## October 30th & Nov. 6th, 2022

# Lover of Souls: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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First Reading: Wisdom 11:22–12:2 | Psalm 145:1–2, 8–11, 13–14 Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11–2:2 | Gospel: Luke 19:1–10

Our Lord is a lover of souls, the Liturgy shows us today. As we sing in today's Psalm, He is slow to anger and compassionate toward all that He has made.

In His mercy, our First Reading tells us, He overlooks our sins and ignorance, giving us space that we might repent and not perish in our sinfulness (see Wisdom 12:10; 2 Peter 3:9).

In Jesus, He has become the Savior of His children, coming Himself to save the lost (see Isaiah 63:8–9; Ezekiel 34:16).

In the figure of Zacchaeus in today's Gospel, we have a portrait of a lost soul. He is a tax collector, by profession a "sinner" excluded from Israel's religious life. Not only that, he is a "chief tax collector." Worse still, he is a rich man who has apparently gained his living by fraud.

But Zacchaeus' faith brings salvation to his house. He expresses his faith in his fervent desire to "see" Jesus, even humbling himself to climb a tree just to watch Him pass by. While those of loftier religious stature react to Jesus with grumbling, Zacchaeus receives Him with joy.

Zacchaeus is not like the other rich men Jesus meets or tells stories about (see Luke 12:16–21; 16:19–31; 18:18–25). He repents, vowing to pay restitution to those he has cheated and to give half of his money to the poor.

By his humility he is exalted, made worthy to welcome the Lord into his house. By his faith, he is justified, made a descendant of Abraham (see Romans 4:16–17).

As He did last week, Jesus is again using a tax collector to show us the faith and humility we need to obtain salvation.

We are also called to seek Jesus daily with repentant hearts. And we should make Paul's prayer in today's Epistle our own: that God might make us worthy of His calling, that by our lives we might give glory to the name of Jesus.

#### PRAYING FOR THE DEAD

Yellow envelopes are available on the pews for anyone who wishes to fill them in remembrance for the souls of their departed family members and friends. These envelopes will be in the Sanctuary throughout November, the month of prayers for the dead.

#### **CHRISTMAS BOXES**

We are once again participating this year in <u>Operation Christmas Child</u> 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. In addition to bringing joy to these children, this will introduce them to God's love for them through His gift of His son, Jesus Christ. Please note you could also write a message of love and leave it in the box. We 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**, **small backpack**, **duffle bag**, etc., but nothing battery powered. No guns, no knives or anything portraying violence. Please check the **pamphlets** available for information on what to send. Choose if the gift is for a **boy** or a **girl** and the **age group**. **Please donate \$10.00 per box for shipping costs**.

Empty Boxes and pamphlets can be picked up at the entrance of the church on Saturday and Sunday, October 1st and 2nd and filled Boxes are to be returned at the entrance of the church with the DEADLINE of Sunday, November 13, 2022.

You can fill up as many boxes as they would like to. There is no limit. You can also use ANY regular shoebox, backpack, duffle bag, etc. **Thank you** in advance for your great generosity. For more information contact Frank Kebe 514-707-6248, or the Parish Office 514-747-4226.

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#### **SAINTLY WISDOM**

"The saints live not after the fashion of the world. The dignity of the saints is so great because they are not of this world, but of the household of God."

- Saint Thomas Aquinas

# 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)

#### **OUR LADY OF FATIMA ONLINE MINISTRIES**

#### The Rosary

Emil & Irah Tirona are hosting an <u>online interactive rosary,</u> <u>Mondays at 7:30pm.</u>

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.

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You can check regularly our parish website for updates: www.our-lady-of-fatima.ca

### ANNOUNCED MASSES October 29<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

| Saturday            | Oct. 29 <sup>th</sup> | Sunday Vigil                                      |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---|
| 4:30 p.m.           |                       | Jose J. Ponte – RIP – by Luis Ponte               |
| Sunday              | Oct. 30 <sup>th</sup> | 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)             |
| 9:00 a.m.           |                       | Benjamin Saldana – RIP – by Anna Jaronel          |
| 44.00               |                       |   |
| 11:00 a.m.          | 0-1-04st              | Pro Populo  |
| Monday              | Oct. 31 <sup>st</sup> | NO MASS   |
| Tuesday             | Nov. 1st              | All Saints  |
| 7:00 p.m.           |                       | Deceased and Living Members of the De             |
|                     |                       | Souza and Rossi families                          |
| Wednesday           | Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | All Souls   |
| 9:00 a.m.           | 110112                | To Be Announced                                   |
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| 7:00 p.m.           |                       | Parishioner Intentions (Yellow Envelopes for      |
| •                   |                       | Souls)  |
| Thursday            | Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Saint Martin de Porres                            |
| 9:00 a.m.           |                       | All Souls in Purgatory – RIP – by Zoilo and       |
|                     | -41-                  | Tessie  |
| Friday              | Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Saint Charles Borromeo                            |
| 9:00 a.m.           |                       | Nicolas Sisters – Thanksgiving and Blessings      |
| Saturday            | Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Weekday   |
| 10:00 a.m.          | NOV. 3                | Jadwiga Banas – RIP – by the family               |
| 10.00 a.m.          |                       | Jackinga Barias – IXII – by the farming           |
| Saturday            | Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Sunday Vigil                                      |
| 4:30 p.m.           |                       | Luigi Nudo – RIP – by Gina and Elio               |
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| Sunday              | Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) |
| 9:00 a.m.           |                       | Jeffrey Saldana – RIP – by Anna Jaronel           |
| 44.00               |                       | D. D. L.  |
| 11:00 a.m.          | Nov. 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Pro Populo NO MASS                                |
| Monday              | NOV. 7                | NO MASS   |
| Tuesday             | Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Weekday   |
| 7:00 p.m.           | 1101.0                | Hermes Enriquez – RIP – by the family             |
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| Wednesday           | Nov. 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Dedication of the Lateran Basilica                |
| 9:00 a.m.           |                       | Marie Chomar – RIP – by her daughter,             |
|                     |                       | Susan   |
| Thursday            | Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup> | Saint Leo the Great                               |
| 9:00 a.m.           |                       | Mary Foster – RIP – by Kevin and Linda Piper      |
| Friday              | Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup> | Saint Martin of Tours                             |
| Friday<br>9:00 a.m. | 1404. 11              | Deceased Members of the De Castro and             |
| 3.00 a.iii.         |                       | Eleccion families - RIP                           |
| Saturday            | Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup> | Sunday Vigil                                      |
| 4:30 p.m.           |                       | Alban de Souza – RIP – by the family              |
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| Sunday              | Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup> | 33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) |
| 9:00 a.m.           |                       | Jeon Matthew Ching – RIP – by the family          |
| 44.00               |                       |   |
| 11:00 a.m.          |                       | Pro Populo  |

#### 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."