

## Servant of All: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Wisdom 2:12,17-20 | Psalm 54:3-8  
Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3 | Gospel: Mark 9:30-37



In today's First Reading, it's like we have our ears pressed to the wall and can hear the murderous grumbings of the elders, chief priests, and scribes—who last week Jesus predicted would torture and kill Him (see Mark 8:31; 10:33–34).

The liturgy invites us to see this passage from the Book of Wisdom as a prophecy of the Lord's Passion. We hear His enemies complain that “the Just One” has challenged their authority, reproached them for breaking the law of Moses, for betraying their training as leaders and teachers.

And we hear chilling words that foreshadow how they will mock Him as He hangs on the Cross: “For if

the Just One be the Son of God, He will . . . deliver Him. . . .” (compare Matthew 27:41–43).

Today's Gospel and Psalm give us the flip side of the First Reading. In both, we hear of Jesus' sufferings from His point of view. Though His enemies surround Him, He offers himself freely in sacrifice, trusting that God will sustain Him.

But the apostles today don't understand this second announcement of Christ's passion. They begin arguing over issues of succession—over who among them is greatest, who will be chosen to lead after Christ is killed.

Again they are thinking not as God, but as human beings (see Mark 8:33). And again Jesus teaches the Twelve—the chosen leaders of His Church—that they must lead by imitating His example of love and self-sacrifice. They must be “servants of all,” especially the weak and the helpless — symbolized by the child He embraces and places in their midst.

This is a lesson for us, too. We must have the mind of Christ, who humbled himself to come among us (see Philippians 2:5–11). We must freely offer ourselves, making everything we do a sacrifice in praise of His name.

As James says in today's Epistle, we must seek wisdom from above, desiring humility, not glory, and in all things be gentle and full of mercy.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Desiderio Manzo Manzanal, Sr. – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Mary Louisa – RIP – by Mary Rosaria Benedict  Adrian de Souza – RIP – by the family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Sept. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Sept. 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saints Cosmas and Damian</b> Blessings for the Abboud-Dager family – by Zorayda
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Sept. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saints John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues &amp; Companions</b> Alice Aloysius – RIP – by the family
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Sept. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Vincent de Paul</b> Mary Lawrence – RIP – by Ronnie & Carolyn
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Sept. 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Lawrence Ruiz &amp; Companions</b> Thanksgiving by Ruth Gaudreau
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Sept. 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> John Simonka – RIP – by the family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Sept. 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Mary Josephine – RIP – by Mary Rosaria Benedict  <i>Pro Populo</i>

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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 LAWRENCE RUIZ AND COMPANIONS: September 28



Between 1633 and 1637, Saint Lorenzo Ruiz and 15 companions were martyred in Nagasaki, Japan. Most of the group were members or associates of the Dominicans. Lorenzo, a husband and a father, was a native of the Philippines. The group spent several years working as missionaries in the Philippines, Formosa (Taiwan) and Japan. Lorenzo Ruiz and his companions were canonized in 1987. (*Living with Christ, September 2018*)

### 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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/cfcsfcmntl](https://fb.me/cfcsfcmntl).

### COME TO KNOW JESUS MORE



You are invited to join us in a Christian Life Program (CLP) starting **September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, 7pm, every Saturday, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall**. It is free and will be conducted by the Couples for Christ. The topics include among others: Talk 1 – God's Love; Talk 2- Who is Jesus Christ; and Talk 3 – What it Means to be a Christian. Contact: Emil - (514) 617-4021.

### 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

### THE FOOD BANK "OASIS"



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