

# Rich in Poverty: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5–8 | Psalm 1:1–4, 6  
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16–20 | Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20–26



The blessings and woes we hear in today's Gospel mark the perfection of all the wisdom of the Old Testament.

That wisdom is summed up with marvelous symmetry in today's First Reading and Psalm: Each declares that the righteous—those who hope in the Lord and delight in His Law—will prosper like a tree planted near living waters. The wicked, who put their “trust in human beings,” are cursed to wither and die.

Jesus is saying the same thing in the Gospel. The rich and poor are, for Him, more than members of literal economic classes. Their material state symbolizes their spiritual state.

The rich are “the insolent” of today's Psalm, boasting of their self-sufficiency, the strength of their flesh, as Jeremiah says in the First Reading. The poor are the humble, who put all their hope and trust in the Lord.

We've already seen today's dramatic imagery of reversal in Mary's “Magnificat.” There, too, the rich are cast down while the hungry are filled and the lowly exalted (see Luke 1:45–55 also 16:19–31).

That's the upside-down world of the Gospel: in poverty we gain spiritual treasure unimaginable; in suffering and even dying “on account of the Son of Man,” we find everlasting life.

The promises of the Old Testament were promises of power and prosperity—in the here and now. The promise of the New Covenant is joy and true freedom even amid the misery and toil of this life. But not only that. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we're to be pitied if our hope is “for this life only.”

The blessings of God mean that we'll laugh with the thanksgiving of captives released from exile (see Psalm 126:1–2), feast at the heavenly table of the Lord (see Psalm 107:3–9), “leap for joy” as John the Baptist leapt in his mother's womb (see Luke 6:23; 1:41, 44), and rise with Christ, “the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.”

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**February 16<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Feb. 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Tom Kennedy – RIP – by the family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Feb. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Tai, Trong, Naomi – RIP – by Marguerite Kinh  <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb. 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Feb. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Paciencia Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Feb. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Ela Dimaya – Birthday Thanksgiving
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Feb. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Saint Peter Damian</b> Bruna Alesi –RIP – by her parents
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>CHAIR OF SAINT PETER</b> Raymond Jack –For Spiritual Guidance and Protection
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Saverimuttu Marypillai – RIP – by Julia
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Feb. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Thanksgiving by the Lopez and Castro families  Ernie Morelli – RIP – by Frances 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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## POTLUCK LUNCH: March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Please come and join our parish community celebration on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, after the 11AM mass. It will be a time for fellowship and to also celebrate the 7th year priesthood anniversary of our dedicated priest, Father Jason.

For more information: Irah Tirona (514) 336-4892

## BAND OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS MEN'S CONFERENCE

On March 16th join Archbishop Christian Lépine, Al Smith and Marco Mastromonaco for the 4th annual Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference (1st time in Montreal) at St. Jean Bosco Parish in Montreal. The theme is "Step Up". The day will strengthen and challenge men to become the man God created them to be. Mass, talks, Adoration and Confession will take place.

\$25 admission which includes coffee, snacks and a pasta lunch. All info and to purchase tickets: <https://www.serviamministries.com/events/stepup> , or info@ServiamMinistries.com

## CHAIR OF ST. PETER: Feast Day Feb-22



This feast day is an anniversary and celebration of the authority of the Papacy, and the particular mission entrusted to St. Peter by Jesus. The symbol of the chair emphasizes the mission of teacher and pastor of Christ conferred upon Peter, to whom He formed in His person and in St. Peter's successors, a visible foundation of unity of the Church. The chair, literally is a fixed seat of the supreme Pontiff in Rome, and the Bishops, permanently placed in the Mother Church of the Diocese – Cathedral, and is the symbol of the Bishop and his ordinary magisterium in the local church.

The Chair of St. Peter indicates his position in the Apostolic College, established by the express will of Jesus, who assigned the task of "feeding" the flock, to lead the People of God, the Church.

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