

November 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

## Settling Accounts: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Proverbs 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31 | Psalm 128:1–5  
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1–6 | Gospel: Matthew 25:14–30



The day of the Lord is coming, Paul warns in today's Epistle. What matters isn't the time or the season, but what the Lord finds us doing with the new life, the graces He has given to us.

This is at the heart of Jesus' parable in today's Gospel. Jesus is the Master. Having died, risen, and ascended into heaven, He appears to have gone away for a long time.

By our Baptism, He has entrusted to each of us a portion of His "possessions," a share in His divine life (see 2 Peter 1:4). He has given us talents and responsibilities, according to the measure of our faith (see Romans 12:3, 8).

We are to be like the worthy wife in today's First Reading and the faithful man we sing of in today's Psalm. Like them, we should walk in the "fear of the Lord"—in reverence, awe, and thanksgiving for His marvelous gifts. This is the beginning of wisdom (see Acts 9:31; Proverbs 1:7).

This is not the "fear" of the useless servant in today's parable. His is the fear of a slave cowering before a cruel master, the fear of one who refuses the relationship that God calls us to.

God has called us to be trusted servants, fellow workers (see 1 Corinthians 3:9), using our talents to serve one another and His kingdom as good stewards of His grace (see 1 Peter 4:10).

In this, we each have a different part to play.

Though the good servants in today's parable were given different numbers of talents, each "doubled" what he was given. And each earned the same reward for his faithfulness—greater responsibilities and a share of the Master's joy.

So let us resolve again in this Eucharist to make much of what we've been given, to do all for the glory of God (see 1 Corinthians 10:31). That we, too, may approach our Master with confidence and love when He comes to settle accounts.

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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)

**SUNDAY MISSALS**

The 2020-2021 Sunday missals are available starting November 4<sup>th</sup>, after every Mass. For those who would like to have a copy of their own, the cost is \$5.00 each. There is a collection plate beside the Missals for the people to put their money in.

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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**  
**November 14 - 29, 2020**

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Nov. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Maria E.S. Ponte – RIP – by Connie
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thirty-third Sunday in LOrdinary Time</b> Jeon Matthew Ching – RIP – by the family  <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Nov. 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Nov. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Elizabeth of Hungary</b> Maria Melo Ponte– RIP – by Connie and Jim
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Annasamipillai Aloysius – RIP – by Julia and family
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Maria E. S. Melo – RIP – by Connie
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Felix Opulencia Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Nov. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Alban de Souza – RIP – by the family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Christ the King</b> Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents  <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Nov. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Andrew Dung-Lac &amp; Companions</b> Cecilia Romea - Thanksgiving
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Catherine of Alexandria</b> Elza, Pierre and Marcel – RIP – by Marilyn
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Louis Ottoni – RIP – by Loretta
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Sean – Thanksgiving and Blessings
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Nov. 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Ross O'Donnell – RIP – by Joan
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent (Year B)</b> Cecilia Romea - Thanksgiving  <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.