

September 4th & 11th, 2022

Counting the Cost: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Wisdom 9:13–18 | Psalm 90:3–6, 12–17
Second Reading: Philemon 1:9–10, 12–17 | Gospel: Luke 14:25–33

Like a king making ready for battle or a contractor about to build a tower, we have to count the cost as we set out to follow Jesus.

Our Lord today is telling us up front the sacrifice it will take. His words aren't addressed to His chosen few, the Twelve, but rather to the "great crowds"—to anyone, to whoever wishes to be His disciple.

That only makes His call all the more stark and uncompromising. We are to "hate" our old lives, to renounce all the earthly things we rely upon, to choose Him above every person and possession. Again He tells us that the things we have—even our family ties and obligations—can become an excuse, an obstacle that keeps us from giving ourselves completely to Him (see Luke 9:23–26, 57–62).

Jesus brings us the saving wisdom we are promised in today's First Reading. He is that saving Wisdom.

Weighed down by many earthly concerns, the burdens of our body and its needs, we could never see beyond the things of this world; we could never detect God's heavenly design and intention. So in His mercy He sent us His Spirit, His Wisdom from on high, to make straight our path to Him.

Jesus Himself paid the price to free us from the sentence imposed on Adam, which we recall in today's Psalm (see Genesis 2:7; 2:19). No more will the work of our hands be an affliction; no more are we destined to turn back to dust.

Like Onesimus in today's Epistle, we have been redeemed. We have been given a new family and a new inheritance, made children of the Father, brothers and sisters in the Lord.

We are free now to come after Him, to serve Him—no longer slaves to the ties of our past lives. In Christ, all our yesterdays have passed. We live in what the Psalm today beautifully describes as the daybreak, ready to be filled with His kindness. For He has given us wisdom of heart and taught us to number our days aright.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA ONLINE MINISTRIES

The Rosary

Emil & Irah Tirona are 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/>

COVID NOTICE:

The Church is **OPEN** to the public gatherings indoors.

NO RESERVATIONS are required.

Also, as has been our practice throughout the pandemic, for the foreseeable future we will continue using only the main entrance doors for you to enter the Church.

You can check regularly our parish website for updates:
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

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:
fatherjipiper@gmail.com

SAINTLY WISDOM

“Examine your schedule, examine your priorities, and ask yourself whether you should go to Mass more often than you do.”
- *Saint Ambrose of Milan*

ADORATION

Come spend some time with Our Lord.

Tuesdays 6pm to 7pm (*mass at 7pm*)

Thursdays 8am to 9am (*mass at 9am*)

Fridays 9:30am to 10:30am (*mass at 9am*)

First Saturday of the Month 10:30am to 11:30am (*mass at 10am*)

ANNOUNCED MASSES

September 3rd – 18th, 2022

Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Sept. 3rd	Saint Gregory the Great Maureen Marolly – RIP – by Nelson and Teresa Alvares
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sept. 3rd	Sunday Vigil Deceased and Living Members of the Rodrigues family – by Leo and Lavinia
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 4th	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Eduardo and Remedios Domingo – RIP – by the family
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Sept. 5th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Sept. 6th	Weekday Joseph Nwihim – RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 7th	Weekday Mme Leanh – For Healing – by Marianne Pham
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 8th	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary – by Whilemine
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 9th	Saint Peter Claver Ted Biro – RIP – by Mary and James Foster
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sept. 10th	Sunday Vigil Tom Kennedy – RIP – by Eva
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 11th	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Tadeusz Depa – RIP – by Irene and family
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Sept. 12th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Sept. 13th	Saint John Chrysostom Michel Gagnon - RIP – by Mary and James Foster
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 14th	Exaltation of the Holy Cross Sadiq Iqbal – RIP – by the family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 15th	Our Lady of Sorrows Agustin E. Atas and Luisa G. Bencito – RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 16th	Saints Cornelius & Cyprian

		Raymond and Fernand Tait – RIP – by Linda Piper
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sept. 17th	Sunday Vigil Thanksgiving by Cristina Dulo-Arguel and family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sept. 18th	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Ted Biro – RIP – by Kevin and Linda Piper <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.”