

To Go up Higher: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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First Reading: Sirach 3:17–18, 20, 28–29 | Psalm 68:4–7, 10–11
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18–19, 22–24 | Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7–14



We come to the wedding banquet of heaven by way of humility and charity. This is the fatherly instruction we hear in today's First Reading, and the message of today's Gospel.

Jesus is not talking simply about good table manners. He is revealing the way of the kingdom, in which

the one who would be greatest would be the servant of all (see Luke 22:24–27).

This is the way, too, that the Father has shown us down through the ages—filling the hungry, sending the rich away empty, lifting up the lowly, pulling down the proud (see Luke 1:52–53).

We again call to mind the Exodus in today's Psalm—how in His goodness the Lord led the Israelites from imprisonment to prosperity, rained down bread from heaven, made them His inheritance, becoming a “Father of orphans.”

We now have also gained a share of His inheritance. We are to live humbly, knowing we are not worthy to receive from His table (see Luke 6:7; 15:21). We are to give alms, remembering we were ransomed from sin by the price of His blood (see 1 Corinthians 6:19–20).

The Lord promises that if we are humble we will be exalted and find favor with God; that if we are kind to those who can never repay us, we will atone for sins and find blessing in the resurrection of the righteous.

We anticipate the fulfillment of those promises in every Eucharist, today's Epistle tells us. In the Mass, we enter the festal gathering of the angels and the firstborn children of God. It is the liturgy of the heavenly Jerusalem in which Jesus is the high priest, the King who calls us to come up higher (see Proverbs 25:6–7).

ANNOUNCED MASSES
August 31st – September 8th, 2019

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| Saturday 4:30 p.m. | Aug. 31st | Sunday Vigil Peter and Daniel Renzulli – RIP – by the Kebe family |
| Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | Sept. 1st | Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Mario and Michelina Iacovella – RIP – by the family <i>Pro Populo</i> |
| Monday | Sept. 2nd | NO MASS |
| Tuesday 7:00 p.m. | Sept. 3rd | Saint Gregory the Great Alfredo Ferraresi – RIP – by his wife |
| Wednesday 9:00 a.m. | Sept. 4th | Blessed Dina Belanger Eduardo and Remedios Domingo – RIP – by the Domingo family |
| Thursday 9:00 a.m. | Sept. 5th | Weekday Patricia Keough – RIP – by Pauline and Marie |
| Friday 9:00 a.m. | Sept. 6th | Weekday Father Erwin Ward – RIP – by Ron and Carolyn |
| Saturday 10:00 a.m. | Sept. 7th | Weekday Thanksgiving for favor received – by Ruth Gaudreau |
| Saturday 4:30 p.m. | Sept. 7th | Sunday Vigil Anniversary Blessings and Thanksgiving – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy |
| Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | Sept. 8th | Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Pro Populo</i> In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary – by the Romea and Crodua families |

*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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LITANY OF HUMILITY

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, *Hear me.*
From the desire of being esteemed, *Deliver me,*
From the desire of being loved, *Deliver me,*
From the desire of being extolled, *Deliver me,*
From the desire of being honored, *Deliver me,*
From the desire of being praised, *Deliver me,*
From the desire of being preferred to others, *Deliver me,*
From the desire of being consulted, *Deliver me,*
From the desire of being approved, *Deliver me,*
From the fear of being humiliated, *Deliver me,*
From the fear of being despised, *Deliver me,*
From the fear of suffering rebukes, *Deliver me,*
From the fear of being calumniated, *Deliver me,*
From the fear of being forgotten, *Deliver me,*
From the fear of being ridiculed, *Deliver me,*
From the fear of being wronged, *Deliver me,*
From the fear of being suspected, *Deliver me,*
That others may be loved more than I,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.
That others may be esteemed more than I,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.
That, in the opinion of the world,
others may increase and I may decrease,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.
That others may be chosen and I set aside,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.
That others may be praised and I go unnoticed,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.
That others may be preferred to me in everything,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.
That others may become holier than I,
provided that I may become as holy as I should,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

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.

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.Alphonsus Ligouri

THE FOOD BANK "OASIS"

Please remember to bring non-perishable food and leave them in the bins at the doors of the church...Thank you.