August 3rd & 10th, 2025

The Fool's Vanity: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21–23 | Psalm 90:3–4, 5–6, 12–13, 14, 17 Second Reading: Colossians 3:1–5, 9–11 | Gospel: Luke 12:13–21

Trust in God—as the Rock of our salvation, as the Lord who made us His chosen people, as our shepherd and guide. This should be the mark of our following of Jesus.

Like the Israelites we recall in this week's Psalm Response, we have made an exodus, passing through the waters of Baptism, freeing us from our bondage to sin. We too are on a pilgrimage to a promised homeland, the Lord in our midst, feeding us heavenly bread, giving us living waters to drink (see 1 Corinthians 10:1-4).

We must take care to guard against the folly that befell the Israelites, that led them to quarrel and test God's goodness at Meribah and Massah. We can harden our hearts in ways more subtle but no less ruinous. We can put our trust in possessions, squabble over earthly inheritances, kid ourselves that what we have we deserve, store up treasures and think they'll afford us security and rest.

All this is "vanity of vanities," a false and deadly way of living, as this week's First Reading tells us.

This is the greed that Jesus warns against in this week's Gospel. The rich man's anxiety and toil expose his lack of faith in God's care and provision. That's why Paul calls greed "idolatry" in the Epistle this week. Mistaking having for being, possession for existence, we forget that God is the giver of all that we have, we exalt the things we can make or buy over our Maker (see Romans 1:25).

Jesus calls the rich man a "fool"—a word used in the Old Testament for someone who rebels against God or has forgotten Him (see Psalm 14:1). We should treasure most the new life we have been given in Christ and seek what is above, the promised inheritance of heaven. We have to see all things in the light of eternity, mindful that He who gives us the breath of life could at any moment—this night even—demand it back from us.

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 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/

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

Going to Mass will prosper the whole day.
- St. Peter Julian Eymard

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.

CHALICE

Every Advent season we do a little fundraiser for Chalice, a charity that helps the poor around the world. Last Advent we raised \$428.30 and we added an extra \$1000 from the poor fund; sending Chalice a total of \$1,428.30 that will go towards livestock, school supplies, etc., to help those most in need.

Thank you for supporting this little fundraiser, and for supporting all our various endeavors to help the poor, both locally and abroad.

ANNOUNCED MASSES August 2nd – 17th, 2025

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Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Aug. 2 nd	Weekday Vladimir del Rosario – RIP – by the family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Aug. 2 nd	Sunday Vigil Father Ward & Father Moon – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 3 rd	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Pro Populo
11:00 a.m.		Wilfredo, Flora & Winifred Lanzaderas – RIP – by Emma & Tommy
Monday	Aug. 4 th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Aug. 5 th	Weekday Valerie Vill – Thanksgiving – by Jose
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 6 th	Transfiguration of the Lord Virgilio Saldana – RIP – by Anna
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 7 th	Weekday Andrew & Maggie – Anniversary Blessings – by the Lynes family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 8 th	Saint Dominic The P. C. Haddad family - Thanksgiving
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Aug. 9 th	Sunday Vigil Beloved grandparents, Marcela & Eugeniusz Depa – RIP – by Irene Depa
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 10 th	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Patricia Kuhr Dinner – RIP – by Connie & Jim
11:00 a.m.		Pro Populo
Monday	Aug. 11 th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Aug. 12 th	Saint Jane Frances de Chantal Calixto & Domeciana Romea – RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 13 th	Saints Pontian & Hyppolytus Rosalinda Tirona – RIP = by Emil & Irah
Thursday 9:00 a.m	Aug. 14 th	Saint Maximilian Kolbe Marlon Mojica & Lenida Atas - Thanksgiving
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 15 th	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary In Honor of the Our Lady of Assumption – Thanksgiving – by Ofelia Roy
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Aug. 16 th	Sunday Vigil Nathalie Topoluk – RIP – by Linda Perri and family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 17 th	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Pro Populo
11:00 a.m.		Kiero Delenes Thenkesining
11.00 a.iii.		Kiara Palanca - 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."