

Following Him: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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First Reading: [Jonah 3:1-5,10](#) | [Psalm 25:4-9](#)
Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 7:29-31](#) | [Gospel: Mark 1:14-20](#)



The calling of the brothers in today's Gospel evokes Elisha's commissioning by the prophet Elijah (see [1 Kings 19:19-21](#)).

As Elijah comes upon Elisha working on his family's farm, so Jesus sees the brothers working by the seaside. And as Elisha left his mother and father to follow Elijah, so the brothers leave their father to come after Jesus.

Jesus' promise – to make them “fishers of men” – evokes Israel's deepest hopes. The prophet Jeremiah announced a new exodus in which God would send “many fishermen” to restore the Israelites from exile, as once He brought them out of slavery in Egypt (see [Jeremiah 16:14-16](#)).

By Jesus' cross and resurrection, this new exodus has begun (see [Luke 9:31](#)). And the apostles are the first of a new people of God, the Church – a new family, based not on blood ties, but on belief in Jesus and a desire to do the Father's will (see [John 1:12-13](#); [Matthew 12:46-50](#)).

From now on, even our most important worldly concerns – family relations, occupations, and possessions – must be judged in light of the gospel, Paul says in today's Epistle.

The first word of Jesus' gospel – repent – means we must totally change our way of thinking and living, turning from evil, doing all for the love of God.

And we should be consoled by Nineveh's repentance in today's First Reading. Even the wicked Nineveh could repent at Jonah's preaching. And in Jesus we have a greater than Jonah (see [Matthew 12:41](#)). We have God come as our savior, to show sinners the way, as we sing in today's Psalm. This should give us hope – that loved ones who remain far from God will find compassion if they turn to Him.

But we, too, must continue along the path of repentance – striving daily to pattern our lives after His.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
January 20th – 28th, 2018

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Jan. 20th	Sunday Vigil Helen Annett – RIP – by Joan
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jan. 21st	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Maria Louise Amirthanathan – RIP – by Dulce Fumar Thanksgiving and Blessings – by Jun and Agnes Sales
Monday	Jan. 22nd	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Jan. 23rd	Weekday Bruna Alesi – RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 24th	Saint Francis de Sales Maria E. S. Ponte, Maria Melo & Jose Ponte – RIP – by Conceicao and Jeremias Pacheco
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 25th	CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL Gisele Boisvert – RIP – by the Hebert family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 26th	Saints Timothy and Titus Hannibal and Pauline Alvares – RIP – by the Alvares family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Jan. 27th	Sunday Vigil Helen Mikus – RIP – by her husband and family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jan. 28th	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Alberto Santos – RIP – by Remedios Santos Feliks Rewers – RIP – by Wanda Rewers

Called Home To The Father

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Father Emmett Johns (aka Father Pops)**. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

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CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL: January 25

The conversion of Paul was a turning point in the history of the early Church. Saul, as Paul was first known, was a tentmaker from Tarsus who zealously persecuted the followers of Christ. While travelling on the road to Damascus, he was struck down amidst a blinding light from heaven. According to the account in Acts of the Apostles (9.1-22; 22.3-16; 26.12-18), a voice asked, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" Following the instructions he was given, Saul headed into Damascus and began proclaiming Jesus. Threatened with death for his actions, Paul escaped the city by being lowered in a basket over the city wall.

Paul's zeal for the risen Jesus led him to become a passionate follower and later a teacher of the nations. The letters, or epistles, of Paul offer us a window into the early Church. (*Living with Christ, January 2018*)

CFC-YOUTH WINTER CAMP



Mark your calendars. On February 2nd – 4th, 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

THE FOOD BANK "OASIS"



Please remember to bring non-perishable food and leave them in the bins at the doors of the church...Thank you.

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 7th, 2018, the Late Sunday Mass is being held at 7:00 pm.**