

October 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Living on the Vine: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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First Reading: Isaiah 5:1–7 | Psalm 80:9, 12–16, 19–20  
Second Reading: Philippians 4:6–9 | Gospel: Matthew 21:33–43



In today's Gospel Jesus returns to the Old Testament symbol of the vineyard to teach about Israel, the Church, and the kingdom of God. And the symbolism of today's First Reading and Psalm is readily understood.

God is the owner and the house of Israel is the vineyard. A cherished vine, Israel was plucked from Egypt and transplanted in a fertile land specially spaded and prepared by God, hedged about by the city walls of Jerusalem, watched over by the towering

Temple. But the vineyard produced no good grapes for the wine, a symbol for the holy lives God wanted for His people. So God allowed His vineyard to be overrun by foreign invaders, as Isaiah foresees in the First Reading.

Jesus picks up the story where Isaiah leaves off, even using Isaiah's words to describe the vineyard's wine press, hedge, and watchtower. Israel's religious leaders, the tenants in His parable, have learned nothing from Isaiah or Israel's past. Instead of producing good fruits, they've killed the owner's servants, the prophets sent to gather the harvest of faithful souls. In a dark foreshadowing of His own crucifixion outside Jerusalem, Jesus says the tenants' final outrage will be to seize the owner's son, and to kill him outside the vineyard walls.

For this, the vineyard, which Jesus calls the kingdom of God, will be taken away and given to new tenants—the leaders of the Church, who will produce its fruit.

We are each a vine in the Lord's vineyard, grafted onto the true vine of Christ (see John 15:1–8), called to bear fruits of the righteousness in Him (see Philippians 1:11) and to be the "first fruits" of a new creation (see James 1:18).

We need to take care that we don't let ourselves be overgrown with the thorns and briars of worldly anxiety. As today's Epistle advises, we need to fill our hearts and minds with noble intentions and virtuous deeds, rejoicing always that the Lord is near.

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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)

**The Fifteen Promises for those who pray the Rosary**

October is the Month of the Rosary!

The Blessed Virgin Mary promised to Saint Dominic that "Whatever you ask in the Rosary will be granted." She left for all Christians Fifteen Promises to those who recite the Holy Rosary. Imparted to Saint Dominic and Blessed Alan:

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
4. The Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire for eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall not perish.
6. Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His

justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.

7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
9. I shall deliver from Purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven.
11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary.
12. All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
14. All who recite the Rosary are my sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters of my only Son Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion of my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

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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 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

<b>Saturday</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>Oct 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Marcelino Castro – RIP – by the Castro family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Oct 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b>

4:30 p.m.		Thanksgiving by the Castro and Lopez families
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Rosa Maria, Leo and Anthony Borges – RIP – by Anne Marie
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Oct 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Oct 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Bruno</b> Christian Patrick Dowd – RIP – by the Be My Disciples Catechists
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b> Abilio Carvajal – RIP – by Mercedes and family
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Fernande Tait – RIP – by Diane Labelle and Gaetan Dumais
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Denis and Companions</b> Margaret Smith-Davis - RIP
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Oct 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Grace O'Reilly – RIP – by the family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> James Timmoney – RIP – by Ron, Carolyn and Bernice
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Oct 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Oct 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Deceased Members of the Machny and Sinakiewicz families – RIP – by Betty
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Callistus I</b> Marc Cabantac - Thanksgiving
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Teresa of Jesus</b> Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Marguerite d'Youville</b> Teresita, Felix and Paciencia Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 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
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 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
11:00 a.m.		<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.