

Following the Messiah: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9 | Psalm 116:1-6, 8-9
Second Reading: James 2:14-18 | Gospel: Mark 8:27-35



In today's Gospel, we reach a pivotal moment in our walk with the Lord. After weeks of listening to His words and witnessing His deeds, along with the disciples we're asked to decide who Jesus truly is.

Peter answers for them, and for us, too, when he declares: "You are the Messiah." Many expected the Messiah to be a miracle worker who would vanquish

Israel's enemies and restore the kingdom of David (see John 6:15).

Jesus today reveals a different portrait. He calls himself the Son of Man, evoking the royal figure Daniel saw in his heavenly visions (see Daniel 7:13–14). But Jesus' kingship is not to be of this world (see John 18:36). And the path to His throne, as He reveals, is by way of suffering and death. Jesus identifies the Messiah with the suffering servant that Isaiah foretells in today's First Reading. The words of Isaiah's servant are Jesus' words—as He gives himself to be shamed and beaten, trusting that God will be His help. We hear our Lord's voice again in today's Psalm, as He gives thanks that God has freed Him from the cords of death.

As Jesus tells us today, to believe that He is the Messiah is to follow His way of self-denial—losing our lives to save them, in order to rise with Him to new life. Our faith, we hear again in today's Epistle, must express itself in works of love (see Galatians 5:6).

Notice that Jesus questions the apostles today "along the way." They are on the way to Jerusalem, where the Lord will lay down His life. We, too, are on a journey with the Lord.

We must take up our cross, giving to others and enduring all our trials for His sake and the sake of the Gospel.

Our lives must be an offering of thanksgiving for the new life He has given us, until that day when we reach our destination, and walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
September 15th – 23rd, 2018

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sept. 15th	Sunday Vigil John Birinyi – RIP – by Barbara
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sept 16th	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Rita and Pietro Mosca – RIP – by the family Bruna Alesi – RIP – by the family
Monday	Sept. 17th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Sept. 18th	Weekday Joao Jacinto de Ponte – RIP – by Delta de Ponte
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 19th	Saint Januarius Gerard Lortie – RIP – by Nick Arguello
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 20th	Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions Louis Ottoni – RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 21st	SAINT MATTHEW Deceased Members of the Howard and MacDonald families – RIP – by the family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sept. 22nd	Sunday Vigil Desiderio Manzo Manzanal, Sr. – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sept. 23rd	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mary Louisa – RIP – by Mary Rosaria Benedict Adrian de Souza – 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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SAINT MATTHEW: September 21

The apostle Matthew has two names in the Gospels: Matthew and Levi. Since only the name Matthew is entered in any scriptural mention of the 12 apostles, it is commonly held that his name was Levi until Jesus called him to be a disciple, then he was called Matthew which means 'gift of God' in Aramaic.

Mark and Luke record that Levi, the son of Alphaeus, was sitting in the tax office when the Lord called him. A Jewish tax collector for the romans, Matthew would have been considered impure and socially unacceptable by the Jewish community.

After Pentecost, Matthew worked in a church made up mostly of Jews who believed that Jesus was the Saviour. The Gospel bearing his name was composed around AD 85 and was written for Jewish-Christians. In it, Jesus is shown as the fulfillment of God's Old Testament promises of a Messiah. Notice how often Matthew says, "As it is written," or "This is the one of whom the prophet spoke," or "All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet."

Tradition holds that after the Resurrection, Matthew preached in Ethiopia, where he was martyred. He is a patron saint of customs officers and accountants. (

SINGLES FOR CHRIST: CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM

The **Christian Life Program (CLP)** is a series of 12 free sessions designed to renew your understanding of God and to rediscover yourself through His eyes. Each session consists of a talk, a small group discussion and a time to mingle. The next CLP called **All For God** will be held on Fridays, 6:45-9PM starting September 21st, at Saint Kevin Parish (5600 Cote-des-Neiges). It is completely free and open to all young adults (18-35). For more info, visit fb.me/cfcsfcm1.

ST. MARK'S ANGLICAN CHURCH: ANNUAL BREAKFAST

St. Mark's Anglican Church at 1650 Decelles in Saint-Laurent will be holding its Annual Breakfast on Saturday, September 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Donation: Adults \$12; Children 10 Yrs and under \$5.00. Everyone is welcome.

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.

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