

September 6th & 13th, 2020

To Win Them Back: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7–9| Psalm 95:1–2, 6–9
Second Reading: Romans 13:8–10| Gospel: Matthew 18:15–20



As Ezekiel is appointed watchman over the house of Israel in today's first Reading, so Jesus in the Gospel today establishes His disciples as guardians of the new Israel of God, the Church (see Galatians 6:16).

He also puts in place procedures for dealing with sin and breaches of the faith, building on rules of discipline prescribed by Moses for Israel (see Leviticus 19:17–20; Deuteronomy 19:13). The heads of the new Israel, however, receive extraordinary powers—similar to those given to Peter (see Matthew 16:19). They have the

power to bind and loose, to forgive sins and to reconcile sinners in His name (see John 20:21–23).

But the powers He gives the Apostles and their successors depends on their communion with Him. As Ezekiel is only to teach what he hears God saying, the disciples are to gather in His name and to pray and seek the will of our heavenly Father.

But today's readings are more than a lesson in Church order. They also suggest how we're to deal with those who trespass against us, a theme that we'll hear in next week's readings as well.

Notice that both the Gospel and the First Reading presume that believers have a duty to correct sinners in our midst. Ezekiel is even told that he will be held accountable for their souls if he fails to speak out and try to correct them.

This is the love that Paul in today's Epistle says we owe to our neighbors. To love our neighbors as ourselves is to be vitally concerned for their salvation. We must make every effort, as Jesus says, to win our brothers and sisters back, to turn them from the false paths.

We should never correct out of anger or a desire to punish. Instead, our message must be that of today's Psalm—urging the sinner to hear God's voice, not to harden their hearts, and to remember that He is the one who made us, and the rock of our salvation.

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
September 5th – 20th, 2020

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
Monday	Sept 7th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Sept 8th	NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Jerry and Ofelia Roy – Anniversary Thanksgiving
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Sept 9th	Saint Peter Claver Mervyn Mojica and Julie Cyr – Thanksgiving and Blessings
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Sept 10th	Weekday Christian Patrick Dowd – RIP – by Kevin and Linda Piper
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Sept 11th	Weekday Gerald Mastromatteo – RIP – by his wife
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sept 12th	Sunday Vigil Christian Patrick Dowd – RIP – by the Fabrique of Our Lady of Fatima
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sept 13th	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday 9:00 a.m.	Sept 14th	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Sept 15th	Our Lady of Sorrows Windell Crodua - Thanksgiving
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Sept 16th	Saints Cornelius and Cyprian Deidre R – Special Intentions – by Linda Piper
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Sept 17th	Saint Robert Bellarmine The Living and Deceased Members of the Borges family – by Anne Marie
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Sept 18th	Weekday Linayah Cyr Mojica – Birthday Thanksgiving and Blessings
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sept 19th	Sunday Vigil Jose Leite de Melo – RIP – by Connie and Jim
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sept 20th	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lionel Romea – RIP – by the Catechists <i>Pro Populo</i>

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.