

## Seeking the Lost: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Exodus 32:7–11, 13–14 | Psalm 51:3–4, 12–13, 17, 19  
Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12–17 | Gospel: Luke 15:1–10



The episode in today's First Reading has been called "Israel's original sin." Freed from bondage, born as a people of God in the covenant at Sinai, Israel turned aside from His ways and fell to worshipping a golden calf.

Moses implores God's mercy, just as Jesus will later intercede for the whole human race. Just as He still pleads for sinners at God's right hand and through the ministry of the Church.

Israel's sin is the sin of the world. It is your sin and mine. Ransomed from death and made His children in Baptism, we fall prey to the idols of this world. We remain a "stiff-necked people," resisting His will for us like an ox refuses the plowman's yoke (see Jeremiah 7:26).

Like Israel, in our sin we push God away and reject our divine sonship. Once He called us "my people" (see Exodus 3:10; 6:7). But our sin makes us "no people," people He should, in justice, disown (see Deuteronomy 32:21; 1 Peter 2:10).

Yet in His mercy, He is faithful to the covenant He swore by His own self in Jesus. In Jesus, God comes to Israel and to each of us—as a shepherd to seek the lost (see Ezekiel 34:11–16), to carry us back to the heavenly feast, the perpetual heritage promised long ago to Abraham's children.

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners," Paul cries in today's Epistle. These are the happiest words the world has ever known. Because of Jesus, as Paul himself can testify, even the blasphemer and persecutor can seek His mercy.

As the sinners do in today's Gospel, we draw near to listen to Him. In this Eucharist, we bring Him the acceptable sacrifice we sing of in today's Psalm—our hearts, humbled and contrite.

In the company of His angels and saints, we rejoice that He has wiped out our offense. We celebrate with Him that we have turned from the evil way that we might live (see Ezekiel 18:23).

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**September 7<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

<b>Saturday</b> 9:30 a.m.	<b>Sept. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> Thanksgiving by Anna Chan
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Sept. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Deceased Members of the Victoria and Fernando families - RIP
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Sept. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Twenty- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> John Simonka – RIP – by the family  <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Sept. 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Sept. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Robert Bellarmine</b> Mario Clement – RIP – by Linda Piper
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Sept. 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Kornel Piatek – RIP – by the family
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Sept. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Januarius</b> Louis Ottoni – RIP – by the family
<b>Friday</b>  9:00 a.m.	<b>Sept. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang &amp; Companions</b> Desiderio Manzo-Manzanal Sr. – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Sept. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Twenty- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Teresita Guidote – RIP – by the Filipino - Canadian Community of the South Shore  <i>Pro Populo</i>

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*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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**Collection:**  
September 8, 2019 - **\$5,043.80**  
First Saturday - **\$277,65**  
You Lift Me Up – **\$250.00**  
(bringing our total to **\$141,692.75** for our goal of **\$170,000.00**)  
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### **SAINT MATTHEW: September 21**

The apostle Matthew has two names in the Gospels: Matthew and Levi. Since only the name Matthew is entered to any scriptural mention of the 12 apostles, it is commonly held that his name was Levi until Jesus called him to be a disciple, then he was called Matthew which means 'gift of God' in Aramaic.

Mark and Luke record that Levi, the son of Alphaeus, was sitting in the tax office when the Lord called him. A Jewish tax collector for the Romans, Matthew would have been considered impure and socially unacceptable by the Jewish community.

After Pentecost, Matthew worked in a church made up mostly of Jews who believed that Jesus was the Savior. The Gospel bearing his name was composed around AD 85 and was written for Jewish-Christians. In it, Jesus is shown as the fulfillment of God's Old Testament promises of a Messiah. Notice how often Matthew says, "As it is written," or "This is the one of whom the prophet spoke," or "All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet."

Tradition holds that after the Resurrection, Matthew preached in Ethiopia, where he was martyred. He is a patron saint of customs officers and accountants.

*-Living with Christ, September 2019*

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### **BE MY DISCIPLES**

**Be My Disciples will RE-START on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>,** immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

### **MINI BAZAAR**

MINI BAZAAR will be held at the Father Dowd Home, 6565 Hudson Rd., Cote des Neiges, on SEPTEMBER 21st from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

There will be a main raffle, jewelry table, baked goods table, a 50/50, a white elephant table and the ever popular Tea Room. Hoping to see many of you there. ALL proceeds go towards Christmas presents for the residents'

### **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.