

Members of the Wedding: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16 | Psalm 63:2-8

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 | Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13



According to marriage customs of Jesus' day, a bride was first "betrothed" to her husband but continued for a time to live with her family. Then, at the appointed hour, some months later, the groom would come to claim her, leading her family and bridal party to the wedding feast that would celebrate and inaugurate their new life together.

This is the background to the parable of the last judgment we hear in today's Gospel.

In the parable's symbolism, Jesus is the Bridegroom (see Mark 2:19). In this, He fulfills God's ancient promise to join himself forever to His chosen people as a husband cleaves to his bride (see Hosea 2:16-20). The virgins of the bridal party represent us, the members of the Church.

We were "betrothed" to Jesus in baptism (see 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:25-27) and are called to lives of holiness and devotion until He comes again to lead us to the heavenly wedding feast at the end of time (see Revelation 19:7-9; 21:1-4).

As St. Paul warns in today's Epistle, Jesus is coming again, though we know not the day nor the hour.

We need to keep vigil throughout the dark night of this time in which our Bridegroom seems long delayed. We need to keep our souls' lamps filled with the oil of perseverance and desire for God – virtues that are extolled in today's First Reading and Psalm.

We are to seek Him in love, meditating upon His kindness, calling upon His name, striving to be ever more worthy of Him, to be found without spot or blemish when He comes.

If we do this, we will be counted as wise and the oil for our lamps will not run dry (see 1 Kings 17:16). We will perceive the Bridegroom, the Wisdom of God (see Proverbs 8:22-31,35; 9:1-5), hastening toward us, beckoning us to the table He has prepared, the rich banquet which will satisfy our souls.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
November 11th – 19th, 2017

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Nov. 11th	Sunday Vigil Dominic D'Souza – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Nov. 12th	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Austin Moran - RIP – by the family Jeon Matthew Ching – RIP – by the family
Monday	Nov. 13th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Nov. 14th	Weekday Pietro Mosca - RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Nov. 15th	Saint Albert the Great Ross O'Donnell – RIP – by Joan Memorial Mass for the Retired Teachers of Montreal
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 16th	Saint Margaret of Scotland and Saint Gertrude Eileen and Kathleen – Blessings – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 17th	Saint Elizabeth of Hungary For Souls in Purgatory – by Leah
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Nov. 18th	Sunday Vigil Rita and Pietro Mosca – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Nov. 19th	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Maria Melo Ponte – RIP – by Maria Bruna Alesi – RIP – by the family

***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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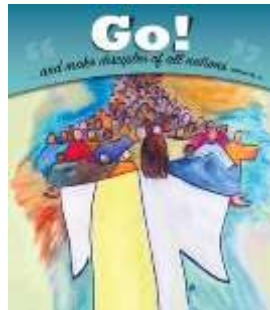
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You're invited to this year's FAITH ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE! Join speakers Auxiliary Bishop Alain Faubert, V.G. and Fr. Raymond Lafontaine, E.V. for Friday's bilingual keynote address "Together in Mission!" on Nov. 17, 7:00 p.m. at Mary Queen of the World Cathedral. Take part in a variety of workshops based on Pope Francis' "The Joy of the Gospel", offered Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at Loyola High School followed by a closing prayer.

Cost is only \$60! This includes Friday's keynote and refreshments, and Saturday's conference launch, Archbishop Christian Lépine's morning workshop, all day-sessions, break-time refreshments, and Saturday lunch. (*The Grapevine*, November 7, 2017)

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The Loyola High School Mothers' Guild proudly presents its 48th Annual Wine and Cheese Fundraiser on November 26th, Sunday, from 2-5 pm, 2477 West Broadway Entrance.

Please join us for games, silent auction, our famous Ballon Pop, wonderful food, beverages and much more. Tickets are available at www.loyola.ca. Adults only, \$25 admission. All proceeds benefit the Loyola High School Bursary Fund.