

# Living on the Vine: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty- Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7 | Psalm 80:9, 12-16, 19-20  
Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9 | Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43



In today's Gospel Jesus returns to the Old Testament symbol of the vineyard to teach about Israel, the Church, and the kingdom of God.

And the symbolism of today's First Reading and Psalm is readily understood.

God is the owner and the house of Israel is the vineyard. A cherished vine, Israel was plucked from Egypt and transplanted in a fertile land specially spaded and prepared by God, hedged about by the city walls of Jerusalem, watched over by the towering Temple. But the vineyard produced no good grapes for the wine, a symbol for the holy lives God wanted for His people. So God allowed His vineyard to be overrun by foreign invaders, as Isaiah foresees in the First Reading.

Jesus picks up the story where Isaiah leaves off, even using Isaiah's words to describe the vineyard's wine press, hedge, and watchtower. Israel's religious leaders, the tenants in His parable, have learned nothing from Isaiah or Israel's past. Instead of producing good fruits, they've killed the owner's servants, the prophets sent to gather the harvest of faithful souls. In a dark foreshadowing of His own crucifixion outside Jerusalem, Jesus says the tenants' final outrage will be to seize the owner's son, and to kill him outside the vineyard walls.

For this, the vineyard, which Jesus calls the kingdom of God, will be taken away and given to new tenants – the leaders of the Church, who will produce its fruit.

We are each a vine in the Lord's vineyard, grafted onto the true vine of Christ (see John 15:1-8), called to bear fruits of the righteousness in Him (see Philippians 1:11), and to be the "first fruits" of a new creation (see James 1:18).

We need to take care that we don't let ourselves be overgrown with the thorns and briars of worldly anxiety. As today's Epistle advises, we need to fill our hearts and minds with noble intentions and virtuous deeds, rejoicing always that the Lord is near.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**October 7<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

<b>Saturday</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>Oct. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b> Rita and Pietro Mosca – RIP – by the family
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Oct. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Jerry Roy – Birthday Thanksgiving – by Ofelia Roy
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Oct. 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Maria Louisa Amirthanathan – RIP – by the Be My Disciples Catechists  Feliks Rewers – RIP – by Wanda Rewers
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Oct. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Oct. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Veronica Certeza – RIP – by the Fumar family
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct. 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint John XXIII</b> Antonio Sia – RIP – by the family
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> For souls in Purgatory – by Phil
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Angelo and Noel del Pino – RIP – by Leah
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Oct. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> <i>(Mass Intention Available)</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Oct. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Louis Ottoni – RIP – by Sabatino and Catherine  Sylvie Gonsalves – RIP – by the Canorient Christian Association

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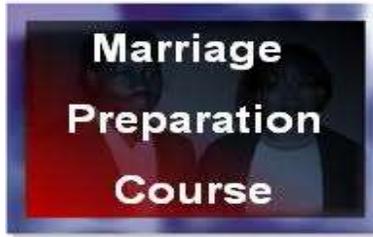
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

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## MARRIAGE COURSES – QUEBEC COACHES



Ideal for couples who wish to discover more about themselves and married life, even before they say “I do”, a marriage course is offered over 5 weekly sessions in a warm & relaxed home setting in Kirkland, Wednesday evenings, starting October 18 and ending November 15. The cost is \$50 per couple, including materials.

There is absolutely no group work and all discussions remain **completely private** between spouses.

One other course is designed for couples wanting to invest in their relationship, whether they have been together for 1 year or 61 years, and whether they feel they have a strong marriage or are struggling. The cost is \$70 per couple and begins Thursday, October 19 through December 7. To register or for more information, please connect with Nathalie or John Bondyra at [514-695-7896](tel:514-695-7896), or Email them at [kahndyra@sympatico.ca](mailto:kahndyra@sympatico.ca)

## A SPECIAL CELEBRATION FOR D & P



On October 20, 2017, Development and Peace will celebrate its 50th anniversary. Go to [www.devp.org/50years](http://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*)

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