

Taking the Call: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: 1 Kings 19:16–21 | Psalm 16:1–2, 5, 7–11
Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13–18 | Gospel: Luke 9:51–62

In this week's First Reading, Elijah's disciple is allowed to kiss his parents goodbye before setting out to follow the prophet's call.

But we are called to follow a greater than Elijah, this week's Liturgy wants us to know.

In Baptism, we have put on the cloak of Christ, been called to the house of a new Father, been given a new family in the kingdom of God. We have been called to leave behind our past lives and never look back—to follow wherever He leads.

Elijah was taken up in a whirlwind and his disciple was given a double portion of his spirit (see 2 Kings 2:9–15).

Jesus too, the Gospel reminds us, was “taken up” (see Acts 1:2, 11, 22), and He gave us His Spirit to live by, to guide us in our journey in His kingdom.

As this week's Epistle tells us, the call of Jesus shatters the yoke of every servitude, sets us free from the rituals of the old Law, shows us the Law's fulfillment in the following of Jesus, in serving one another through love.

His call sets our hands to a new plow, a new task—to be His messengers, sent ahead to prepare all peoples to meet Him and enter into His Kingdom. Elijah called down fire to consume those who wouldn't accept God (see 2 Kings 1:1–16). But we have a different Spirit with us.

To live by His Spirit is to face opposition and rejection, as the Apostles do in this week's Gospel. It is to feel like an exile, with no lasting city (see Hebrews 13:14), no place in this world to lay our head or call home.

But we hear the voice of the One we follow in this week's Psalm (see Acts 2:25–32; 13:35–37). He calls us to make His faith our own—to abide in confidence that He will not abandon us, that He will show us “the path to life,” leading us to the fullness of joy in His presence forever.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
June 29th – July 7th, 2019

Saturday 10:00 a.m.	June 29th	SAINT PETER and SAINT PAUL Jose Mourelo – RIP – by his son
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	June 29th	Sunday Vigil Victorino and Daniela Lanzaderas – RIP – by Emma and Tommy
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	June 30th	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Maria and Laurance Gomes – RIP – by Florinda Gomes
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	July 1st	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	July 2nd	Weekday Thanksgiving by Loan Nguyen
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	July 3rd	SAINT THOMAS For Souls in Purgatory – by Phil
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	July 4th	Saint Elizabeth of Portugal Theresa Mah – RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	July 5th	Saint Anthony Zaccaria In Thanksgiving to St. Anne, St. Joachim and Mother Mary – by the Ferraro family
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	July 6th	Saint Maria Goretti Lucy Martis – RIP – by Nelson D'Souza and family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	July 6th	Sunday Vigil Gerald O'Donnell – RIP – by Joan
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	July 7th	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Pro Populo</i>
11:00 a.m.		Domingo and Pompea Pili – 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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NOTICE

The Parish office will be closed for the holiday on Monday, July 1st.

SAINT MARIA GORETTI: July 6th

When Maria was 12 years old, a neighbour, Alessandro, who was 18 tried to rape her. When Alessandro persisted, she fought him and screamed, "No! It is a sin! God does not want it!" At her words, Alessandro began to choke her. She said she would rather die than submit. Upon hearing her words, Alexander pulled out a knife and stabbed her eleven times. When she attempted to reach the door, he stabbed her three more times then fled.

Maria was brought to the nearest hospital, but her wounds were beyond the surgeon's ability to save her life. She survived the night. The next day, July 6th 1902, Maria forgave Alessandro and said she wanted to see him in Heaven with her. She died that day while looking upon an image of the Virgin Mary and holding a cross to her chest.

Alessandro was captured and sentenced to 30 years in prison, where he remained unrepentant for his actions until one night he had a dream that he was in a garden. Maria was there and gave him lilies, which immediately burned in his hands when he took them. When he woke, he was a changed man. He repented of his crime and reformed his life. When he was released 27 years later, he went directly to Maria's mother and begged her forgiveness, which she gave, saying, "If my daughter can forgive him, who am I to withhold forgiveness?"

On June 24, 1950, Maria was declared a saint and Alessandro was present in the St. Peter's crowd to celebrate her canonization. He later became a lay brother of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, where he lived in a monastery and worked as its receptionist and gardener until his death. Saint Maria is called a martyr because she fought against Alessandro's attempts at sexual sin. The most important aspects of her story are how she forgave her attacker, her concern for her enemy extending even beyond death, and the miracle her forgiveness produced in his life.

Saint Maria Goretti is the patron saint of: youth, young women, purity, and victims of rape.

Dear Saint Maria Goretti, help us through your intercession, to forgive those who have hurt us. Amen.

BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS

The **REGISTRATION Forms** for September are available. **ALL children** of the Parish **must be registered in this faith transmission and education program.** The children who are currently in the Be My Disciples program have taken the new registration form home. Please look for it in their book or backpack. All other parishioners, who have children between the ages of Kindergarten and Junior High, please enquire at the office or call Connie Kuhr for information – 514-747-9347. The **DEADLINE is June 30, 2019.** Registrations after that date will have a late fee of \$25.00 per person.