

Counting the Cost: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Wisdom 9:13–18 | Psalm 90:3–6, 12–17
Second Reading: Philemon 1:9–10, 12–17 | Gospel: Luke 14:25–33



Like a king making ready for battle or a contractor about to build a tower, we have to count the cost as we set out to follow Jesus.

Our Lord today is telling us up front the sacrifice it will take. His words aren't addressed to His chosen few, the Twelve, but rather to the "great crowds"—to anyone, to whoever wishes

to be His disciple.

That only makes His call all the more stark and uncompromising. We are to "hate" our old lives, to renounce all the earthly things we rely upon, to choose Him above every person and possession. Again He tells us that the things we have—even our family ties and obligations—can become an excuse, an obstacle that keeps us from giving ourselves completely to Him (see Luke 9:23–26, 57–62).

Jesus brings us the saving wisdom we are promised in today's First Reading. He is that saving Wisdom.

Weighed down by many earthly concerns, the burdens of our body and its needs, we could never see beyond the things of this world; we could never detect God's heavenly design and intention. So in His mercy He sent us His Spirit, His Wisdom from on high, to make straight our path to Him.

Jesus Himself paid the price to free us from the sentence imposed on Adam, which we recall in today's Psalm (see Genesis 2:7; 2:19). No more will the work of our hands be an affliction; no more are we destined to turn back to dust.

Like Onesimus in today's Epistle, we have been redeemed. We have been given a new family and a new inheritance, made children of the Father, brothers and sisters in the Lord.

We are free now to come after Him, to serve Him—no longer slaves to the ties of our past lives. In Christ, all our yesterdays have passed. We live in what the Psalm today beautifully describes as the daybreak, ready to be filled with His kindness. For He has given us wisdom of heart and taught us to number our days aright.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
September 7th – 15th, 2019

Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Sept. 7th	Weekday Thanksgiving for favor received – by Ruth Gaudreau
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sept. 7^h	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
Monday	Sept. 9th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Sept. 10th	Weekday Shirley Tambalo – RIP – by Teresa and family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 11th	Weekday Tom Kennedy – RIP – by the family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 12th	Most Holy Name of Mary Marieliese Tisseverasinghe – RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 13th	Saint John Chrysostom Luigi, Maria and Rocco Digiorgio – RIP – by Josie
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sept. 14th	Sunday Vigil Deceased Members of the Victoria and Fernando families - RIP
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sept. 15th	Twenty- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time John Simonka – RIP – by the family <i>Pro Populo</i>

*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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PRAYER OF ST. ANDREW (O Bona Crux)

The apostle Andrew was martyred. He died nailed to a cross. His desire to be identified with Christ was so great that when he was being led toward the place of his martyrdom, and saw his own cross in the distance, he cried:

"O good Cross, made beautiful by the body of the Lord: long have I desired you, ardently have I loved you, unceasingly have I sought you out; and now you are ready for my eager soul. Receive me from among men and restore me to my Master, so that he-who, by means of you, in dying redeemed me-may receive me. Amen."

MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY: September 12

This feast honoring the name of Mary was instituted by Pope Innocent XI in the 17th century. God the Father is glorified by the exalted role in salvation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thus her name is one of honor, a holy name, a maternal name and a name responsive to the needs of the Church.

-Living with Christ (September 2019)

OUR LADY OF SORROWS: September 15

Formerly known as the 'Seven Sorrows of Mary,' this feast was instituted in 1668 by the Servite Friars. In 1814, Pius VII extended the feast to the whole Western Church in commemoration of the sufferings he had endured during his captivity in France. The seven sorrows are: Simeon's prophecy at the presentation of Jesus in the temple, the flight into Egypt, the disappearance of the boy Jesus in Jerusalem, the road to Calvary, the crucifixion, the removal from the cross and the entombment.

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BE MY DISCIPLES

PARENT MEETING – September 8, 2019, immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. This is for ALL parents with children in the Be My Disciples Program.

The **REGISTRATION Forms** for 2019 - 2020 **Be My Disciples** are still available. **ALL children** of the Parish **must be registered in this faith transmission and education program.** All parishioners who have children between the ages of Kindergarten and Junior High, please enquire at the office or call Connie Kuhr for information.

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

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.