

## The Law of Love: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2–6 | Psalm 18:2–4, 47, 57  
Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23–28 | Gospel: Mark 12:28–34



Love is only law we are to live by. And love is the fulfillment of the Law that God reveals through Moses in today's First Reading (see Romans 13:8–10; Matthew 5:43–48).

The unity of God—the truth that He is one God, Father, Son, and Spirit—means that we must love Him with one love, a love that serves Him with all our hearts and minds, souls and strength.

We love Him because He has loved us first. We love our neighbor because we can't love the God we haven't seen unless we love those made in His image

and likeness, whom we have seen (see 1 John 4:19–21).

And we are called imitate the love that Christ showed us in laying His life down on the cross (see 1 John 3:16). As we hear in today's Epistle, by His perfect sacrifice on the cross, He once and for all makes it possible for us to approach God.

There is no greater love than to lay down your life (see John 15:13). This is perhaps why Jesus tells the scribe in today's Gospel that he is not far from the kingdom of God.

The scribe recognizes that the burnt offerings and sacrifices of the old Law were meant to teach Israel that it is love that He desires (see Hosea 6:6). The animals offered in sacrifice were symbols of the self-sacrifice, the total gift of our selves that God truly desires.

We are called today to examine our hearts. Do we have other loves that get in the way of our love for God? Do we love others as Jesus has loved us (see John 13:34–35)? Do we love our enemies and pray for those who oppose and persecute us (see Matthew 5:44)?

Let us tell the Lord we love Him, as we do in today's Psalm. And let us take His Word to heart, that we might prosper and have life eternal in His kingdom, the heavenly homeland flowing with milk and honey.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

<b>Saturday</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Saint Martin de Porres</b> For Souls in Purgatory – by Phil
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Deceased Members of the Donatien family – RIP – by Kathy
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Pro Populo</i>  Deceased Members of the De Souza and Pinto families – RIP – by the family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Nov. 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Nov. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Jeffrey Saldana – RIP – by Ann Jarone
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Ingrid Sabaschkow – RIP – by Rita
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Prayers to Padre Pio for the healing of Heidi and Joe Mathews – by Rita
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</b> Deceased and Living Members of the Rodrigues family – by Leo and Lavinia
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Nov. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> For Souls in Purgatory – by Kathy
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Rita and Pietro Mosca – RIP – by the family  In Thanksgiving to Saint Benoit and Saint Scholastica – by Mercedes and 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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### SAINTLY WISDOM: On Death

"Have you never heard the worldly-minded sadly complain that 'each day that passes is a step nearer death'? It is. And I tell you: rejoice, apostolic soul, for each day that pass brings you closer to Life." St. Josemaria Escriva, The Way n.737

### MONTREAL FAMILY CONFERENCE 2018

We are inviting **all families with kids 4-12 years old** to come and join us for a fun-filled day on **Nov. 10, 2018, 9am-8pm at Our Lady of Fatima Parish (875 Marcel Laurin Blvd., St. Laurent, QC)**. The Montreal Family Conference 2018 is a family event that brings family closer together and closer to Jesus. This is a day that is filled with play time, pray time and learning time. Grow in faith together as a family in a fun way as we **Celebrate God's Gift: The Gift of Family**. So what are you waiting for? Let's celebrate: Join and love as One Family. For inquiries, please contact Sid and Adalynn Buenafe at 514-963-2423. Registration is now open.

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"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

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