

Dauids and Sauls: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7–9, 12–13, 22–23 | Psalm 103:1–13
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45–49 | Gospel: Luke 6:27–38



The story of David and Saul in today's First Reading functions almost like a parable. Showing mercy to his deadly foe, David gives a concrete example of what Jesus expects to become a way of life for His disciples.

The new law Jesus gives in today's Gospel would have us all become "Davids"—loving our enemies, doing good to those who would harm us, extending a line of credit to those who won't ever repay us.

The Old Law required only that the Israelites love their fellow countrymen (see *Leviticus*

19:18). The new law Jesus brings makes us kin to every man and woman (see also *Luke* 10:29–36). His kingdom isn't one of tribe or nationality. It's a family. As followers of Jesus, we're to live as He lived among us—as "children of the Most High" (see *Luke* 6:35; 1:35).

As sons and daughters, we want to walk in the ways of our heavenly Father, to "be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Grateful for His mercy, we're called to forgive others their trespasses because God has forgiven ours.

In the context of today's liturgy, we're all "Sauls"—by our sinfulness and pride we make ourselves enemies of God. But we've been spared a death we surely deserved to die because God has loved and shown mercy to His enemies, "the ungrateful and the wicked," as Jesus says.

Jesus showed us this love in His Passion, forgiving His enemies as they stripped Him of cloak and tunic, cursed Him and struck Him on the cheek, condemned Him to death on a cross (see *Luke* 22:63–65; 23:34). "He redeems your life from destruction," David reminds us in today's Psalm.

That's the promise, too, of today's Epistle: that we who believe in the "last Adam," Jesus, will rise from the dead in His image, as today we bear the image of the "first Adam," who by his sin made God an enemy and brought death into the world (see *1 Corinthians* 15:21–22).

ANNOUNCED MASSES
February 23rd– March 3rd , 2019

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| Saturday 4:30 p.m. | Feb. 23rd | Sunday Vigil Saverimuttu Marypillai – RIP – by Julia |
| Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | Feb. 24th | Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Thanksgiving by the Lopez and Castro families Ernie Morelli – RIP – by Frances and family |
| Monday | Feb. 25th | NO MASS |
| Tuesday 7:00 p.m. | Feb. 26th | Weekday Adrian de Souza – RIP – by the family |
| Wednesday 9:00 a.m. | Feb. 27th | Weekday Hannibel and Pauline Alvares – RIP – by the family |
| Thursday 9:00 a.m. | Feb. 28th | Weekday Raymond Jack – For Spiritual Guidance and Protection |
| Friday 9:00 a.m. | Mar. 1st | Weekday Justina and Tomas Garcia – RIP – by the Timbol family |
| Saturday 10 a.m. | Mar. 2nd | Weekday Domenico Inga and Nina Inga – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy |
| Saturday 4:30 p.m. | Mar. 2nd | Sunday Vigil Stanley O'Donnell – RIP – by Joan |
| Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | Mar. 3rd | Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Angela, Rose and Giuseppe Mignacca –RIP- by the family Regino and Rex Crodua – 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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POTLUCK LUNCH: March 3rd

Please come and join our parish community celebration on March 3rd, 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.

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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

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We request all users to please put your name and address on the first few envelopes for the New Year to ensure proper recording. Thank you.

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. Alphonse Ligouri

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