

Seeing the Son of David: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7–9 | Psalm 126:1–6
Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1–6 | Gospel: Mark 10:46–52



Today's Gospel turns on an irony—it is a blind man, Bartimaeus, who becomes the first besides the apostles to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. And His healing is the last miracle Jesus performs before entering the holy city of Jerusalem for His last week on earth.

The scene on the road to Jerusalem evokes the joyful procession prophesied by Jeremiah in today's First Reading. In Jesus this prophecy is fulfilled. God, through the Messiah, is delivering His people from exile, bringing them back from the ends of the earth, with the blind and lame in their midst.

Jesus, as Bartimaeus proclaims, is the long-awaited Son promised to David (see 2 Samuel 7:12–16; Isaiah 11:9; Jeremiah 23:5). Upon His triumphal arrival in Jerusalem, all will see that the everlasting kingdom of David has come (see Mark 11:9–10).

As we hear in today's Epistle, the Son of David was expected to be the Son of God (see Psalm 2:7). He was to be a priest-king like Melchizedek (see Psalm 110:4), who offered bread and wine to God Most High at the dawn of salvation history (see Genesis 14:18–20).

Bartimaeus is a symbol of his people, the captive Zion which we sing of in today's Psalm. His God has done great things for him. All his life has been sown in tears and weeping. Now, he reaps a new life.

Bartimaeus, too, should be a sign for us. How often Christ passes us by—in the person of the poor, in the distressing guise of a troublesome family member or burdensome associate (see Matthew 25:31–46)—and yet we don't see Him.

Christ still calls to us through His Church, as Jesus sent His apostles to call Bartimaeus. Yet how often are we found to be listening instead to the voices of the crowd, not hearing the words of His Church.

Today He asks us what He asks Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?" Rejoicing, let us ask the same thing of Him—what can we do for all that He has done for us?

ANNOUNCED MASSES
October 27th – November 4th, 2018

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 27th	Sunday Vigil Dominic D'Souza – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Oct. 28th	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jose J. Ponte – RIP – by Connie Feliks Rewers – RIP – by Wanda
Monday	Oct. 29th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Oct. 30th	Weekday Benjamin Saldana – RIP – by Ann Jaronel
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 31st	Weekday Jerry Chirola – RIP – by the family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 1st	ALL SAINTS Thomas Bolohan – RIP – by Joan
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 2nd	COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED For All Saints, All Souls and All Angels – by the Ferraro family
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Nov. 3rd	Saint Martin de Porres For Souls in Purgatory – by Phil
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Nov. 3rd	Sunday Vigil Deceased Members of the Donatien family – RIP – by Kathy
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Nov. 4th	Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Pro Populo</i> Deceased Members of the De Souza and Pinto families – 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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Yellow envelopes are available on the pews for anyone who wishes to offer Masses for the souls of departed family members and friends. These envelopes will be kept in the Sanctuary throughout November, the month of prayers for the dead.

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Download registration form here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1r7UU-9YTyNETrTeKiekG55QnGY_eccyL/view?usp=sharing

BISHOP CROWLEY MEMORIAL AWARD

Nominations are now being received for the 2018 Bishop Crowley Memorial Award, which is sponsored by the English Speaking Catholic Council. The award will be presented at the Catholic Community Rally that will be held on Friday, November 16, 2018, at Loyola High School. The purpose of the honour is to recognize distinguished service in the English-speaking Catholic community of Greater Montreal, by an individual, group or organization.

The Award Selection Committee will use the following criteria to determine the 2018 award recipients:

1. The person, group or organization has had a significant influence on, or has provided outstanding service, in the English-speaking Catholic community of Greater Montreal;
2. The person, group or organization has made this contribution above and beyond normal responsibilities.

All nominations must be in writing and should provide a brief description of the individual, group or organization, with details preferably listed in point form (maximum two pages) about the contribution of the nominee. All nominations must be received by **November 1** and should include the name, email address and telephone number of both the nominator and the nominee. Nominations should include Bishop Crowley Memorial Award in the subject line and be sent to **esc@bellnet.ca**.