

Perfect Offering: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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First Reading: [Isaiah 49:3, 5–6](#) | [Psalm 40:2, 4, 7–10](#)
Second Reading: [1 Corinthians 1:1–3](#) | Gospel: [John 1:29–34](#)



Jesus speaks through the prophet Isaiah in today's First Reading.

He tells us of the mission given to Him by the Father from the womb: "You are My servant," He said to Me." Servant and Son, our Lord was sent to lead a new exodus—to raise up the exiled tribes of Israel, to gather and restore them to God. More than that, He was to be a light to the nations, that God's salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (see Acts 13:46–47).

Before the first exodus, a lamb was offered in sacrifice and its blood painted on the Israelites' door posts. The blood of the lamb identified their homes and the Lord "passed over" these in executing judgment on the Egyptians (see Exodus 12:1–23, 27).

In the new exodus, Jesus is the "Lamb of God," as John beholds Him in the Gospel today (see 1 Corinthians 5:7; 1 Peter 1:18–19). Our Lord sings of this in today's Psalm. He has come, He says, to offer His body to do the will of God (see Hebrews 10:3–13).

The sacrifices, oblations, holocausts, and sin offerings given after the first exodus had no power to take away sins (see Hebrews 10:4). They were meant not to save but to teach (see Galatians 3:24). In offering these sacrifices, the people were to learn self-sacrifice—that they were made for worship, to offer themselves freely to God and to delight in His will.

Only Jesus could make that perfect offering of Himself. And through His sacrifice, He has given us ears open to obedience, He has made it possible for us to hear the Father's call to holiness, as Paul says in today's Epistle.

He has made us children of God, baptized in the blood of the Lamb (see Revelation 7:14). And we are to join our sacrifice to His, to offer our bodies—our lives—as living sacrifices in the spiritual worship of the Mass (see Romans 12:1).

ANNOUNCED MASSES
January 18th – 26th, 2019

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Jan. 18th	Sunday Vigil Feliks Rewers – RIP – by Wanda
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jan. 19th	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Tony and Mellie Francisco – RIP – by Desiree Derla <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Jan. 20th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7 p.m.	Jan. 21st	Saint Agnes Father Jason Piper – Blessings and Thanksgiving
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 22nd	Saint Vincent Marc Hebert – RIP – by Ron and Carolyn
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 23rd	Weekday Danny Alepin – RIP – by Linda and Kevin Piper
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 24th	Saint Francis de Sales Doreen D'Souza and Sister Jane – RIP – by Anne Marie
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Jan. 25th	CONVERSION OF PAUL Martin Groen – RIP – by Linda and Kevin Piper
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Jan. 25th	Sunday Vigil Antonina Saputo Russo – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Jan. 26th	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Adrian de Souza – 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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CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL: January 25

The conversion of Paul was a turning point in the history of the early Church. Saul, as Paul was first known, was a tentmaker from Tarsus who zealously persecuted the followers of Christ. While travelling on the road to Damascus, he was struck down amidst a blinding light from heaven. According to the accounts in Acts of the Apostles, a voice asked, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" Following the instructions he was given, Saul headed into Damascus and began proclaiming Jesus. Threatened with death for his actions, Paul escaped the city by being lowered in a basket over the city wall.

Paul's zeal for the risen Jesus led him to become a passionate follower and later a teacher of the nations. The letters, or epistles, of Paul offer us a window into the early Church.

-Living with Christ, January 2020

CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

January 25 is the Conversion of Saint Paul. There will be a mass on **Saturday, January 25th at 10am** to celebrate this turning point in the history of the early Church.

PAPAL WISDOM

"Whoever is moved by love begins to perceive what "life" really is. He begins to perceive the meaning of the word of hope that we encountered in the Baptismal Rite: from faith I await "eternal life" - the true life which, whole and unthreatened, in all its fullness, is simply life. Jesus, who said that he had come so that we might have life and have it in its fullness, in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10), has also explained to us what "life" means: "this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent" (Jn 17:3). Life in its true sense is not something we have exclusively in or from ourselves: it is a relationship. And life in its totality is a relationship with him who is the source of life. If we are in relation with him who does not die, who is Life itself and Love itself, then we are in life. Then we 'live'" – Pope Benedict XVI, Encyclical on Hope

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

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