

# Wisdom's Feast: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Proverbs 9:1–6 | Psalm 34:2–3, 10–15  
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15–20 | Gospel: John 6:51–58



The Wisdom of God has prepared a feast, we hear in today's First Reading.

We must become like children (see [Matthew 18:3–4](#)) to hear and accept this invitation. For in every Eucharist, it is the folly of the Cross that is represented and renewed.

To the world, it is foolishness to believe that the crucified Jesus rose from the dead. And for many, as for the crowds in today's Gospel, it is foolishness—maybe even madness—to believe that Jesus can give us His Flesh to eat.

Yet Jesus repeats himself with gathering intensity in the Gospel today. Notice the repetition of the words “eat” and “drink,” and “my Flesh” and “my Blood.” To heighten the unbelievable realism of what Jesus asks us to believe, John in these verses uses not the ordinary Greek word for eating but a cruder term, once reserved to describe the “munching” of feeding animals.

The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom (see [1 Corinthians 1:18–25](#)). In His foolish love, He chooses to save those who believe that His Flesh is true food, His Blood, true drink.

Fear of the Lord, the desire to live by His will, is the beginning of true wisdom, Paul says in today's Epistle (see [Proverbs 9:10](#)). And as we sing in today's Psalm, those who fear Him shall not want for any good thing.

Again today in the liturgy, we are called to renew our faith in the Eucharist, to forsake the foolishness of believing only what we can see with our eyes.

We approach, then, not only an altar prepared with bread and wine, but the feast of Wisdom, the banquet of heaven—in which God our Savior renews His everlasting covenant and promises to destroy death forever (see [Isaiah 25:6–9](#)).

Let us make the most of our days, as Paul says, always, in the Eucharist, giving thanks to God for everything in the name of Jesus, the bread come down from heaven.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**August 18<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Aug. 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Lucy D'Souza –RIP – by Nelson D'Souza
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Aug. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Rita and Pietro Mosca – RIP – by the family  Shirley Tambalo – RIP – by the family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Aug. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Aug. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Saint Pius X</b> Calixto and Domeciana Romea – RIP – by the Romea family
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Luisa Bencito Atas – RIP – by the family
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Saint Rose of Lima</b> Johnny Smith – RIP – by Linda Piper
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Aug. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Bartholomew</b> Rosalina Ernacio Mojica – RIP – by the family
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Aug. 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Bruna Alesi – RIP by the family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Aug. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> John Birinyi – RIP – by Barbara  Adrian de Souza – RIP – by the family

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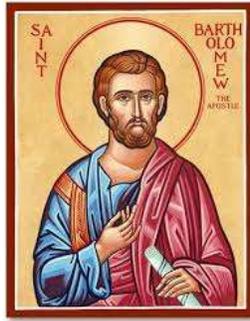
**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God rest in peace.**

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## SAINT BARTHOLOMEW: August 24



The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke and the Acts of the Apostles count Bartholomew as one of the 12 apostles, associating his name with Philip. John's Gospel links the name Nathaniel with Philip and never mentions Bartholomew. Apart from that, we know little about him.

Some scholars identify the apostle Bartholomew with Nathaniel, a solution supported by the fact that Bartholomew could be a surname and Nathaniel a given name: Nathaniel Bartholomew. If so, the Nathaniel was the man in whom the Lord saw 'no guile' and one who was among the apostles when the risen Lord appeared by the sea of Galilee.

What is certain is that Bartholomew left everything to follow Jesus, becoming his disciple, friend and an apostle entrusted with the continuation of his mission. (*Living with Christ, August 2018*)

### BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS

**PARENT MEETING** – August 26, 2018, immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All parents with children in the Be My Disciples Program are expected to attend.



The **Be My Disciples Registration Forms** for 2018 - 2019 are still available. **ALL children** of the Parish **must be registered in this faith transmission and education program.** All parishioners who have children between the ages of Kindergarten and Junior High, please enquire at the office or call Connie Kuhr for information at 514-747-9347. We will contact in mid-August all those who are registered in the program.

**Be My Disciples will re-start on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>,** immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

### 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

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