

# A Choice to Make: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18 | Psalm 34:2-3, 16-23  
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32 | Gospel: John 6:60-69



This Sunday's Mass readings conclude a four-week meditation on the Eucharist.

The Twelve Apostles in today's Gospel are asked to make a choice—either to believe and accept the New Covenant He offers in His Body and Blood, or return to their former ways of life.

Their choice is prefigured by the decision Joshua asks the Twelve Tribes to make in today's First Reading.

Joshua gathers them at Shechem—where God first appeared to their father Abraham, promising to make his descendants a great nation in a new land (see Genesis 12:1–9). And he issues a blunt challenge—either renew their covenant with God or serve the alien gods of the surrounding nations.

We too are being asked today to decide whom we will serve. For four weeks we have been presented in the liturgy with the mystery of the Eucharist—a daily miracle far greater than those performed by God in bringing the Israelites out of the land of Egypt.

He has promised us a new homeland and eternal life, offering us bread from heaven to strengthen us on our journey. He has told us that unless we eat His Flesh and drink His Blood we will have no life in us.

It is a hard saying, as many murmur in today's Gospel. Yet He has given us the words of eternal life.

We must believe, as Peter says today, that He is the Holy One of God, who handed himself over for us, who gave His flesh for the life of the world.

As we hear in today's Epistle, Jesus did this that we might be sanctified, made holy, through the water and word of Baptism by which we enter into His new covenant. Through the Eucharist, He nourishes and cherishes us, making us His own flesh and blood, as husband and wife become one flesh.

Let us renew our covenant today, approaching the altar with confidence that, as we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will redeem the lives of His servants.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**August 25<sup>th</sup> – September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

<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
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Aug. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Aug. 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Augustine</b> Agustin Atas – Thanksgiving and Birthday Blessings – by the family
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Aug. 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Passion of Saint John the Baptist</b> Carl Jorgensen – RIP – by Pauline
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Aug. 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Veronique Legare Roy – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Aug. 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Antonio Sia – RIP – by the family
<b>Saturday</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>Sept. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Bartolome Laflores – Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving - by Emma
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Sept. 1st</b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Deceased and Living Members of the Rodrigues family – by Leo and Lavinia
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Elizabeth Hack – RIP – by Barbara  Eduardo and Remedios Domingo – RIP – by the Domingo 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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### **PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST: August 29**

After John's birth, his father Zechariah spoke Isaiah's prophecy ('Benedictus'), saying that his son John would prepare the way of the Lord. Luke writes that John lived alone in the wilderness until "the word of God came to him," then began to travel around the countryside, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, thus fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah.

In his zeal, John reproved Herod the Tetrarch for, among other things, living with Herodias, his brother's wife; the ruler had him imprisoned. On Herod's birthday, Salome, the daughter of Herodias danced, and Herod was so impressed he told her to ask for whatever she wanted. She consulted her mother, who told her to ask for the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Herod could not refuse to honor his oath. The news of John's death soon reached his disciples who came for the body and laid it in a tomb. (*Living with Christ, August 2018*)

### **LEGION OF MARY**

The Legion of Mary will be meeting every Saturday following the 4:30pm mass (at 5:45pm). The Legion centers around two main pillars: prayer & service, which is rooted in a Marian spirituality. All are welcome to join. For more information contact Fr. Jason.

### **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. Alphonse 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.

