

October 31<sup>st</sup> & November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

# The Law of Love: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2–6 | Psalm 18:2–4, 47, 51  
Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23–28 | Gospel: Mark 12:28–34

Love is only law we are to live by. And love is the fulfillment of the Law that God reveals through Moses in today's First Reading (see Romans 13:8–10; Matthew 5:43–48).

The unity of God—the truth that He is one God, Father, Son, and Spirit—means that we must love Him with one love, a love that serves Him with all our hearts and minds, souls and strength.

We love Him because He has loved us first. We love our neighbor because we can't love the God we haven't seen unless we love those made in His image and likeness, whom we have seen (see 1 John 4:19–21).

And we are called to imitate the love that Christ showed us in laying His life down on the Cross (see 1 John 3:16). As we hear in today's Epistle, by His perfect sacrifice on the Cross, He once and for all makes it possible for us to approach God.

There is no greater love than to lay down your life (see John 15:13). This is perhaps why Jesus tells the scribe in today's Gospel that he is not far from the kingdom of God.

The scribe recognizes that the burnt offerings and sacrifices of the old Law were meant to teach Israel that it is love that God desires (see Hosea 6:6). The animals offered in sacrifice were symbols of the self-sacrifice, the total gift of ourselves that God truly desires.

We are called today to examine our hearts. Do we have other loves that get in the way of our love for God? Do we love others as Jesus has loved us (see John 13:34–35)? Do we love our enemies and pray for those who oppose and persecute us (see Matthew 5:44)?

Let us tell the Lord we love Him, as we do in today's Psalm. And let us take His Word to heart, that we might prosper and have life eternal in His kingdom, the heavenly homeland flowing with milk and honey.

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA ONLINE MINISTRIES

### The Rosary

Emil & Irah Tirona will be hosting an online interactive rosary, Mondays at 7:30pm.

For those interested, kindly send an email to Emil and Irah (irahtirona@gmail.com), so you may be added to the online invitation. Please call 514-617-4021 if you need any online technical assistance or have questions.

### Homilies & Reflections

During the current COVID restrictions, while the parish is either closed to the public or limited in the number of those who can gather for mass, from time to time Fr. Jason will post on the parish website a homily or reflection on various faith related subjects. You can find the homilies at the following link: <http://www.our-lady-of-fatima.ca/homilies/>

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### COVID NOTICE:

#### The Church is OPEN!

All areas of our diocese are classified as green zone as of June 28. Maximum numbers of participants are as follows: no more than 250 persons at Sunday or weekday Masses; a maximum of 250 persons may attend weddings and funerals, as always not including liturgical servers.

With respect to weddings and funerals, please note that people in the congregation are required to remain seated throughout the service.

Now that Montreal is a "Green Zone", places of worship will still keep the protocols of: sanitizing hands when entering the building, wearing a mask, keeping a six foot distance from those outside your "bubble". Following the protocols, we can receive around 110-120 in the church & choir loft, and around other 50 in the Hall if needed.

Therefore, because we are able to accommodate a much greater number of people, until further notice: **NO MORE RESERVATIONS** will be required. It will be first come first serve in the church, and if it fills up, we will have a place for you in the Hall.

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)

## **ALL SAINTS: November 1<sup>st</sup>**

**There will be a mass on Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00 AM** to celebrate together the solemnity of *All Saints Day* together of all the blessed souls, saints, in Heaven!

### **PRAYING FOR THE DEAD**

Yellow envelopes are available at the Main Entrance 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 Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7 pm.**

### **BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS**

**Be My Disciples is back!** We have started to meet in person, and we are very happy to be back with our young people. Any child or young person between the ages of grade 1 to Junior High is welcome to join our group. A few places are available. For information, please contact Connie Kuhr.

**CHRISTMAS BOXES** - As part of our group's activities to increase our children's Christian awareness, we will once again participate in Operation Christmas Child in conjunction with Samaritan's Purse. This is a project where every Christmas, millions of shoeboxes filled with gifts are hand delivered to millions of needy children around the world who would otherwise not know God's love for them through His gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. Our children will be filling the shoeboxes with toys, school supplies, hygiene products (no liquids or toothpaste), and other small gifts such as biblical books, socks, t-shirts, etc. Basically, anything that could be useful for a needy child and that will fit in a shoebox, backpack, duffle bag etc., but nothing battery powered as they have no access to batteries. No guns, knives or anything portraying violence.

Please check the pamphlets available for specific information. Choose if the gift is for a boy or a girl and the age group.

Where possible, please donate \$10.00 per box for shipping costs.

These shoeboxes that you will be filling will be dropped off at the Operation Christmas Child drop-off center and shipped to their destination to be hand delivered to the children in need.

For information please contact Frank - 514-333-0791; Connie - 514-747-9347, or the office – 514-747-4226.

**DEADLINE** for returning the filled boxes is **Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**.

**Thank you** to ALL parishioners for your continued generosity!

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### **CATHOLIC ACTION MONTREAL – LATE SUNDAY MASS**

Is your weekend too busy to attend your usual celebration of mass, reflect with Jesus on your past week and start the new week with peace and joy? Please consider Catholic Action's Late Sunday Mass; 7:00pm at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. It is never too late to celebrate the Eucharist ([www.catholicaction.ca](http://www.catholicaction.ca)).

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**October 30<sup>th</sup> – November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Oct. 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Thomas Bolohan – RIP – by Joan
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Oct. 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)</b> Benjamin Saldana – RIP – by Anna  <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>ALL SAINTS Day</b> For all souls in purgatory
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>All Souls Day</b> Yellow Envelopes (Souls)
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Saint Martin de Porres</b> Deceased Members of the De Souza and Rossi families
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Charles Borromeo</b> Francisco Fabico and family – For Healing and Speedy Recovery – by his sisters
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Father Michael McKenna – RIP – by Linda Piper
<b>Saturday</b> 10:00.m.	<b>Nov. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Jeffrey Saldana – RIP – by Anna
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Nov. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Basil Vandemark – RIP – by Ron and Carolyn
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Deceased and Living Members of the Borges family  <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Nov. 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Nov. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b> Marie Simmons - Thanksgiving
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Leo the Great</b> Deceased Members of the Whilemine and Gerard families  Retired Teachers of Montreal
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Martin of Tours</b> Jadwiga Banas – Blessings and Thanksgiving
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Josaphat</b> Ross O'Donnell – RIP – by Joan
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Nov. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Allan de Souza – RIP – by the family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Nov. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)</b> Maria E. S. Ponte – RIP – by Luis  <i>Pro Populo</i>

## YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

### The Saints on St. Joseph:

“To give life to someone is the greatest of all gifts. To save a life is the next. Who gave life to Jesus? It was Mary. Who saved his life? It was Joseph. Ask St. Paul who persecuted him. Ask St. Peter who denied him. Ask all the saints who put him to death. But if we ask, ‘Who saved his life?’ Be silent, patriarchs, be silent, prophets, be silent, apostles, confessors, and martyrs. Let St. Joseph speak, for this honor is his alone; he along is the savior of his Savior.”

- *Blessed William Joseph Chaminade*

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## THE FIVE PRAYERS OF FATIMA

### The Fatima Prayer/Decade Prayer

*(Mary told the children that people should add this prayer to the end of each decade of the Rosary.)*

“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy. Amen.”

### The Sacrifice Prayer

*(Mary gave the children this prayer, as well as the Fatima Prayer/Decade Prayer, on June 13th, 1917. The prayer is meant to be recited when you are offering up suffering to God.)*

“O Jesus, it is for the love of Thee, in reparation for the offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and for the conversion of poor sinners [that I do this].”

### The Pardon Prayer

*(This prayer was given to the children by the angel that visited them in 1916, the year before Mary appeared to them.)*

“My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I beg pardon for all those that do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee.”

### The Angel's Prayer

*(This is another prayer given to the children by the angel. There was a Eucharistic host and chalice suspended in the air, and the angel led them in kneeling before it and praying this prayer.)*

“O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary I beg the conversion of poor sinners.”

### The Eucharistic Prayer

*(When Mary appeared to the children for the first time on May 13, 1917, she said, “You will have much to suffer, but the grace of God will be your*

*comfort.” According to Lucia, a bright light shone all around them, and without thinking about it, they all started reciting this prayer.)*

“Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament.”