

August 23rd & 30th, 2020

‘Oh, the Depths!’: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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First Reading: [Isaiah 22:15, 19–23](#) | [Psalm 138:1–3, 6, 8](#)
Second Reading: [Romans 11:33–36](#) | Gospel: [Matthew 16:13–20](#)



“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!” Paul exclaims in today’s Epistle. Today’s Psalm, too, takes up the triumphant note of joy and thanksgiving. Why? Because in the Gospel, the heavenly Father reveals the mystery of His kingdom to Peter.

With Peter, we rejoice that Jesus is the anointed Son promised to David, the one prophesied to build God’s temple and reign over an everlasting kingdom (see [2 Samuel 7](#)).

What Jesus calls “my Church” is the kingdom promised to David’s son (see [Isaiah 9:1–7](#)). As we hear in today’s First Reading, Isaiah foretold that the keys to David’s kingdom would be given to a new master, who would rule as father to God’s people.

Jesus, the root and offspring of David, alone holds the kingdom’s keys (see [Revelation 1:18](#); [3:7](#); [22:16](#)). In giving those keys to Peter, Jesus fulfills that prophecy, establishing Peter—and all who succeed him—as holy father of His Church.

His Church, too, is the new house of God—the spiritual temple founded on the “rock” of Peter, and built up out of the living stones of individual believers (see [1 Peter 2:5](#)).

Abraham was called “the rock” from which the children of Israel were hewn (see [Isaiah 51:1–2](#)). And Peter becomes the rock from which God raises up new children of God (see [Matthew 3:9](#)).

The word Jesus uses—“church” (*ekklesia* in Greek)—was used in the Greek translation of the Old Testament for the “assembly” of God’s children after the Exodus (see [Deuteronomy 18:16](#); [31:30](#)).

His Church is the “assembly of the firstborn” (see [Hebrews 12:23](#); [Exodus 4:23–24](#)), established by Jesus’ exodus (see [Luke 9:31](#)). Like the Israelites, we are baptized in water, led by the Rock, and fed with spiritual food (see [1 Corinthians 10:1–5](#)).

Gathered at His altar, in the presence of angels, we sing His praise and give thanks to His holy name.

NOTICE:

The Church is OPEN!

We have returned to our usual mass schedule. Yet Covid-19 is still around, so precautions are to be followed to make sure we can stay open, and safe.

You can check regularly our parish website for updates:
www.our-lady-of-fatima.ca

The Archdiocese of Montreal has set up a webpage where they will post diocesan updates and information, regarding the actions taken by the Archdiocese, in response to the coronavirus as things unfold: **www.diocesemontreal.org/en/covid-19**

During these difficult days be assured of my prayers for you, and together let us pray for all those effected by this virus, and for its swift end! If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to e-mail me: **fatherjpiper@gmail.com**

To note: There are several available mass intentions within the coming weeks. Contact the secretary to book your mass intentions.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
August 22nd – September 6th, 2020

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Aug 22nd	Sunday Vigil Carol and Joe Camponelli – RIP – by Anne Marie
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Aug 23rd	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Veronique Lagare Roy – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Aug 24th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Aug 25th	Saint Louis Therese Bergeron – RIP – by Rose-Marie
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Aug 26th	Weekday Rosalina Ernacio and Vicente Mojica – RIP – by the family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Aug 27th	Saint Monica Arnold Turalde – RIP – by Marlon and family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Aug 28th	Saint Augustine Agustin Atas and Luisa Bencito – RIP – by the family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Aug 29th	Sunday Vigil Elizabeth Hack – RIP – by Barbara
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Aug 30th	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Antonio Sia – RIP – by the family <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Aug 31st	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Sept 1st	Weekday Irene Peralta Smith – RIP – by Jean Guy Marcil
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Sept 2nd	Weekday Lorique Cyr Mojica – Birthday Thanksgiving and Blessings
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Sept 3rd	Saint Gregory the Great Margaret Smith-Davis - RIP
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Sept 4th	Weekday Eduardo and Remedios Domingo – RIP – by the Domingo family
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Sept 5th	Saint Teresa of Calcutta Letitia Sequeira – RIP
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sept 5th	Sunday Vigil Segunda Almeda – RIP – by her sister Eusebia Almeda
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sept 6th	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Pro Populo</i> Deceased Members of the Henriquez family – RIP – by Jean and Claire

The MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen

SAINTLY PRAYER: by St. Teresa of Avila

Let nothing disturb you
Let nothing frighten you
All things are passing
God never changes
Patience obtains all things
Who possesses God lacks nothing
God alone suffices.
Amen.

PRAYER

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.
Bring a swift end to this coronavirus.
Heal the afflicted, comfort the fearful,
and have mercy on those whom you have been called from this life. Amen.
Our Lady of Fatima; pray for us!

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.