

Harvest Time: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14 | Psalm 66:1-7, 16, 20

Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18 | Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Jesus has a vision in this week's Gospel—Satan falling like lightning from the sky, the enemy vanquished by the missionary preaching of His Church. Sent out by Jesus to begin gathering the nations into the harvest of divine judgment (see Isaiah 27:12–13; Joel 4:13), the 70 are a sign of the continuing mission of the Church.

Carrying out the work of the 70, the Church proclaims the coming of God's kingdom, offers His blessings of peace and mercy to every household on earth—"every town and place He intended to visit."

Our Lord's tone is solemn today. For in the preaching of the Church "the kingdom of God is at hand," the time of decision has come for every person. Those who do not receive His messengers will be doomed like Sodom.

But those who believe will find peace and mercy, protection and nourishment in the bosom of the Church, the Mother Zion we celebrate in this week's beautiful First Reading, the "Israel of God" Paul blesses in this week's Epistle.

The Church is a new family of faith (see Galatians 6:10) in which we receive a new name that will endure forever (see Isaiah 66:22), a name written in heaven.

In this week's Psalm we sing of God's "tremendous deeds among men" throughout salvation history. But of all the works of God, none has been greater than what He has wrought by the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Changing the sea into dry land was but an anticipation and preparation for our passing over, for what Paul calls the "new creation."

And as the exodus generation was protected in a wilderness of serpents and scorpions (see Deuteronomy 8:15), He has given His Church power now over "the full force of the Enemy." Nothing will harm us as we make our way through the wilderness of this world, awaiting the Master of the harvest, awaiting the day when all on earth will shout joyfully to the Lord, sing praise to the glory of His name.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
July 6th – July 14th, 2019

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. 11:00 a.m.	July 7th	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Pro Populo</i> Domingo and Pompea Pili – RIP – by the family
Monday	July 8th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	July 9th	Saint Augustine Zhoo Rong and Companions In thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima – by Sanyde Geffrard
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	July 10th	Weekday Thanksgiving by Rose Laki
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	July 11th	Saint Benedict Thanksgiving by Ruth Gaudreau
Friday 9:00 a.m.	July 12th	Weekday Thanksgiving by Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Nalun and family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	July 13th	Sunday Vigil Bruna Alesi – by her parents
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	July 14th	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Damaso and Simeona Acuzar – RIP – by the Acuzar family Adrian de Souza – RIP – by the family

CALLED HOME TO THE FATHER

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Reverend Father Erwin Ward**. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

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SAINT VERONICA GIULIANI: July 9th

She was born on 27 December 1660 in Mercatello, and given the name "Orsola" [Ursula]. Her mother died when she was 7. Already at a young age Ursula felt a growing desire to dedicate her life to Christ. When she was 17, she entered the strict cloister of the monastery of Capuchin Poor Clares in Città di Castello. She was to remain there for the rest of her life. There she received the name of "Veronica", which means "true image" and she was in fact to become a true image of the Crucified Christ. When she was 56, she became Abbess of the monastery until her death. After a very painful prolonged agony that lasted 33 days and culminated in a joy so profound that her last words were: *"I have found Love, Love has let himself be seen! This is the cause of my suffering. Tell everyone about it, tell everyone!"* On July 9th 1727, she left her earthly dwelling place for the encounter with God. She was 67 years old. She was canonized on May 26, 1893, by Pope Gregory XVI.

The Christ to whom Veronica was profoundly united was the suffering Christ of the Passion, death and Resurrection; it was Jesus in the act of offering himself to the Father in order to save us. Her intense and suffering love for the Church likewise stemmed from this experience, in its dual form of prayer and offering. The Saint lived in this perspective: she prayed, suffered and sought *"holy poverty"*, as one *"dispossessed"* and the loss of self, precisely in order to be like Christ who gave the whole of himself. She summed up her contemplative mission in these words: *"We cannot go about the world preaching to convert souls but are bound to pray ceaselessly for all those souls who are offending God... particularly with our sufferings, that is, with a principle of crucified life"*. Our Saint conceived this mission as "being in the midst" of men and God, of sinners and the Crucified Christ. Veronica lived profound participation in the suffering love of Jesus, certain that *"to suffer with joy"* is the *"key to love"*. She emphasizes that Jesus suffers for humanity's sins, but also for the suffering that his faithful servants would have to endure down the centuries, in the time of the Church, precisely because of their solid and consistent faith. (text from Pope Benedict XVI, General Audience Dec-15-2010)

"O sinners... all men and all women, come to Jesus' heart; come to be cleansed by his most precious blood.... He awaits you with open arms to embrace you." – St. Veronica Giuliani

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.

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