

July 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## Of Wheat and Weeds: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16–19 | Psalm 86:5–6, 9–10, 15–16  
Second Reading: Romans 8:26–27 | Gospel: Matthew 13:24–43

God is always teaching His people, as we hear in today's First Reading.

And what does He want us to know? That He has care for all of us; that though He is a God of justice, even those who defy and disbelieve Him may hope for His mercy if they turn to Him in repentance.

This divine teaching continues in the three parables that Jesus tells in the Gospel today. Each describes the emergence of the kingdom of God from the seeds sown by His works and preaching. The kingdom's growth is hidden like the working of yeast in bread; it's improbable, unexpected, as in the way the tall mustard tree grows from the smallest of seeds.

Again, this week's readings sound a note of questioning: Why does God permit the evil to grow alongside the good? Why does He permit some to reject the Word of His kingdom?

Because, as we sing in today's Psalm, God is slow to anger and abounding in kindness. He is just, Jesus assures us—evildoers and those who cause others to sin will be thrown into the fiery furnace at the end of the age. But by His patience God is teaching us that above all He desires repentance and the gathering of all nations to worship Him and to glorify His name.

Even though we don't know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit will intercede for us, Paul promises in today's Epistle. But first, we must turn and call upon Him. We must commit ourselves to letting the good seed of His Word bear fruit in our lives.

So, we should not be deceived or lose heart when we see weeds among the wheat—truth and holiness mixed with error, injustice, and sin.

For now, He makes His sun rise on the good and the bad (see [Matthew 5:45](#)). But the harvest draws near. Let's work so that we might be numbered among the righteous children—who will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father.

## 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.oloof.ca/homilies/>

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### 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.oloof.ca](http://www.oloof.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)

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**SAINTLY WISDOM**

“The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that he, in his goodness, sends to us day after day.”

- *Saint Gianna Beretta Molla*

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**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*)

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God rest in peace.

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**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**July 22<sup>nd</sup> – August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>July 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Mathilde Wojciechowski – RIP – by Edmund and family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>July 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)</b> Normita Domingo – RIP – by Anna Jaronel  <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>July 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>July 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint James</b> Corinne Legare Pasalis – RIP – by Ofelia Roy
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>July 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Anne &amp; Saint Joachim</b> Mike Fonction – RIP – by Linda Piper
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>July 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Alfredo Borricano – RIP – by the Garibay family
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>July 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Mariel Mojica – Thanksgiving and Blessings
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>July 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Teresita, Felix & Paciencia Manzano Manzanal – RIP – by Ofelia Roy
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>July 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)</b> Maximiano Jaronel – RIP – by Anna Jaronel  <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Aug. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Saint Alphonsus Liguori</b> Jesusa Daranciang Ballesteros – RIP – by the Garibay family
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Father Jason Piper – Special Intentions
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Theresa Helferty – RIP – by Joan
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Aug. 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint John Mary Vianney</b> Zenaida Enciso Hinostrero – RIP – by the family
<b>Saturday</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>Aug. 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Virgilio Saldana – RIP – by Anna Jaronel
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Aug. 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Wilfredo and Winifred Lanzaderas – RIP – by the family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Aug. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Transfiguration of the Lord (Year A)</b> Andrew and Maggie – Anniversary Blessings and Thanksgiving – by Mercedes and family  <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.”