

September 29th & October 6th, 2024

To Belong to Christ: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-sixth Sunday Ordinary Time

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First Reading: Numbers 11:25–29 | Psalm 19:8,10,12–14
Second Reading: James 5:1–6 | Gospel: Mark 9:38–48

Today's Gospel begins with a scene that recalls a similar moment in the history of Israel, the episode recalled in today's First Reading. The seventy elders who receive God's Spirit through Moses prefigure the ministry of the Apostles.

Like Joshua in the First Reading, John makes the mistake of presuming that only a select few are inspired and entrusted to carry out God's plans. The Spirit blows where it wills (see John 3:8), and God desires to bestow His Spirit on all the people of God in every nation under heaven (see Acts 2:5, 38).

God can and will work mighty deeds through the most unexpected and unlikely people. All of us are called to perform even our most humble tasks, such as giving a cup of water, for the sake of His name and the cause of His kingdom.

John believes he is protecting the purity of the Lord's name. But, really, he's only guarding his own privilege and status. It's telling that the Apostles want to shut down the ministry of an exorcist. Authority to drive out demons and unclean spirits was one of the specific powers entrusted to the Twelve (see Mark 3:14–15; 6:7, 13).

Cleanse me from my unknown faults, we pray in today's Psalm. Often, like Joshua and John, perhaps without noticing it, we cloak our failings and fears under the guise of our desire to defend Christ or the Church. But as Jesus says today, instead of worrying about who is a real Christian and who is not, we should make sure that we ourselves are leading lives worthy of our calling as disciples (see Ephesians 1:4).

Does the advice we give, or the example of our actions, give scandal—causing others to doubt or lose faith? Do we do what we do with mixed motives instead of seeking only the Father's will? Are we living, as this Sunday's Epistle warns, for our own luxury and pleasure while neglecting our neighbors?

We need to keep meditating on His Law, as we sing in today's Psalm. We need to pray for the grace to detect our failings and to overcome them.

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

"I have an ever deeper and firmer belief that nothing is merely an accident when seen in the light of God."
- *Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*

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
September 28th – October 13th, 2024

Saturday .4:30 p.m..	Sept. 28th	Sunday Vigil In Thanksgiving to the Holy Family – by the Lynes family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 29th	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) <i>Pro Populo</i>
11:00 a.m.		Emma Palanca – Thanksgiving – by the family
Monday	Sept. 30th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Oct. 1st	Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Kathleen Tait-Biro – RIP – by Kevin and Linda Piper
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 2nd	The Holy Guardian Angels Jerry Roy – RIP – by Ofelia Roy
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 3rd	Weekday Eduardo Ramal Sr. – RIP – by Agrefina Ramal
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 4th	Saint Francis of Assisi Nancy Morena Sasso – RIP – by the family
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Oct. 5th	Saint Faustina Kowalska Joan Baotixita – RIP – by Olivia
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 5th	Sunday Vigil Abilio Carvajal – RIP – by the Lynes family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 6th	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) Deceased Members of the Del Torto family – RIP – by the family
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Oct. 7th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Oct. 8th	Weekday Rosa Santamaria – RIP – by the Hanna family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 9th	Weekday Rafael Tirona – Thanksgiving – by Emil and Irah Tirona
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 10th	Weekday Nancy Morena Sasso – RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 11th	Saint John XXIII Carmela Ganoza Taboada. – RIP – by the family
Saturday .4:30 p.m..	Oct. 12th	Sunday Vigil In Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity & Holy Family – by the Lynes family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 13th	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) <i>Pro Populo</i>
11:00 a.m.		Maricar Palanca – Thanksgiving – by the family

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.”