

# Hearing the Call: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19 | Psalm 40:2,4,7-10  
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20 | Gospel: John 1:35-42



In the call of Samuel and the first Apostles, today's Readings shed light on our own calling to be followers of Christ.

Notice in the Gospel today that John's disciples are prepared to hear God's call. They are already looking for the Messiah, so they trust in John's word and follow when he points out the Lamb of God walking by.

Samuel is also waiting on the Lord—sleeping near the Ark of the Covenant where God's glory dwells, taking instruction from Eli, the high priest.

Samuel listened to God's word and the Lord was with him. And Samuel, through his word, turned all Israel to the Lord (see 1 Samuel 3:21; 7:2-3). The disciples too, heard and followed—words we hear repeatedly in today's Gospel. They stayed with the Lord and by their testimony brought others to the Lord.

These scenes from salvation history should give us strength to embrace God's will and to follow His call in our lives.

God is constantly calling to each of us—personally, by name (see Isaiah 43:1; John 10:3). He wants us to seek Him in love, to long for His word (see Wisdom 6:11-12). We must desire always, as the apostles did, to stay where the Lord stays, to constantly seek His face (see Psalm 42:2).

For we are not our own, but belong to the Lord, as Paul says in today's Epistle.

We must have ears open to obedience, and write His word within our hearts. We must trust in the Lord's promise—that if we come to Him in faith, He will abide with us (see John 15:14; 14:21-23), and raise us by His power. And we must reflect in our lives the love He has shown us, so that others too may find the Messiah.

As we renew our vows of discipleship in this Eucharist, let us approach the altar singing the new song of today's Psalm: "Behold I come . . . to do your will O God."

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**January 13<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Jan. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Raymond Tait – RIP – by the Piper family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Jan. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Rita and Pietro Mosca – RIP – by the family  Feliks Rewers – RIP – by Wanda Rewers
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Jan. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Jan. 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Thanksgiving by Nelson and Vilma D'Souza
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Jan. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Anthony</b> Paciencia Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Jan. 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Terence Leekam – Birthday Blessings- by the family
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Jan. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Maria E.S. Ponte, Maria Melo & Jose Ponte – RIP – by Conceicao and Jeremias Pacheco
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Jan. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Helen Annett – RIP – by Joan
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Jan. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Maria Louise Amirthanathan – RIP – by Dulce Fumar  Thanksgiving and Blessings – by Jun and Agnes Sales

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**Called Home To The Father**

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

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**LATE SUNDAY MASS – TIME CHANGE**



To better serve the Catholic community of Montreal, a late evening Mass is held every Sunday throughout the pastoral year. Everyone is most welcome to celebrate the Eucharist each week. Please note that **starting JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the Late Sunday Mass is being held at 7:00 pm.**

## THANK YOU

My brothers and sisters in Christ. Now that the Christmas holiday season is over, and we are able to catch our breath, it is a good time to look back on the last few weeks and reflect on the blessings, joys and even struggles we've experienced. As I look back, my heart is especially *filled with thankfulness* to Jesus for all that He has done for me personally, and for each one of you. Our Lord is Love, and He is generous with His love that He showers down on our community, on each one of us! I am also *filled with thankfulness* for this community, for all of you at Our Lady of Fatima and the love you express to me and for your community. It is a privilege to be here with you, to serve as your priest. Thank you for your support, and your patience with me, imperfect as I am!

I am also *filled with thankfulness* for the many people who help to keep this parish going. Without all of you who help in various ways, this parish would not function. We have a great parish staff, wonderful wardens, and many volunteers who are very talented and always flexible to meet the various needs that come up. Some volunteers are more visible; like our two choirs, the lectors and servers, the ushers and greeters, the collectors. Others are not so visible; like those who prepare the sacristy, the decorators, the cleaners, the candle stocking and re-fillers, the counters, snow removers and salters, and bulletin printer, and those who fold them... and so many more I fear I've forgotten to mention here. The priest is one among the many who make a parish community what it is. Thank you to all of you for all that you do for our community! And special thank you to Father Andrew for his help.

May our Lady place her mantle of protection over you, and may the blessing of God fill you!

Yours in Christ, Fr. Jason Piper

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### CFC-YOUTH WINTER CAMP



**Mark your calendars.** On February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, the CFC-Youth Montreal will be holding a winter camp at 180 Juge-Desnoyers Place, Laval.

This three-day camp is an experience that will give youth (12-21 years old), the opportunity to know Jesus Christ in a personal way and build Christian friendships with other youth. This will be achieved through a program consisting of talks, sharings and fun-filled activities led by young adults who love and serve the Lord. Registration fee is \$60.00. For details, please contact Allan at 514 213-4868.

### HOLY HOUR



Silent adoration every Tuesday evening, following the 7:00pm mass (from 7:30pm to 8:30pm) Also, Adoration every Friday, following the 9:00am mass (from 9:30am to 10:30am). Come and spend some time with the Lord!

"Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace." - St. Alphonsus Ligouri

