

October 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Caesar and the King: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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First Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4–6 | Psalm 96:1,3–5, 7–10  
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1–5 | Gospel: Matthew 22:15–21



The Lord is king over all the earth, as we sing in today's Psalm. Governments rise and fall by His permission, with no authority but that given from above (see John 19:11; Romans 13:1).

In effect, God says to every ruler what He tells King Cyrus in today's First Reading: "I have called you . . . though you knew me not."

The Lord raised up Cyrus to restore the Israelites from exile, and to rebuild Jerusalem (see Ezra 1:1–4). Throughout salvation history, God has used foreign rulers for the sake of His chosen people. Pharaoh's heart was hardened to reveal God's power (see Romans 9:17). Invading armies were used to punish Israel's sins (see 2 Maccabees 6:7–16).

The Roman occupation during Jesus' time was, in a similar way, a judgment on Israel's unfaithfulness. Jesus' famous words in today's Gospel: "Repay to Caesar" are a pointed reminder of this. And they call us, too, to keep our allegiances straight.

The Lord alone is our king. His kingdom is not of this world (see John 18:36) but it begins here in His Church, which tells of His glory among all peoples. Citizens of heaven (see Philippians 3:20), we are called to be a light to the world (see Matthew 5:14)—working in faith, laboring in love, and enduring in hope, as today's Epistle counsels.

We owe the government a concern for the common good and obedience to laws—unless they conflict with God's commandments as interpreted by the Church (see Acts 5:29).

But we owe God everything. The coin bears Caesar's image. But we bear God's own image (see Genesis 1:27). We owe Him our very lives—all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, offered as a living sacrifice of love (see Romans 12:1–2).

We should pray for our leaders, that like Cyrus they do God's will (see 1 Timothy 2:1–2)—until from the rising of the sun to its setting, all humanity knows that Jesus is Lord.

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**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](http://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](http://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: [fatherjpipe@gmail.com](mailto:fatherjpipe@gmail.com)

**PRAYING FOR THE DEAD**

Yellow envelopes are available on the pews for anyone who wishes to fill them in remembrance for the souls of their departed family members and friends. These envelopes will be kept in the Sanctuary throughout November, the month of prayers for the dead. Mass will be offered for all souls on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am.

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

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**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**October 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.  6:00 p.m.	<b>Oct 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Teresita, Felix and Paciencia Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy  Jessica Abboud – Birthday Blessings – by her mother
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Oct 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Pedrito Manzo-Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy  <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Oct 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Oct 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Hedwig</b> Anita and Juliana – Birthday Blessings
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Marc and Reyne - Thanksgiving
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Saint John Paul II</b> Evelyne Joseph and Keiwth Marvens Guerriero – Healing and Blessings
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Saint John of Capistrano</b> Special Intentions by Maria O.
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Oct 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Jean Brocklehurst – RIP – by Joan
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Oct 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Angela, Rose and Giuseppe Mignacca – RIP – by the family  <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Oct 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Oct 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Emilio Bencito – RIP – by the family
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saints Simon and Jude</b> Steve – RIP – by Maria O.
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Jose J. Ponte – RIP – by Connie
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Thomas Bolohan – RIP – by Joan
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Oct 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Benjamin Saldana – RIP – by Anna
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>ALL SAINTS</b> Anthony, Rosa Maria and Leo Borges – RIP – by Anne Marie  <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.