

## Hope from on High: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13 | Psalm 121:1-8  
Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 | Gospel: Luke 18:1-8



The Lord is our guardian, beside us at our right hand, interceding for us in all our spiritual battles.

In today's Psalm we're told to lift our eyes to the mountains, that our help will come from Mount Zion and the Temple—the dwelling of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Joshua and the Israelites, in today's First Reading, are also told to look to the hilltops. They are to find their help there—through the intercession of Moses—as they defend themselves against their mortal foes, the Amalekites.

Notice the image: Aaron and Hur standing on each side of Moses, holding his weary arms so that he can raise the staff of God above his head. Moses is being shown here as a figure of Jesus, who also climbed a hilltop, and on Mount Calvary stretched out His hands between heaven and earth to intercede for us against the final enemy—sin and death (see 1 Corinthians 15:26).

By the staff of God, Moses bested Israel's enemies (see Exodus 7:8–12; 8:1–2), parted the Red Sea (see Exodus 14:16) and brought water from the Rock (see Exodus 17:6).

The Cross of Jesus is the new staff of God, bringing about a new liberation from sin, bringing forth living waters from the body of Christ, the new Temple of God (see John 2:19–21; 7:37–39; 19:34; 1 Corinthians 10:4).

Like the Israelites and the widow in today's Gospel, we face opposition and injustice—at times from godless and pitiless adversaries.

We, too, must lift our eyes to the mountains—to Calvary and the God who will guard us from all evil.

We must pray always and not be wearied by our trials, Jesus tells us today. As Paul exhorts in today's Epistle, we need to remain faithful, to turn to the inspired Scriptures—given by God to train us in righteousness.

We must persist, so that when the Son of Man comes again in kingly power, He will indeed find faith on earth.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**October 19<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Oct. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Oct. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Twenty- Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Angela, Rose and Giuseppe - RIP – by the Mignacca family  Anita and Julianna – Birthday Blessings
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Oct. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Saint John Paul II</b> Irene Peralta-Smith – RIP – by Jean Guy Marcil
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Saint John of Capistrano</b> Luida Garma – Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Anthony Mary Claret</b> Carmen Manzanal Catanghal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct. 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Deceased and Living Members of the Rodrigues family – by Leo and Lavinia
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Oct. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Pedrito Manzo Manzanal –RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Oct. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jose J. Ponte – RIP – by Connie and Jim Kuhr  <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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## SAINTLY WISDOM

"It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle." - *Saint John Paul II*

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## PRAYING FOR THE DEAD

Yellow envelopes are available on the pews for anyone who wishes to fill them in remembrance for the souls of their departed family members and friends. These envelopes will be kept in the Sanctuary throughout November, the month of prayers for the dead. Mass will be offered for all souls on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am.

## BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS

**CHRISTMAS BOXES** - As part of our Junior High youth group activities to increase our children's Christian awareness, we are participating again in Operation Christmas Child in conjunction with Samaritan's Purse. This is a project where, every Christmas, millions of shoeboxes filled with gifts are hand delivered to millions of needy children around the world. In addition to bringing joy to these children, these will introduce them to God's love for them through His gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. Our youth will be filling the shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, hygiene products (no liquids or toothpaste), and other small gifts such as biblical books, socks, t-shirts, etc. Basically anything that could be useful for a needy child and that will fit in a shoebox, small backpack, duffle bag etc., but nothing battery powered. No guns, knives or anything portraying violence. Please check the pamphlets available for specific information. Choose if the gift is for a **boy** or a **girl** and the **age group**. **Please donate \$10.00 per box for shipping costs.**

**All parishioners are invited to join this parish activity again this year. Each family can fill up as many boxes as they would like to. There is no limit.** You can also use ANY regular shoe box, backpack, duffle bag, etc. **DEADLINE** for returning the filled boxes is **Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**. **Thank you** to ALL parishioners for your great generosity. For information please contact Frank - 514-333-0791; Connie - 514-747-9347, or the office – 514-747-4226.

## 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.