

# Light Breaking Forth: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Isaiah 58:7–10 | Psalm 112:4–9  
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1–5 | Gospel: Matthew 5:13–16



Jesus came among us as light to scatter the darkness of a fallen world.

As His disciples, we too are called to be “the light of the world,” He tells us in the Gospel this Sunday (see John 1:4–4, 9; 8:12; 9:5).

All three images that Jesus uses to describe the Church are associated with the identity and vocation of Israel.

God forever aligned His kingdom with the kingdom of David and his sons by a “covenant of salt,” salt being a sign of permanence and purity (see 2 Chronicles 13:5, 8; Leviticus 2:13; Ezekiel 43:24).

Jerusalem was to be a city set on a hill, high above all others, drawing all nations towards the glorious light streaming from her Temple (see Isaiah 2:2; 60:1–3).

And Israel was given the mission of being a light to the nations, that God’s salvation would reach to the ends of the earth (see Isaiah 42:6; 49:6).

The liturgy shows us this week that the Church, and every Christian, is called to fulfill Israel’s mission.

By our faith and good works we are to make the light of God’s life break forth in the darkness, as we sing in this week’s Psalm.

This week’s readings remind us that our faith can never be a private affair, something we can hide as if under a basket.

We are to pour ourselves out for the afflicted, as Isaiah tells us in the First Reading. Our light must shine as a ray of God’s mercy for all who are poor, hungry, naked, and enslaved.

There must be a transparent quality to our lives. Our friends and family, our neighbors and fellow citizens, should see reflected in us the light of Christ and through us be attracted to the saving truths of the Gospel.

So let us pray that we, like St. Paul in the Epistle, might proclaim with our whole lives, “Christ and him crucified.”

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
February 8<sup>th</sup> – February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Feb. 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Charles Patrick Sampson – RIP – by the Wojciechowski family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Feb. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents  <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7 p.m.	<b>Feb. 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b> Damiano Durinzi – RIP – by his sister
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Feb. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Ruth Kaplan – RIP – by her daughter
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Feb. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Florinda Fernandes Po – RIP – by Anne Marie
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Feb. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saints Cyril and Methodius</b> Deceased and Living Members of the Borges family – by Anne Marie
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Feb. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Audrey Dixon – RIP – by Pauline Butkus
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Feb. 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Marc Hebert – RIP – by Leonora  <i>Pro Populo</i>

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**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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## OUR LADY OF LOURDES: February 11

The veneration of Mary as Our Lady of Lourdes arose first in popular devotion and later in the Church's liturgy.

In 1858 Mary, the Mother of Jesus, appeared to Bernadette Soubirous in a cave at Massabielle, near Lourdes in France. Just four years earlier, in 1854, the Church had declared the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, so when the "beautiful woman" of Bernadette's visions identified herself as the Immaculate Conception, there was initial skepticism. Although others accompanied Bernadette to the grotto, no one else could see or hear the visions. It did not take very long for an Episcopal Commission, an official inquiry, to state: "We judge that Mary, the Immaculate Mother of God, did really appear to Bernadette Soubirous on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 1858, and on certain subsequent days, 18 times in all, in the Grotto of Massabielle, near the town of Lourdes; that this appearance bears every mark of truth and that the belief of the faithful is well-grounded."

A few years later, this date was added to the list of Marian feasts to honour the mysterious beauty of the Immaculate Conception.

*-Living with Christ, February 2020*

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## BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS

**PARENT MEETING** – next Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. ALL PARENTS of Be My Disciples children must attend.

## MONTREAL DIRECTED RETREATS

Silent, directed weekend retreat at La Maison de Prière Notre-Dame in Longueuil (180 rue De Normandie Longueuil, J4H 3N9). Begins **Friday evening, February 21** and ends Sunday afternoon. Contact Paul Empsall at 514-626-9462 or paul.empsall@sympatico.ca or visit montrealretreats.org

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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.