

History Redeemed: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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First Reading: Isaiah 8:23–9:3 | Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10–13, 17 | Gospel: Matthew 4:12–23



Today's liturgy gives us a lesson in ancient Israelite geography and history.

Isaiah's prophecy in today's First Reading is quoted by Matthew in today's Gospel. Both intend to recall the apparent fall of the everlasting kingdom promised to David (see 2 Samuel 7:12–13; Psalm 89; 132:11–12).

Eight centuries before Christ, that part of the kingdom where the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali lived was attacked by the Assyrians, and the tribes were hauled off into captivity (see 2 Kings 15:29; 1 Chronicles 5:26).

It marked the beginning of the kingdom's end. It finally crumbled in the sixth century BC, when Jerusalem was seized by Babylon and the remaining tribes were driven into exile (see 2 Kings 24:14).

Isaiah prophesied that Zebulun and Naphtali, the lands first to be degraded, would be the first to see the light of God's salvation. Jesus today fulfills that prophecy—announcing the restoration of David's kingdom at precisely the spot where the kingdom began to fall.

His Gospel of the Kingdom includes not only the twelve tribes of Israel but all the nations—symbolized by the “Galilee of the Nations.” Calling His first disciples, two fishermen on the Sea of Galilee, He appoints them to be “fishers of men”—gathering people from the ends of the earth.

They are to preach the Gospel, Paul says in today's Epistle, to unite all peoples in the same mind and in the same purpose—in a worldwide kingdom of God.

By their preaching, Isaiah's promise has been delivered. A world in darkness has seen the light. The yoke of slavery and sin, borne by humanity since time began, has been smashed.

And we are able now, as we sing in today's Psalm, to dwell in the house of the Lord, to worship Him in the land of the living.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
January 25th – February 2nd, 2019

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| Saturday 10:00 a.m. | Jan. 25th | CONVERSION OF SAINT 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> |
| Monday | Jan. 27th | NO MASS |
| Tuesday 7 p.m. | Jan. 28th | Saint Thomas Aquinas Marie Simmons – Safe Journey to India and back |
| Wednesday 9:00 a.m. | Jan. 29th | Weekday Marc Hebert – RIP – by Joan |
| Thursday 9:00 a.m. | Jan. 30th | Weekday Robert and Annette Borges – RIP – by Anne Marie |
| Friday 9:00 a.m. | Jan. 31st | Saint John Bosco Marc Hebert – RIP – by Bernice and Maggie |
| Saturday 10:00 a.m. | Feb. 1st | Weekday Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents |
| Saturday 4:30 p.m. | Feb. 1st | Sunday Vigil Helen Mikus – RIP – by the husband and family |
| Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | Feb. 2nd | Presentation of the Lord Thanksgiving by the Sasana 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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SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS

Saint Thomas Aquinas had one of the greatest minds in the history of the Church. He was born near Aquino, Italy, about 1225. From an early age he posed questions of great theological depth; his family sent him at the age of five to be educated by the Benedictines in Monte Cassino. While his family was pious, they did not approve when 19-year-old Thomas joined the newly formed Dominicans, going so far as to imprison Thomas in the family castle. Once released, he studied in Italy and Germany, where, ironically, some of his classmates named this great thinker "the dumb ox," a name which prompted his teacher, Albert the Great, to proclaim: "We call him the dumb ox, but in his teaching he will one day produce such a bellowing that it will be heard throughout the world."

With Albert, he developed the theological Scholastic method, which dominated Catholic teaching for centuries. A prodigious writer, his most famous work is the *Summa Theologica*, one of the greatest examples of theological thought ever composed. Many of his hymn texts, such as *Pange lingua*, *Tantum ergo* and *Adore te devote*, are still used today.

A man of towering intellect, Thomas was also a humble mystic. He died in 1274, was canonized in 1323, and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1567. In 1880, he was proclaimed a patron saint of universities and schools.

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JOB POSTING: CAMP KINKORA

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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

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