

The King's Authority: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Dt 18:15–20 | Psalm 95:1–2, 6–9
Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:32–35 | Gospel: Mk 1:21–28



Last week, Jesus announced the kingdom of God is at hand. This week, in mighty words and deeds, He exercises His dominion—asserting royal authority over the ruler of this world, Satan (see John 12:31).

Notice that today's events take place on the sabbath. The sabbath was to be an everlasting sign—both of God's covenant love for His creation (see Exodus 20:8–11; 31:12–17), and His deliverance

of his covenant people, Israel, from slavery (see Deuteronomy 6:12–15).

On this sabbath, Jesus signals a new creation—that the Holy One has come to purify His people and deliver the world from evil.

“With an unclean spirit” is biblical language for a man possessed by a demon, Satan being the prince of demons (see Mark 3:22).

The demons' question: “What have you to do with us?” is often used in Old Testament scenes of combat and judgment (see Judges 11:12; 1 Kings 17:18).

And as God by His word “rebuked” the forces of chaos in creating the world (see Psalms 104:7; Job 26:10–12), and again rebuked the Red Sea so the Israelites could make their exodus (see Psalms 106:9), Mark uses the same word to describe Jesus rebuking the demons (see Mark 4:39; Zechariah 3:2).

Jesus is the prophet foretold by Moses in today's First Reading (see Acts 3:22). Though He has authority over heaven and earth (see Daniel 7:14,27; Revelation 12:10), He becomes one of our own kinsmen.

He comes to rebuke the forces of evil and chaos—not only in the world, but in our lives. He wants to make us holy in body and spirit, as Paul says in today's Epistle (see Exodus 31:12).

In this liturgy, we hear His voice and “see” His works, as we sing in today's Psalm. And as Moses tells us today, we should listen to Him.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
January 27th – February 4th, 2018

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
Monday	Jan. 29th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Jan. 30th	Weekday Maria E. S. Ponte, Maria Melo & Jose Ponte – RIP – by Conceicao and Jeremias Pacheco
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 31st	Saint John Bosco Adrian de Souza – RIP – by the family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 1st	Weekday Domenica Alesi – RIP – by the Alesi family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Feb 2nd	Presentation of the Lord Ernest Morelli – RIP- by Pauline Butkus
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Feb 3rd	Saint Blaise and Saint Ansgar Leo, Rosa Maria and Anthony Borges – RIP – by the family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Feb 3rd	Sunday Vigil Maria E.S. Ponte – RIP – by the Wardens
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Feb 4th	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Maria E. S. Ponte, Maria Melo & Jose Ponte – RIP – by Conceicao and Jeremias Pacheco Olga and Fawzi Bichai – 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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WORLD DAY OF PRAYERS OF THE SICK

There will be a **day of prayers for the sick**, with Archbishop Christian Lepine at **St. Jude Sanctuary** (10 120 d'Auteuil Ave. near Sauve Metro). Begins at 9am, lauds, rosary, adoration, and concluding with mass at 12pm. The sacraments Anointing of the Sick and Confession will be made available. For more info call 514-272-4441.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE TRAINING FOR ANGLOPHONE SECTOR

To be held on **Saturday, February 3**, from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Development and Peace Head Office, third floor (1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, Montreal, H3G 1T7). This year's Share Lent theme is "Together for Peace".

You can now order materials which are available at https://www.devp.org/en/sharelent2018/materials?field_material_type_public_value=order.

Contact Kim Piché at the Social Action Office of the Archdiocese of Montreal for more details or to RSVP at 514-931-7311 x211 or KPiche@diocesemontreal.org. (*The Grapevine, Issue 2, Vol.13*)

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN ENGLISH

Congratulations to all newly-engaged couples!! This is an exciting time for you! Have you considered a Catholic faith-based preparation course that covers topics such as readiness for marriage, communication, sexuality, couple fertility awareness, responsible parenthood, stewardship of time and money and the sacrament of Matrimony? Please spread the word that on-line registration is now available! The next weekend session will be held **March 3-4**, followed by available sessions April 7-8, May 12-13 and June 9-10. A winter session is currently planned for four weeknights: January 31, February 7, 21 and 28 for any couple committed to weekend work shifts. The latest information can be obtained by visiting the diocesan website at: <http://www.diocesemontreal.org/en/services-resources/marriage-and-family/marriage-preparation.html>

The deadline date for the winter (evenings) session is fast approaching; please contact Rita Maisonneuve at 514-925-4300, ext. 229 for registration. Your wedding is being planned for next year? You don't have to wait to take the course - there are plenty of reasons to join us at this early start of your relationship. (*The Grapevine, Issue 2, Vol.13*)

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