

Life by Faith: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2–3; 2:2–4 | Psalm 95:1–2, 6–9
Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6–8, 13–14 | Gospel: Luke 17:5–10



Because of his faith, the just man shall live. We hear in today's First Reading the original prophetic line made so central by St. Paul (see Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38).

We are to live by faith in Christ who loved us and gave Himself on the Cross for us (see Galatians 2:20).

The world, though, can seem to us as seventh-century Judah seemed to Habakkuk—in the control of God's enemies. The strife and discord we face in our

own lives can sometimes cause us to wonder, as the prophet does, why God doesn't seem to hear or intervene when we cry for help.

We can't let our hearts be hardened by the trials we undergo. As today's Psalm reminds us: Israel forgot His mighty works, lost faith in the sound words of His promise. They tested God in the desert, demanding a sign.

But God didn't redeem Israel from Egypt only to let them die in the desert. And He didn't ransom us from futility only to abandon us in our trials. He is our God and we are the people He shepherds always—though at times His mercy and justice seem long delayed.

If we call on the Lord, as the Apostles do in today's Gospel, He will increase our faith, will stir to a flame the Holy Spirit who has dwelt within us since Baptism.

As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, the Lord will always give us the love and self-control we need to bear our share of hardship for the Gospel—with a strength that can come from God alone.

Our task is to continue doing what He has commanded—to love and to build up His kingdom—trusting that His vision still presses on to its fulfillment.

For His vision still has its time. One day, though we are but "unprofitable servants," we will be invited to eat and drink at our Master's table. It is that day we anticipate with each celebration of the Eucharist.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
October 5th – 13th, 2019

Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Oct. 5th	Weekday Thanksgiving by Cesar Brazal and family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 5th	Sunday Vigil Abilio Carvajal – RIP – by Mercedes and family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Oct. 6th	Twenty- Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Leo, Rosa Maria and Anthony Borges – RIP – by the family <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 7th	OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY Yvette Richard – RIP – by Kevin and Linda
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Oct. 8th	Weekday Thanksgiving and Blessings – by Esther Muje and family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 9th	Saint Denis & Companions For Souls in Purgatory – by Phil
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 10th	Weekday Apolonia Francisco – RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 11th	St. John XXIII Antonio Sia – RIP – by the family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 12th	Sunday Vigil Helen Annett – RIP – by her mother
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Oct. 13th	Twenty- Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Victor O. Kramer – RIP – by Violeta Kramer and 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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FAITH ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE

Don't miss out on this year's Faith Enrichment Conference, **Oct. 18-19, 2019** at Loyola High School (2477 West Broadway, Montreal, H4B 2A4).

A theatrical production by *GRUPPO JOBEL* will open the conference on Friday evening, on how to be a living witness of love, service, mercy and courage. Keynote speaker Fr. Larry Léger will launch parish **DREAM TEAMS** toward a renewed vision of parish catechetical formation for all ages, and all other participants toward an awareness of our roles as missionary disciples. A blessing and sending forth by Archbishop Christian Lepine, will close the conference.

A dynamic and interactive group of workshops will be offered to families, catechists, parishioners, parish catechetical leaders and parish teams. Spaces are limited so please register early to ensure your place.

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THE MARRIAGE COURSE

Looking for an intimate and effective way to make your marriage stronger, healthier and last a lifetime? A new session of ***The Marriage Course*** is about to begin!

This course is offered to any married couple who would like to enrich their marriage. If you already have a good marriage, that's good news, but *any* marriage can be made better. Why not take this opportunity to **make your marriage the best it could be**. After all, you have a lifetime to share and enjoy together!

If you have a struggling marriage, you will learn the valuable tools necessary to overcome the issues being faced. Marriage is a very special relationship, and it deserves all of the love, attention and care you can give to nourish it.

Over the course of seven evenings, in a warm and relaxing home setting, you and your spouse can spend quality time discovering the essence of a healthy marriage, and **privately discussing** the topics covered each evening. **There are absolutely no group discussions**. Think of it as a "date" night with your spouse! The cost is \$80 per couple.

The next course will be held in the West Island, on **Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. starting on October 16 and ending November 27**. To register, or for more information, please contact Nathalie and John Bondyra at 514-695-7896 or kahndyra@sympatico.ca.

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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.