

Heart and Mouth: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Sirach 27:4–7 | Psalm 92:2–3, 13–16
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54–58 | Gospel: Luke 6:39–45



In today's readings we hear Jesus speaking in Galilee as well as a Jewish sage named Sirach writing in Jerusalem more than a century earlier. The two of them touch upon a single truth: The words that come out of us make known the hidden thoughts within us. Speech reveals the secrets of the heart.

Sirach teaches that speaking is “the test of men” and their character (Sir 27:7). One who is upright will utter words that are truthful and encouraging to others. But one whose heart is cluttered with “refuse” will be exposed, since the “fruit” of his mouth speaks volumes about the “tree” that produces it (Sir 27:6). Sirach also compares the testing of our words to clay fired in a kiln—if properly prepared, a useful vessel emerges; but if the clay is not fully dried, it will break apart in the extreme heat (Sirach 27:5).

In a similar way, Jesus insists that a person speaks “out of the abundance of the heart” (Luke 6:45). He too compares our speech, whether good or bad, to what grows on a tree: “For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit” (Luke 6:43).

Both readings urge us to make wholesome speech a habit. After all, much about who we are is brought to light through what we say. But there's an additional step: The Lord is asking us to look inward, to examine our hearts and fill them with the “good treasure” that God desires.

Why do purity of heart and speech matter so much? Because, as Jesus declares elsewhere: “by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned” (Matt 12:37). They matter because they help to decide our final judgment, and this is where the Second Reading comes in. Paul reminds us that God will destroy death forever, and if we are to share in this victory and live forever with the Lord, then we must take all steps necessary to give our hearts and lips to what is good.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
March 2nd – 10th, 2019

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
Monday	Mar. 4th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Mar. 5th	Weekday Adeluisa Crispino Estrabillo – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mar. 6th	ASH WEDNESDAY Raymond Jack – For Protection and Spiritual Guidance Ofelia Roy – Birthday Thanksgiving and Blessings – by Jerry Roy
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 7th	Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity Emily Bentley – RIP – by Joan
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Mar. 8th	Saint John of God Father Brian Moon – RIP – by Ron and Carolyn
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Mar. 9th	Sunday Vigil Anthony, Olive & Maria – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Mar. 10th	First Sunday of Lent Jessie Piper – RIP – by Linda Piper Raymond Jack – For Protection and Spiritual Guidance

**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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February 24, 2019 - **\$2,284.80**
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(bringing our total to **\$134,225.00** for our goal of **\$170,000.00**)
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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. 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

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

To our dear parishioners who used the envelope system for the weekly donation to the Parish in 2018, your income tax receipts are ready at the **Sacristy**. Please pick up your receipt either on the weekend after Mass or during the week, Monday to Friday, from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Thank you.

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REMINDERS:

March Break – Sunday, March 3rd – No classes.

Ash Wednesday – March 6th – Please remember to attend Mass.

Holy Spirit Day – March 31st (Cathedral for Confirmation of Candidates)

Confirmation – Saturday, June 8th at 4:30 p.m.

First Eucharist – Saturday, June 15th, at 4:30 p.m. Mass

Please pray for our children and their families as they prepare for their sacraments.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life prayer vigil is a focused pro-life campaign with a **vision** to access God's power through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion for the protection of the unborn child. The **mission** of the campaign is to bring together the Body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 day campaign of prayer, fasting and peaceful activism, with a purpose of repentance, to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to culture of life, thus bringing about an end to abortion.

All are welcomed to join us beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 06, 2019, and continuing through to Palm Sunday, April 14, 2018, to pray for the end of abortion. **Daily** we will be at the corner of Berri and St. Catherine Streets (505 Saint-Catherine Street East), 24 hours per day. To learn more and/or to become a prayer volunteer, call: 514 344-2686 or 438 930-8643 or email info@cqv.qc.ca.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH: PANCAKE SUPPER

St. Mark's Church will be holding a pancake supper on March 5th, Tuesday at 5-7 pm (1650 Decelles St., Corner Cardinal, St. Laurent). Donation: Adult - \$8.00; Children - \$4.00.