

What God Has Joined: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Genesis 2:18–24 | Psalm 128:1–6
Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9–11 | Gospel: Mark 10:2–16



In today's Gospel, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a trick question.

The "lawfulness" of divorce in Israel was never an issue. Moses had long ago allowed it (see Deuteronomy 24:1–4). But Jesus points His enemies back before Moses, to "the beginning," interpreting the text we hear in today's First Reading.

Divorce violates the order of creation, He says. Moses permitted it only as a concession to the people's "hardness of heart"—their inability to live by God's covenant Law. But Jesus comes to

fulfill the Law, to reveal its true meaning and purpose, and to give people the grace to keep God's commands.

Marriage, He reveals, is a sacrament, a divine, life-giving sign. Through the union of husband and wife, God intended to bestow His blessings on the human family—making it fruitful, multiplying it until it filled the earth (see Genesis 1:28).

That's why today's Gospel moves so easily from a debate about marriage to Jesus' blessing of children. Children are blessings the Father bestows on couples who walk in His ways, as we sing in today's Psalm.

Marriage also is a sign of God's new covenant. As today's Epistle hints, Jesus is the new Adam—made a little lower than the angels, born of a human family (see Romans 5:14; Psalm 8:5–7). The Church is the new Eve, the "woman" born of Christ's pierced side as He hung in the sleep of death on the cross (see John 19:34; Revelation 12:1–17).

Through the union of Christ and the Church as "one flesh," God's plan for the world is fulfilled (see Ephesians 5:21–32). Eve was "mother of all the living" (see Genesis 3:20). And in Baptism, we are made sons and daughters of the Church, children of the Father, heirs of the eternal glory He intended for the human family in the beginning.

The challenge for us is to live as children of the kingdom, growing up ever more faithful in our love and devotion to the ways of Christ and the teachings of His Church.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
October 6th – October 14th, 2018

Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Oct. 6th	Saint Bruno Abilio Carvajal – RIP – by Mercedes and family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 6th	Sunday Vigil Thanksgiving and Blessings – by Mr. & Mrs. Reseirmin Sales
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Oct. 7th	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Kathleen Tait-Biro – RIP – by Linda Piper In Thanksgiving to Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael – by Mercedes and family
Monday	Oct. 8th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Oct. 9th	Saint Denis and Companions Donna Gibson – RIP- by Rita and family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 10th	Weekday Bernadette Piacek – Birthday Blessings
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 11th	Saint John XXIII Antonio Sia – RIP- by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 12th	Weekday Deceased and Living members of the Rodrigues family – BY Leo and Lavinia
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 13th	Sunday Vigil Franc Kebe – RIP – by Amalia Marzi and the Kebe family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Oct. 14th	Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time Mellie Francisco – RIP – by Tony and family Feliks Rewers – RIP – by Wanda

*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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BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS



CHRISTMAS BOXES - As part of our Junior High youth group activities to increase our children's Christian awareness, we are participating again in Operation Christmas Child in conjunction with Samaritan's Purse. This is a project where, every Christmas, millions of shoeboxes filled with gifts are hand delivered to millions of needy children around the world. In addition to bringing joy to these children, these will introduce them to God's love for them through His gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. Our youth will be filling the shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, hygiene products (no liquids or toothpaste), and other small gifts such as biblical books, socks, t-shirts, etc. Basically anything that could be useful for a needy child and that will fit in a shoebox, small backpack, duffle bag etc., but nothing battery powered. No guns, knives or anything portraying violence. Please check the pamphlets available for specific information. Choose if the gift is for a **boy** or a **girl** and the **age group**. **Please donate \$10.00 per box for shipping costs.**

All parishioners are invited to join this parish activity again this year. Each family can fill up as many boxes as they would like to. There is no limit. You can also use ANY regular shoe box, backpack, duffle bag, etc. **DEADLINE** for returning the filled boxes is **Sunday, November 11th.** **Thank you** to ALL parishioners for your great generosity. For information please contact Frank - 514-333-0791; Connie - 514-747-9347, or the office – 514-747-4226.

PARISH VITALITY CONFERENCE: November 16 and 17, 2018

Consider registering for the 2018 Parish Vitality Conference "Leading the Way Together", to be held at Loyola High School, Nov. 16 & 17. Headlining the conference is Fr. James Mallon, who will explore the different ways we can all work together in paving a path of renewal for our own parishes, centered on growing as missionary and life-giving communities. In addition to delivering the keynote address, the author to [Divine Renovation: From A Maintenance To A Missional Parish](#) will also give a free talk to priests on Friday morning at Villa Saint Martin. The conference schedule, list of workshops and registration information are available online at: parishvitality.com.

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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