

## Hope in Tribulation: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Daniel 12:1–3 | Psalm 16:5, 8–11  
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11–14, 18 | Gospel: Mark 13:24–32



In this, the second-to-the-last week of the Church year, Jesus has finally made it to Jerusalem.

Near to His passion and death, He gives us a teaching of hope—telling us how it will be when He returns again in glory.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of a long discourse in which He describes tribulations the likes of which haven't been seen "since the beginning of God's creation" (see Mark 13:9). He describes what amounts to a dissolution of God's creation, a "devolution" of the world to its original state of formlessness and void.

First, human community—nations and kingdoms—will break down (see Mark 13:7–8). Then the earth will stop yielding food and begin to shake apart (13:8). Next, the family will be torn apart from within and the last faithful individuals will be persecuted (13:9–13). Finally, the Temple will be desecrated, the earth emptied of God's presence (13:14).

In today's reading, God is described putting out the lights that He established in the sky in the very beginning—the sun, the moon and the stars (see also Isaiah 13:10; 34:4). Into this "uncreated" darkness, the Son of Man, in whom all things were made, will come.

Jesus has already told us that the Son of Man must be humiliated and killed (see Mark 8:31). Here He describes His ultimate victory, using royal-divine images drawn from the Old Testament—clouds, glory, and angels (see Daniel 7:13). He shows Himself to be the fulfillment of all God's promises to save "the elect," the faithful remnant (see Isaiah 43:6; Jeremiah 32:37).

As today's First Reading tells us, this salvation will include the bodily resurrection of those who sleep in the dust. We are to watch for this day, when His enemies are finally made His footstool, as today's Epistle envisions. We can wait in confidence knowing, as we pray in today's Psalm, that we will one day delight at His right hand forever.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**November 17<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Nov. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Fructouso & Zenona Lanzaderas – RIP – by Tommy & Emma
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Maria E.S. Melo – RIP – by Connie  Jeon Matthew Ching – RIP – by the family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Nov. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Nov. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Thanksgiving by the Romea and Crodua families
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Presentation of Mary</b> Claude and Pierre Langevin – RIP – by Linda Piper
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Saint Cecilia</b> For Souls in Purgatory – by Marie Hubert
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Saint Clement I</b> Bruna Alesi – RIP – by the family
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Nov. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Felix O. Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b> Adrian de Souza – RIP – by the family  Patrocinia Jandoc – RIP – by Ann Jaronel

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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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November 11, 2018 - **\$2,748.75**  
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## BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS

**Operation Christmas Child** - Thank you for filling up the “shoe boxes”! Next week we will report exactly how many boxes were filled. Your wonderful generosity is very much appreciated.

**Christmas Tree Ornaments** – On Sunday, December 2, the first Sunday of Advent, young people will be at the doors of the church selling the “Christmas tree ornaments” to benefit CHALICE and their many good works in various developing countries. During Advent we will continue to sell the “tree ornaments” for \$2.00 each. You may take your ornament home with you and hang it up on your own tree.

**Christmas Pageant** – Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. This event, put on by Be My Disciples and including all children, will remind us of the **real** meaning of Christmas. The Pageant will be held after the 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Please mark the date on your calendars! Thank you for your wonderful support!

### CHRISTMAS CONCERT: DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 7 p.m.

Mark your calendar, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 p.m., Holy Name of Jesus parish (in Laval) will feature at one of the most well-known singing groups in Montreal, “**THE CHOIR OF THE COMMUNION & LIBERATION**”. This group is dedicated in the singing of liturgical hymns, songs and reflections. We are very fortunate to have them perform for us at our parish. Before the hustles and bustles of the season hit us let us start preparing ourselves spiritually as a community for the Birth of Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Tickets: **\$15 for adults, \$35 family with children.**

### COME AND SEE EVENING

The next 'Come and See' Evening will be taking place on **Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** These gatherings are intended for men who are discerning a **vocation** to follow Jesus as a priest. These evenings are an excellent opportunity for those who are discerning a call to the **priesthood**, to share in fellowship, and to explore their **call** together. Gatherings take place at **Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish** (71 Roosevelt Avenue Ville Mont-Royal).

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### SACRED HEART SCHOOL OF MONTREAL NEWS

**Sacred Heart Grade 12 Information Session.** The Sacred Heart School of Montreal will host an information session about its new Grade 12 program for girls, on Tuesday, November 27 from 7pm to 9pm, at 3635 Atwater. Parking is available. English eligibility is not required for this program. Information at 514-937-2845 or [www.sacredheart.qc.ca](http://www.sacredheart.qc.ca)

**Sacred Heart School of Montreal's Annual Christmas Fair:** Everyone is invited on Saturday, December 1 from 10 am to 4 pm at 3635 Atwater Ave. Parking is available. Vendors will be selling Christmas decorations, food items, clothing and accessories, artisan crafts, artwork, jewelry, poinsettias, and other handmade treats. There will be a raffle, and a café with homemade baked goods for sale as well. Information at 514-937-2845 or [www.sacredheart.qc.ca](http://www.sacredheart.qc.ca)