

August 17th & 24th, 2025

Consuming Fire: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4–6, 8–10 | Psalm 40:2–4, 18
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1–4 | Gospel: Luke 12:49–53

Our God is a consuming fire, the Scriptures tell us (see Hebrews 12:29; Deuteronomy 4:24). And in this week's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of fire to describe the demands of discipleship.

The fire He has come to cast on the earth is the fire that He wants to blaze in each of our hearts. He made us from the dust of the earth (see Genesis 2:7) and filled us with the fire of the Holy Spirit in Baptism (see Luke 3:16).

We were baptized into His death (see Romans 6:3). This is the baptism our Lord speaks of in the Gospel this week. The baptism with which He must be baptized is His passion and death, by which He accomplished our redemption and sent forth the fire of the Spirit on the earth (see Acts 2:3).

The fire has been set, but it is not yet blazing. We are called to enter deeper into the consuming love of God. We must examine our consciences and our actions, submitting ourselves to the revealing fire of God's Word (see 1 Corinthians 3:13).

In our struggle against sin, we have not yet resisted to the point of shedding our own blood, Paul tells us in this week's Epistle. We have not undergone the suffering that Jeremiah suffers in the First Reading this week.

But this is what true discipleship requires. To be a disciple is to be inflamed with the love of the God. It is to have an unquenchable desire for holiness and zeal for the salvation of our brothers and sisters. Being His disciple does not bring peace in the false way that the world proclaims peace (see Jeremiah 8:11). It means division and hardship. It may bring us to conflict with our own flesh and blood.

But Christ is our peace (see Ephesians 2:14). By His Cross He has lifted us up from the mire of sin and death—as He will rescue the prophet Jeremiah (see Jeremiah 38:10).

And as we sing in the Psalm this week, we trust in our deliverer.

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/>

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

What is impossible to God? Not that which is difficult to his power, but that which is contrary to his nature.

- *St. Ambrose of Milan*

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

August 16th – 31st, 2025

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Aug. 16th	Sunday Vigil Nathalie Topoluk – RIP – by Linda Perri and family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Aug. 17th	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) <i>Pro Populo</i> Kiara Palanca - Thanksgiving
Monday	Aug. 18th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Aug. 19th	Saint John Eudes Nancy Morena – RIP
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 20th	Saint Bernard Ginette Virgenie Ayrout – RIP
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 21st	Saint Pius X Nancy Morena - RIP
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 22nd	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Luisa Bencito Atas – RIP – by the family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Aug. 23rd	Sunday Vigil Tommy Laflares - Thanksgiving
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Aug. 24th	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Noreen Bolohan – RIP – by Joan O'Donnell <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Aug. 25th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Aug. 26th	Weekday Ricardo Saldana – RIP – by Anna
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 27th	Saint Monica The Sameon-Arbis families – Blessings and Thanksgiving
Thursday 9:00 a.m..	Aug. 28th	Saint Augustine Agustin Escalante Atas – RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 29th	Passion of Saint John the Baptist Veronique Legare-Roy – RIP -by Ofelia Roy
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Aug. 30th	Sunday Vigil Lorique Cyr Mojica - Thanksgiving
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Aug. 31st	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) <i>Pro Populo</i> Franc Kebe – RIP – 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.”