

"Today" is the Day: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Malachi 3:19–20 | Psalm 98:5–9
Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7–12 | Gospel: Luke 21:5–19



It is the age between our Lord's first coming and His last. We live in the new world begun by His life, death, Resurrection, and Ascension, by the sending of His Spirit upon the Church. But we await the day when He will come again in glory.

"Lo, the day is coming," Malachi warns in today's

First Reading. The prophets taught Israel to look for the Day of the Lord, when He would gather the nations for judgment (see Zephaniah 3:8; Isaiah 3:9; 2 Peter 3:7).

Jesus anticipates this day in today's Gospel. He cautions us not to be deceived by those claiming "the time has come." Such deception is the background also for today's Epistle (see 2 Thessalonians 2:1–3).

The signs Jesus gives His Apostles seem to already have come to pass in the New Testament. In Acts, the Epistles, and Revelation, we read of famines and earthquakes, the Temple's desolation. We read of persecutions—believers imprisoned and put to death, testifying to their faith with wisdom in the Spirit.

These "signs," then, show us the pattern for the Church's life—both in the New Testament and today.

We too live in a world of nations and kingdoms at war. And we should take the Apostles as our "models," as today's Epistle counsels. Like them we must persevere in the face of unbelieving relatives and friends, and forces and authorities hostile to God.

As we do in today's Psalm, we should sing His praises, joyfully proclaim His coming as Lord and King. The Day of the Lord is always a day that has already come and a day still yet to come. It is the "today" of our Liturgy.

The Apostles prayed *marana tha*—"O Lord come!" (see 1 Corinthians 16:22; Revelation 22:20). In the Eucharist He answers, coming again as the Lord of hosts and the Sun of Justice with its healing rays. It is a mighty sign—and a pledge of that Day to come.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
November 16th – November 24th, 2019

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Nov. 16th	Sunday Vigil Jeon Matthew Ching – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Nov. 17th	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mario Ottoni – RIP – by Loretta and family <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Nov. 18th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Nov. 19th	Weekday Maria E. S. Melo – RIP – by Connie and Jim Kuhr
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 20th	Weekday Felix O. Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 21st	Presentation of Mary Annasamipillai Aloysius – RIP – by Julia and family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 22nd	Saint Cecilia In Thanksgiving to St. Cecilia – by the Romea and Crodua families
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Nov. 23rd	Sunday Vigil Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Nov. 24th	Christ the King For Souls in Purgatory – RIP – by Marie Christinne Hubert <i>Pro Populo</i>

CALLED HOME TO THE FATHER

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Gerald Russell Leo Keating**. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

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SAINTS ON DEATH & AFTERLIFE

"...is not he a fool who seeks after happiness in this world, where he will remain only a few days and exposes himself to the risk of being unhappy in the next, where we must live for eternity? We do not fix our affections on borrowed goods, because we know that they must soon be returned to the owner. All the goods of this earth are lent to us..."

- *Saint Alphonsus Liguori*

PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: November 21

This feast originated as a commemoration of the dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary's the New in Jerusalem in 543. An apocryphal source recounts that Mary's parents brought their three-year-old daughter to the Temple in Jerusalem to offer her to God, as was the custom. Inspired by a priest's vision, they left her there to serve God. This custom continued for centuries.

The feast entered the Western calendar in 1585. Today, the feast celebrates the recognition of Mary as a temple where God lives.

-*Living with Christ, November 2019*

MONTREAL CATHOLIC CHALLENGE MOVEMENT

Are you 18-30 years old? Come to Challenge! The Montreal Catholic Challenge Movement is holding its next retreat from November 29 to December 1 at St. Willibrord's Parish in Verdun. Challenge retreats are a great opportunity to learn about your relationship with God and make Catholic friends. You can register on our website: montrealchallenge.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 Liguori

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.