

# Endurance Test: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Exodus 16:2–4, 12–15 | Psalm 78:3–4, 23–25, 54  
Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20–24 | Gospel: John 6:24–35



The journey of discipleship is a life-long exodus from the slavery of sin and death to the holiness of truth on Mount Zion, the promised land of eternal life.

The road can get rough. And when it does, we can be tempted to complain like the Israelites in this week's First Reading.

We have to see these times of hardship as a test of what is in our hearts, a call to trust God more and to purify the motives for our faith (Deuteronomy 8:2–3).

As Paul reminds us in this week's Epistle, we must leave behind our old self-deceptions and desires and live according to the likeness of God in which we are made.

Jesus tells the crowd in this week's Gospel that they are following him for the wrong reasons. They seek him because he filled their bellies. The Israelites, too, were content to follow God so long as there was plenty of food.

Food is the most obvious of signs—because it is the most basic of our human needs. We need our daily bread to live. But we cannot live by this bread alone. We need the bread of eternal life that preserves those who believe in Him (Wisdom 16:20, 26).

The manna in the wilderness, like the bread Jesus multiplied for the crowd, was a sign of God's Providence—that we should trust that he will provide.

These signs pointed to their fulfillment in the Eucharist, the abundant bread of angels we sing about in this week's Psalm.

This is the food that God longs to give us. This is the bread we should be seeking. But too often we don't ask for this bread. Instead we seek the perishable stuff of our everyday wants and anxieties. In our weakness we think these things are what we really need.

We have to trust God more. If we seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, all these things will be ours as well (Matthew 6:33).

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**August 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

<b>Saturday</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>Aug. 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint John Mary Vianney</b> Florence Gadwah – RIP – by Janet
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Aug. 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Artemio Vasquez – RIP – by the Salazar family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Aug. 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Thomas – RIP – by Mary Rosaria Benedict  In Thanksgiving to the Holy Family – by Mercedes and family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Aug. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Aug. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Sixtus II &amp; Companions</b> Thanksgiving by Estela Paragas and family
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Aug. 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Dominic</b> Susan Matthews – RIP – by the Ladies' Auxiliary
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Aug. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</b> Susan Matthews – RIP – by Carolyn and Phyllis
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Aug. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Lawrence</b> Thanksgiving by Ruth Gaudreau
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Aug. 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Deceased Members of the Henriques family – Rip – by Claire and Jean
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Aug. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Alfred Benedict – RIP – by Mary Rosaria Benedict  Leticia Bulotano – RIP – by the Mojica 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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## TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD: August 6



The Feast of the Transfiguration has been observed on this day by the universal Church since the 15<sup>th</sup> century. The experience on Mount Tabor is one where Jesus reveals his divinity, and invites us all into a similar mystical encounter. The path up that mountain proceeds through prayer, and on this feast we are encouraged to read and reflect upon the biblical account of the Transfiguration. (*Living with Christ, August 2018*)

## CFC MONTREAL-ANCOP WALK 2018



Couples for Christ (CFC)-Montreal invites you to the 15th ANCOP Walk on August 18, 2018, 10:00 AM at the Van Horne Park. Answering the Cry of the Poor (ANCOP) Canada is a duly registered Canadian charity dedicated to uplifting the lives of poor families in developing countries. The Walk is an annual event organized to gather support for its programs on Child Education Sponsorship, Community Development, and Humanitarian Relief. Walk with us and with 19 other cities across Canada! To register and/or donate, visit <https://ancopcanada.org/ancopwalk>. For information, please call Renato at 514-962-6086.

## NOTRE-DAME-DE-BON-SECOURS CHAPEL: CONCERT

We are happy to welcome Randy Mills, organist and a small group of children from Sacred Heart Schola in Peterborough, Ontario for a concert on Assumption Feast on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 4pm at Notre-Dame-de-Bon-Secours Chapel ( 400 rue Saint-Paul Est, Montreal, QC H2Y 1H4, Metro Champ-de-Mars). Voluntary Contribution. For more information, please contact Benjamin Astresses at 514-282-8670, poste 248.

## BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS



The **REGISTRATION Forms** for September are ready. **ALL children** of the Parish **must be registered in this faith transmission and education program.** The children who are currently in the Be My Disciples program have taken the new registration form home. Please look for it in their book or backpack. All other 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.

## 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