

June 23rd & 30th, 2024

Tree of Righteousness: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24 | Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 | Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

In the cryptic message of the prophet Ezekiel, long centuries before the Lord's coming, God gave His people reason to hope. Ezekiel glimpsed a day when the Lord God would place a tree on a mountain in Israel, a tree that would "put forth branches and bear fruit." Who could have predicted that the tree would be a cross on the hill of Calvary, and that the fruit would be salvation?

Ezekiel foresees salvation coming to "birds of every kind"—thus, not just to the people of Israel, but also to the Gentiles, who will "take wing" through their new life in Christ. God indeed will "lift high the lowly tree," as He solemnly promises.

Such salvation surpasses humanity's most ambitious dreams. And so we express our gratitude in the Psalm: "Lord, it is good to give thanks to you." It is indeed good, and better still to give thanks with praise. The Psalmist speaks of those who are just upon the earth, but looks to God as the source and measure of justice, of righteousness. Like Ezekiel, he evokes the image of a flourishing tree to describe the lives of the just. The image, again, suggests the Cross as the measure of righteousness.

The Cross is a sign of contradiction to those who would rather "flourish" in worldly terms. As St. Paul emphasizes to the Corinthians, we need courage. Our faith makes us strong, and it is proved in our deeds. He reminds us that we will be judged by the ways our faith manifests itself in works: "so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil."

God Himself will empower the works He expects from us, though we freely choose to correspond to His grace. In the prophetic oracles, He scattered the seed that sprang up and became the mustard tree, large enough to accommodate all the birds of the sky, just as Ezekiel had seen. He gave this doctrine to His disciples in terms they were able to understand, and He provided a full explanation. In the sacraments He provides still more: the grace of faith and the courage we need to live in the world as children of God.

SPECIAL MASSES: June 24th & 29th

There will be a **mass at 9am** on Monday, **June 24th**, to celebrate the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.

Also, a **special mass** will be celebrated at **10am on Saturday, June 29th**, to celebrate the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

During the holiday, the parish office will be closed on the following dates:

1. June 24th, Monday
2. July 1st, Monday

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 AND 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.olof.ca/homilies/>

SAINTLY WISDOM

“In her voyage across the ocean of this world, the Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life’s different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship but to keep her on her course.”

- *Saint Boniface*

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*)

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.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
June 22nd – July 7th, 2024

Saturday .4:30 p.m..	June 22nd	Sunday Vigil Alban de Souza – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	June 23rd	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Luis and Elvira Melo – RIP – by Connie and Jim
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday .9:00 a.m.	June 24th	Nativity of Saint John the Baptist For Families – Blessings and Thanksgiving – by the Banas family
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	June 25th	Weekday Olivia Nguyen - Thanksgiving
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	June 26th	Weekday Peter Chirke – RIP – by Kevin and Linda Piper
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	June 27th	Weekday The Nguyen family – Blessings and Peace
Friday 9:00 a.m.	June 28th	Saint Irenaeus Olivia Nguyen - Thanksgiving
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	June 29th	Saint Peter and Saint Paul For Families – Blessings and Thanksgiving – by the Banas family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	June 29th	Sunday Vigil For Souls in Purgatory – by Maria Dirany
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	June 30th	Thirteenth Sunday Ordinary Time (Year B) <i>Pro Populo</i>
11:00 a.m.		Conrado Palanca - Thanksgiving
Monday	July 1st	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	July 2nd	Weekday Raymond and Fernande Tait – RIP – by Kevin & Linda Piper
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	July 3rd	Saint Thomas Philippe Nguyen – For Healing and Peace – by Marianne Pham
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	July 4th	Saint Elizabeth of Portugal Exequiel Cubero – RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	July 5th	Saint Anthony Zaccaria Marie Simmons - Thanksgiving to Saint Lucy and for good eyesight
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	July 6th	Saint Maria Goretti Baby Aloysius & Diane Lauritsen – RIP – by the Aloysius family
Saturday .4:30 p.m..	July 6th	Sunday Vigil In Thanksgiving to Saint Brother Andre – by the Lynes family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	July 7th	Fourteenth Sunday Ordinary Time (Year B) <i>Pro Populo</i>
11:00 a.m.		Karol Burroughs - Thanksgiving

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.”