

# All Things Well: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Isaiah 35:4–7 | Psalm 146:7–10  
Second Reading: James 2:1–5 | Gospel: Mark 7:31–37



The incident in today's Gospel is recorded only by Mark. The key line is what the crowd says at the end: "He has done all things well." In the Greek, this echoes the creation story, recalling that God saw all the things he had done and declared them good (see Genesis 1:31).

Mark also deliberately evokes Isaiah's promise, which we hear in today's First Reading that God will make the deaf hear and the mute speak. He even uses a Greek word to describe the man's condition (mogilalon, or "speech impediment") that's only found in one other place in the Bible—in the Greek translation of today's Isaiah passage, where the prophet describes the "dumb" singing.

The crowd recognizes that Jesus is doing what the prophet had foretold. But Mark wants us to see something far greater—that, to use the words from today's First Reading: "Here is your God."

Notice how personal and physical the drama is in the Gospel. Our focus is drawn to a hand, a finger, ears, a tongue, spitting. In Jesus, Mark shows us, God has truly come in the flesh.

What He has done is to make all things new, a new creation (see Revelation 21:1–5). As Isaiah promised, He has made the living waters of baptism flow in the desert of the world. He has set captives free from their sins, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has come that rich and poor might dine together in the Eucharistic feast, as James tells us in today's Epistle.

He has done for each of us what He did for that deaf mute. He has opened our ears to hear the Word of God, and loosed our tongues that we might sing praises to Him.

Let us then, in the Eucharist, again give thanks to our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. Let us say with Isaiah, here is our God, He comes to save us. Let us be rich in faith, that we might inherit the kingdom promised to those who love Him.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**September 8<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

<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
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Sept. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Sept. 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Thanksgiving and Blessings by Estela Paragas and family
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Sept. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Most Holy Name of Mary</b> Kornel Piatek – RIP – by the family
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Sept. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint John Chrysostom</b> Susan Matthews – RIP – by Connie and Jim
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Sept. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> Luigi DiGiorgio – RIP – by Barbara
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Sept. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> John Birinyi – RIP – by Barbara
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Sept 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Rita and Pietro Mosca – RIP – by the family  Bruna Alesi – RIP – by the 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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### **MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY: September 12**

This feast honoring the name of Mary was instituted by Pope Innocent XI in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. God the Father is glorified by the exalted role in salvation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thus her name is one of honor, a holy name, a maternal name and a name responsive to the needs of the Church. (*Living with Christ, September 2018*)

### **OUR LADY OF SORROWS: September 15**



Formerly known as the 'Seven Sorrows of Mary,' this feast was instituted in 1668 by the Servite Friars. In 1814, Pius VII extended the feast to the whole Western Church in commemoration of the sufferings he had endured during his captivity in France. The seven sorrows are: Simeon's prophecy at the presentation of Jesus in the temple, the flight into Egypt, the disappearance of the boy Jesus in Jerusalem, the road to Calvary, the crucifixion, the removal from the cross and the entombment. (*Living with Christ, September 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.

### **LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL'S OPEN HOUSE**

Loyola High School will be hosting an Open House for all prospective students on **Saturday, September 15th, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until noon**. If you are interested in a Catholic education for your son, come and meet the students, teachers and administrators who make up the Loyola family. Tour our school, learn about our sports teams, explore the labs, Fine Arts and Robotics facilities. Financial Aid is available to students who qualify. To learn more, please visit [www.loyola.ca/admissions](http://www.loyola.ca/admissions).

### **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"**



Please remember to bring non-perishable food and leave them in the bins at the doors of the church...Thank you.