

Affair of the Heart: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Sirach 15:15–20 | Psalm 119:1–2, 4–5, 17–18, 33–34
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6–10 | Gospel: Matthew 5:17–37



Jesus tells us in the Gospel this week that He has come not to abolish but to “fulfill” the Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets.

His Gospel reveals the deeper meaning and purpose of the Ten Commandments and the moral Law of the Old Testament. But His Gospel also transcends the Law. He demands a morality far greater than that accomplished by the most pious of Jews, the scribes and Pharisees.

Outward observance of the Law is not enough. It is not enough that we do not murder, commit adultery, divorce, or lie.

The law of the new covenant is a law that God writes on the heart (see [Jeremiah 31:31–34](#)). The heart is the seat of our motivations, the place from which our words and actions proceed (see Matthew 6:21; 15:18–20).

Jesus this week calls us to train our hearts, to master our passions and emotions. And Jesus demands the full obedience of our hearts (see Romans 6:17). He calls us to love God with all our hearts, and to do His will from the heart (see Matthew 22:37; Ephesians 6:6).

God never asks more of us than we are capable of. That is the message of this week’s First Reading. It is up to us to choose life over death, to choose the waters of eternal life over the fires of ungodliness and sin.

By His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus has shown us that it is possible to keep His commandments. In Baptism, He has given us His Spirit that His law might be fulfilled in us (Romans 8:4).

The wisdom of the Gospel surpasses all the wisdom of this age that is passing away, St. Paul tells us in the Epistle. The revelation of this wisdom fulfills God’s plan from before all ages.

Let us trust in this wisdom, and live by His kingdom law.

As we do in this week’s Psalm, let us pray that we grow in being better able to live His Gospel, and to seek the Father with all our heart.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
February 15th – February 23rd, 2019

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Feb. 15th	Sunday Vigil Audrey Dixon – RIP – by Pauline Butkus
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Feb. 16th	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Marc Hebert – RIP – by Leonora <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Feb. 17th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7 p.m.	Feb. 18th	Weekday Teresita Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 19th	Weekday Tai, Trong and Naomie – RIP – by Marguerite Kinh
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 20th	Weekday Ela Dimaya – Birthday Thanksgiving and Blessings
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Feb. 21st	Saint Peter Damian Sister Rose Mascarenhas and Leena Telles – RIP – by Anne Marie
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Feb. 22nd	Sunday Vigil Charles Patrick Sampson – RIP – by the Wojciechowski family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Feb. 23rd	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Marypillai – RIP – by Julia 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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INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

To our dear parishioners who used the envelope system for the weekly donation to the Parish in 2019, your income tax receipts are ready at the **Sacristy**. Please pick up your receipt either on the weekend after Mass or during the week, Monday to Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thank you.

PAPAL WISDOM

In the Church's Liturgy, in her prayer, in the living community of believers, we experience the love of God, we perceive his presence and we thus learn to recognize that presence in our daily lives. He has loved us first and he continues to do so; we too, then, can respond with love. God does not demand of us a feeling which we ourselves are incapable of producing. He loves us, he makes us see and experience his love, and since he has "loved us first", love can also blossom as a response within us.
- Pope Benedict XVI; Deus caritas est, n.17

COME AND SEE EVENING - for the Call to the Priesthood

The next 'Come and See' Evening will be taking place on **Friday, February 21, 2020 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** These gatherings are intended for men who are discerning a **vocation** to follow Jesus as a priest. These evenings are an excellent opportunity for those who are discerning a call to the **priesthood** to share in fellowship and to explore their **call** together. Gatherings take place at **Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish** (71 Roosevelt Avenue Ville Mont-Royal). For information or to reserve a spot, please contact **Fr. Robert Clark** at **514-903-6200** or **mtlvocations@hotmail.com**

THIS WEEK! ST. THOMAS A BECKET PARISH MISSION

Fr. Larry Richards, a popular conference speaker and pastor from Erie, PA, and often seen on EWTN, will conduct a four-day mission Monday, February 17 to Thursday, February 20, 7-9 pm each day. Refreshments before and after each session. The purpose of the mission is to help people grow in their love for God and give them hope and direction in their daily lives. (4320 Rue Sainte-Anne, Pierrefonds, QC H9H 4Y7; (514) 626-4111)

BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS

PARENT MEETING – this Sunday, February 16th, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. ALL PARENTS of Be My Disciples children must attend.

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.