

Raised to Serve: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Jb 7:1–4, 6–7 | Ps 147:1–6
Second Reading: 1 Cor 9:16–19, 22–23 | Gospel: Mk 1:29–39



In today's First Reading, Job describes the futility of life before Christ.

His lament reminds us of the curse of toil and death placed upon Adam following his original sin (see Genesis 3:17–19). Men and women are like slaves seeking shade, unable to find rest. Their lives are like the wind that comes and goes.

But, as we sing in today's Psalm, He who created the stars promised to heal the brokenhearted and gather those lost in exile from Him (see Isaiah 11:12; 61:1). We see this promise fulfilled in today's Gospel.

Simon's mother-in-law is like Job's toiling, hopeless humanity. She is laid low by affliction but too weak to save herself.

But as God promised to take His chosen people by the hand (see Isaiah 42:6), Jesus grasps her by the hand and helps her up. The word translated "help" is actually Greek for raising up. The same verb is used when Jesus commands a dead girl to arise (see Mark 5:41–42). It's used again to describe His own resurrection (see Mark 14:28; 16:7).

What Jesus has done for Simon's mother-in-law, He has done for all humanity—raised all of us who lay dead through our sins (see Ephesians 2:5).

Notice all the words of totality and completeness in the Gospel. The whole town gathers; all the sick are brought to Him. He drives out demons in the whole of Galilee. Everyone is looking for Christ.

We too have found Him. By our baptism, He healed and raised us to live in His presence (see Hosea 6:1–2).

Like Simon's mother-in-law, there is only one way we can thank Him for the new life He has given us. We must rise to serve Him and His gospel.

Our lives must be our thanksgiving, as Paul describes in today's Epistle. We must tell everyone the good news, the purpose for which Jesus has come—that others, too, may have a share in this salvation.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
February 3rd – February 11th, 2018

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
Monday	Feb. 5th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Feb. 6th	Saint Paul Miki & companions Mariette Lavergne – RIP - by Rita
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 7th	Weekday Stella Gringas – RIP – by Kevin and Linda Piper
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 8th	Saint Jerome Emiliani and Saint Josephine Bakhita Mariette Lavergne – RIP – by Rita
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 9th	Weekday Thanksgiving by Anton Tisseverasinghe and family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Feb 10th	Sunday Vigil Deceased and Living Members of the Rodrigues family – by Leo and Lavinia
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Feb 11th	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Rita and Pietro Mosca – RIP – by the family Constantino Lopez – 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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WHAT WE BELIEVE: On Human Life

"Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person -- among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (Jer 1:5; cf Job 10:8-12; Ps 22:10-11). "My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth" (Ps. 139:15). Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable."

- Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2270-2271

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Every year during the 40 days of Lent, the **Quebec Life Coalition** organizes a peaceful & prayerful vigil at an outdoor location for the end of abortion. **Where:** weekdays on corner of St. Catherine and Berri - weekends 30 St. Joseph Blvd. East, corner St-Laurence. **When:** February 14th till March 25th, everyday between 8am to 5pm. **What:** you are invited to join the vigil and be a witness to life. For more information [514-344-2686](tel:514-344-2686)

BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS

Parent Meeting - Sunday, February 11th, immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All parents must attend. Thank you.

WORLD YOUTH DAY - PANAMA 2019: INFO SESSION



Here we go! Are you part of a group and already began thinking about going to WYD Panama 2019? Are you an individual who wishes to go to WYD Panama? Would you like to get some information on the next international WYD?

We invite you to the preliminary info-session which will be held on **Tuesday, February 6**, 7 p.m. at the Archdiocesan offices ([2000 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal, H3H 1G4](https://www.archdiocese.com/2000-Sherbrooke-St-West-Montreal-H3H1G4))!

To find out more, or to let us know you will be attending the session, visit: <http://www.diocesemontreal.org/blog/jmj/?lang=en> (*The Grapevine, Issue 3, 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

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.