

March 2nd & 9th, 2025

Heart and Mouth: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Sirach 27:4–7 | Psalm 92:2–3, 13–16
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54–58 | Gospel: Luke 6:39–45

In today's readings we hear Jesus speaking in Galilee as well as a Jewish sage named Sirach writing in Jerusalem more than a century earlier. The two of them touch upon a single truth: The words that come out of us make known the hidden thoughts within us. Speech reveals the secrets of the heart.

Sirach teaches that speaking is “the test of men” and their character. One who is upright will utter words that are truthful and encouraging to others. But one whose heart is cluttered with “refuse” will be exposed, since the “fruit” of his mouth speaks volumes about the “tree” that produces it. Sirach also compares the testing of our words to clay fired in a kiln—if properly prepared, a useful vessel emerges; but if the clay is not fully dried, it will break apart in the extreme heat.

In a similar way, Jesus insists that a person speaks “out of the abundance of the heart.” He too compares our speech, whether good or bad, to what grows on a tree: “For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit.”

Both readings urge us to make wholesome speech a habit. After all, much about who we are is brought to light through what we say. But there's an additional step: The Lord is asking us to look inward, to examine our hearts and fill them with the “good treasure” that God desires.

Why do purity of heart and speech matter so much? Because, as Jesus declares elsewhere: “by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned” (Matthew 12:37). They matter because they help to decide our final judgment, and this is where the Second Reading comes in. Paul reminds us that God will destroy death forever, and if we are to share in this victory and live forever with the Lord, then we must take all steps necessary to give our hearts and lips to what is good.

HOLY FACE

There will be a talk given on the Holy Face image & devotion;
following the 7pm mass on Tuesday March 4th.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday falls on March 5th this year. In addition to the usual mass at 9 A.M. on Wednesdays, there will be an additional mass at 7pm.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Every Friday evening during Lent we will be praying the Way of the Cross. Normally at 7pm, except for March 7th & 21st it will be at

THE CATHOLIC CALENDAR

The 2025 Catholic Calendar is now available at \$5.00 each.

ENVELOPES FOR 2025 SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Envelopes for 2025 Sunday offerings are at the front of the Church. **PLEASE TAKE ONLY THE BOX WITH YOUR NAME AND NUMBER ON IT.** If you have never used the envelopes and wish to start, please ask for a new box at the Rectory or call (514) 747-4226 during office hours (9am to 2pm) to register. **We request all users to please put your name and address on the first few envelopes for the New Year to ensure proper recording. Thank you.**

MARY: A BIBLICAL WALK WITH THE BLESSED MOTHER

Please join us for a Biblical Study of our Blessed Mother Mary (An 8 session Video Series presented by Dr. Edward Sri / Ascension Press). **Fridays from 7pm-8:30 pm every two weeks**, beginning November 22nd in the parish hall. These videos will be followed by Sharing/Discussions and some Fellowship (coffee/snacks). Cost: No Fee.

In this Biblical study, you will: 1) experience an extraordinary pilgrimage through Mary's life and see why she is an essential part of our faith; 2) see the significance of Mary as we explore the biblical roots of our beliefs about her; 3) deepen your devotion to Mary as you discover our Blessed Mother in a uniquely personal way; 4) be drawn closer to Christ as Mary leads us to a more profound and personal relationship with her Son.

Mark your calendars for all eight evenings:

Nov. 22nd, Dec. 6th, Jan. 10th, Jan. 24th, Feb. 7th, Feb. 21st, Mar. 7th, Mar. 21st

To join, please register online (www.olof.ca), email emiltirona@gmail.com, or call 514-617-4021.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

To our dear parishioners who used the envelope system for the weekly donation to the Parish in 2024, your income tax receipts are ready at the Sacristy. Please pick up your receipt either on the weekend after Mass or during the week, Monday to Friday, from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Thank you.

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.olf.ca/homilies/>

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*)

SAINTLY WISDOM

The Heart is free that is held by no love other than the love of God.
- *Saint Bonaventure*

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
March 1st – 16th, 2025

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| Saturday 10:00 a.m. | Mar. 1st | Our Lady's Saturday Emma Lanzaderas and family - Thanksgiving |
| Saturday 4:30 p.m.. | Mar. 1st | Sunday Vigil Regino & Rex Crodua – RIP – by the family |
| Sunday 9:00 a.m. | Mar. 2nd | Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) <i>Pro Populo</i> |
| 11:00 a.m. | | Christopher Thomas – RIP – by Jennifer and family |
| Monday | Mar. 3rd | NO MASS |
| Tuesday 7:00 p.m. | Mar. 4th | Saint Casimir Fernande Tait – RIP – by Linda and Kevin Piper |
| Wednesday 9:00 a.m. | Mar. 5th | ASH WEDNESDAY Joseph Abboud – Birthday Blessings - by the family |
| 7:00 p.m. | | Virginia de Ponte -RIP – by Connie and Jim |
| Thursday 9:00 a.m. | Mar. 6th | Weekday Marie Simmons – Thanksgiving |
| Friday 9:00 a.m. | Mar. 7th | Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity Ruth Beaulieu Kaplan – RIP – by Rachel Kaplan |
| Saturday 4:30 p.m. | Mar. 8th | Sunday Vigil Emily Palanca – Thanksgiving – by the family |
| Sunday 9:00 a.m. | Mar. 9th | First Sunday of Lent (Year C) A.P. Joseph – RIP – by Roselyn Jacob |
| 11:00 a.m. | | <i>Pro Populo</i> |
| Monday | Mar. 10th | NO MASS |
| Tuesday 7:00 p.m. | Mar. 11th | Weekday Jessie Piper – RIP – by Linda and Kevin Piper |
| Wednesday 9:00 a.m. | Mar. 12th | Weekday Alicia M. Rodrin – RIP – by Rudy and Nora |
| Thursday 9:00 a.m. | Mar. 13th | Weekday Janusz Sieszycki - RIP – by Rosemarie |
| Friday 9:00 a.m. | Mar. 14th | Weekday Jayvee Masigla – Thanksgiving and Birthday Blessings |
| Saturday 4:30 p.m.. | Mar. 15th | Sunday Vigil In Thanksgiving to Saint Joseph – by the Lynes family |
| Sunday 9:00 a.m. | Mar. 16th | Second Sunday of Lent (Year C) <i>Pro Populo</i> |
| 11:00 a.m. | | Josee Crodua - 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.”