

October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

# What God Has Joined: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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First Reading: Genesis 2:18–24 | Psalm 128:1–6  
Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9–11 | Gospel: Mark 10:2–16

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a trick question.

The "lawfulness" of divorce in Israel was never an issue. Moses had long ago allowed it (see **Deuteronomy 24:1–4**). But Jesus points His enemies back before Moses, to "the beginning," interpreting the text we hear in today's First Reading.

Divorce violates the order of creation, He says. Moses permitted it only as a concession to the people's "hardness of heart"—their inability to live by God's covenant Law. But Jesus comes to fulfill the Law, to reveal its true meaning and purpose, and to give people the grace to keep God's commands.

Marriage, He reveals, is a sacrament, a divine, life-giving sign. Through the union of husband and wife, God intended to bestow His blessings on the human family—making it fruitful, multiplying it until it filled the earth (see **Genesis 1:28**).

That's why today's Gospel moves so easily from a debate about marriage to Jesus' blessing of children. Children are blessings the Father bestows on couples who walk in His ways, as we sing in today's Psalm.

Marriage also is a sign of God's new covenant. As today's Epistle hints, Jesus is the new Adam—made a little lower than the angels, born of a human family (see **Romans 5:14; Psalm 8:5–7**). The Church is the new Eve, the "woman" born of Christ's pierced side as He hung in the sleep of death on the Cross (see **John 19:34; Revelation 12:1–17**).

Through the union of Christ and the Church as "one flesh," God's plan for the world is fulfilled (see **Ephesians 5:21–32**). Eve was "mother of all the living" (see **Genesis 3:20**). And in Baptism, we are made sons and daughters of the Church, children of the Father, heirs of the eternal glory He intended for the human family in the beginning.

The challenge for us is to live as children of the kingdom, growing up ever more faithful in our love and devotion to the ways of Christ and the teachings of His Church.

## 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: [fatherjpiper@gmail.com](mailto:fatherjpiper@gmail.com)

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## YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

### **The Saints on St. Joseph:**

“Those who invoke him [Saint Joseph], shall obtain from God, by his intercession, the gift of chastity, and shall not be conquered by the temptations of the senses.”

- *Venerable Mary of Agreda*

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### **LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Loyola High School is accepting applications from all prospective students for the 2022-23 school year. Loyola is an all-boys university preparatory school that has offered a Jesuit Catholic education for 125 years. Loyola students are encouraged to find whatever it is that ignites their passion. This passion energizes students to achieve not only at Loyola but long after they graduate. We want our students to be transformational leaders. Discover all that Loyola has to offer: modern learning facilities, a complete athletics program and a tradition of community service, by visiting our website: [www.loyola.ca/admissions](http://www.loyola.ca/admissions). Financial Aid is available

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

<b>Saturday</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Holy Guardian Angels</b> Baby Aloysius and Duane Lauritsen – RIP – by the family
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Jerry Roy – Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving – by Ofelia Roy
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)</b> Deceased Members of the Khairy and Bichai families
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Oct. 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Oct. 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Faustina Kowalska</b> Mathilde van de Bennet – RIP – by Tom and Anna Treschak
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Bruno</b> Abilio Carvajal – RIP – by Mercedes and family
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b> Yolande Quraishi – RIP – by Linda Piper
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct. 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Ruth Gaudreau - In Thanksgiving for the favors received
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Oct. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Father Michael McKenna – RIP – by the Legion of Mary
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Mr. and Mrs. Marcelino Castro – RIP – by the family
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Oct. 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Oct. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Deceased Members of the Machny and Sinakiewicz families – RIP - by Betty Machny
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Thanksgiving – by the Castro family
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Callistus I</b> Dominga Castro – RIP – by the family
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Theresa of Jesus</b> Teresita, Felix, & Paciencia Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Oct. 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Jean Brocklehurst – RIP – by Joan
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Oct. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)</b> Mamerta Hamm – RIP – by Lemuel, Aliz Salazar and family
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>

## 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.”