

## Pure Religion: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1–2,6–8 | Psalm 15:2–5  
Second Reading: James 1:17–18, 21–22, 27 | Gospel: Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23



Today's Gospel casts Jesus in a prophetic light, as one having authority to interpret God's law.

Jesus' quotation from Isaiah today is ironic (see Isaiah 29:13). In observing the law, the Pharisees honor God by ensuring that nothing unclean passes their lips. In this, however, they've turned the

law inside out, making it a matter of simply performing certain external actions.

The gift of the law, which we hear God giving to Israel in today's First Reading, is fulfilled in Jesus' Gospel, which shows us the law's true meaning and purpose (see Matthew 5:17).

The law, fulfilled in the Gospel, is meant to form our hearts, to make us pure, able to live in the Lord's presence. The law was given that we might live and enter into the inheritance promised to us—the kingdom of God, eternal life.

Israel, by its observance of the law, was meant to be an example to surrounding nations. As James tells us in today's Epistle, the Gospel was given to us that we might have new birth by the Word of truth. By living the Word we've received, we're to be examples of God's wisdom to those around us, the "first fruits" of a new humanity.

This means we must be "doers" of the Word, not merely hearers of it. As we sing in today's Psalm and hear again in today's Epistle, we must work for justice, taking care of our brothers and sisters, and living by the truth God has placed in our hearts.

The Word given to us is a perfect gift. We should not add to it through vain and needless devotions. Nor should we subtract from it by picking and choosing which of His laws to honor. "Hear me," Jesus says in today's Gospel. Today, we're called to examine our relationship to God's law.

Is the practice of our religion a pure listening to Jesus, a humble welcoming of the Word planted in us and able to save our souls? Or are we only paying lip-service?

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**September 1<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

<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. 1<sup>st</sup></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
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Sept. 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Blessed Dina Belanger</b> Thanksgiving by the D'Souza family
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Sept. 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Milena and Ryen Piacsek – Marriage Blessings
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Sept. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Dolly Shaw – RIP – by Pauline
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Sept. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> For Souls in Purgatory – by Phil
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Sept. 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> Anniversary Thanksgiving – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Sept. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Gaetano Margiotta – RIP – by the Ottoni family  In Thanksgiving to Saint Anthony and Saint Jude – by Mercedes and family

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**Called Home To The Father**

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Carl Balzamo**. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

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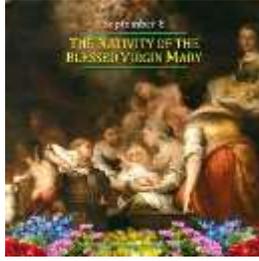
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## THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: September 8



This feast originated in the Eastern Church and was commemorated in the West as early as the 5<sup>th</sup> century. No one is certain where Mary was born, but two traditions have survived from ancient times, one naming Nazareth and the other, Jerusalem. An occasion for praise and thanksgiving, the feast celebrates Mary's personal sanctity and vocation as the mother of Jesus.

### 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



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.