 51  
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 | Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40



Jesus came not to abolish the Old Testament law but to fulfill it (see Matthew 5:17)

And in today's Gospel, He reveals that love—of God and of neighbor—is the fulfillment of the whole of the law (see Romans 13:8-10).

Devout Israelites were to keep all 613 commands found in the Bible's first five books. Jesus says today that all these, and all the teachings of the prophets, can be summarized by two verses of this law (see Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18).

He seems to summarize the two stone tablets on which God was said to have engraved the Ten Commandments (see Exodus 32:15-16). The first tablet set out three laws concerning the love of God—such as the command not to take His name in vain; the second contained seven commands regarding love of neighbor, such as those against stealing and adultery.

Love is the hinge that binds the two tablets of the law. For we can't love God, whom we can't see, if we don't love our neighbor, whom we can (see 1 John 4:20-22).

But this love we are called to is far more than simple affection or warm sentiment. We must give ourselves totally to God – loving with our whole beings, with all our heart, soul and mind. Our love for our neighbor must express itself in concrete actions, such as those set out in today's First Reading.

We love because He first loved us (see 1 John 4:19). As we sing in today's Psalm, He has been our deliverer, our strength when we could not possibly defend ourselves against the enemies of sin and death.

We love in thanksgiving for our salvation. And in this become imitators of Jesus, as Paul tells us in today's Epistle—laying down our lives daily in ways large and small, seen and unseen, our lives offered as a continual sacrifice of praise (see John 15:12-13; Hebrews 13:15).

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**October 28<sup>th</sup> – November 5, 2017**

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Oct. 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Jose J. Ponte – RIP – by Maria
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Oct. 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Thomas Bolohan – RIP – by Joan  Jose J. Ponte – RIP – by Maria
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Oct. 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Oct. 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Benjamin Saldaña – RIP – by Anna Jaronel
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b> Gaudencio Arao-arao – RIP – by the family
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.  7:00 p.m.	<b>Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>ALL SOULS DAY</b> Joao and Conceicao Bulhoes – RIP – by Maria <b>For deceased parishioners and loved ones</b>
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Saint Martin de Porres</b> For All Saints, All Souls and All Angels – by the Ferraro family
<b>Saturday</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Charles Borromeo</b> Jerry Chirola – RIP – by the family
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Nov. 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Jacinto and Maria Jose Tomaz –RIP – by Maria
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Maria Louisa Amirthanathan – RIP – by Connie and Jim  Jeffrey Saldaña – RIP – by Anna Jaronel

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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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**PRAYING FOR THE DEAD**

Yellow envelopes are available on the pews for anyone who wishes to offer Masses for the souls of departed family members and friends. These envelopes will be kept in the Sanctuary throughout November, the month of prayers for the dead.

## BOWL-A-THON FUNDRAISER

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.

## FORUM MISSION JEUNESSE

In the spirit of the **2018 Synod**, Pope Francis wants to hear the opinions and the perceptions directly from young people concerning:

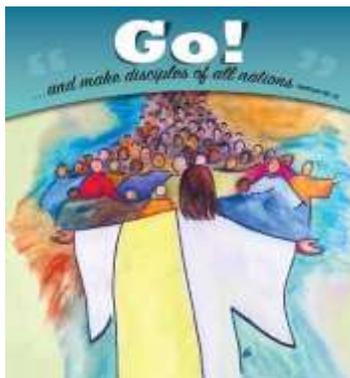
- Their dreams and desires
- The challenges they face in today's world
- Topics that touch them personally and the church.

The **Forum Mission Jeunesse** provides a space for young people to do just that – through dynamic and interactive activities, witness talks, time of prayer and worship. This opportunity also provides the chance to establish dialogue between the Church and young people!

***We encourage each community to name and delegate a minimum of 2-3 youth to represent the community at the Youth Forum.***

The **Forum Mission Jeunesse** will be held on **Saturday, November 4** at the Grand Seminary of Montreal (2065 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal, H3H 1G6). It is open to teens (13-17 years old) and young adults (18-35 years old). Activities vary according to age groups. Participants must register. For registration and information: [www.missionjeunessemtl.org](http://www.missionjeunessemtl.org). Registration fee: \$25 per participant. (*The Grapevine, October 20, 2017*)

## A CONFERENCE FOR EVERYONE!



Auxiliary Bishop Alain Faubert and Episcopal Vicar for the English-speaking faithful, Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, will be guest speakers at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral (1085 de la Cathédrale, Montreal, H3B 2V3) on **Friday evening, November 17**, 7 p.m. at the official bilingual opening of the Faith Enrichment Conference. Loyola High School (7272 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal, H4B 1R2) will be the venue for English workshops held on **Saturday, November 18**; at the same time and date, workshops will be held, in French, at Collège André-Grasset (1001 Crémazie Blvd. East, Montreal, H2M 1M3). For full schedule and registration details, visit: <http://www.diocesemontreal.org/blog/faith-enrichment-conference/>. (*The Grapevine, October 20, 2017*)

## ALL SOULS DAY: November 2<sup>ND</sup>

In addition to the usual 9am mass on Thursdays, there will be an additional mass Thursday at **7pm**, which will be offered for our parishioners and loved ones who have died.