

October 12th & 19th, 2025

Returning Thanks: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14–17 | Psalm 98:1–4
Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8–13 | Gospel: Luke 17:11–19

A foreign leper is cleansed and in thanksgiving returns to offer homage to the God of Israel. We hear this same story in both the First Reading and Gospel today.

There were many lepers in Israel in Elisha's time, but only Naaman the Syrian trusted in God's Word and was cleansed (see Luke 5:12–14). Today's Gospel likewise implies that most of the ten lepers healed by Jesus were Israelites—but only a foreigner, the Samaritan, returned.

In a dramatic way, we're being shown today how faith has been made the way to salvation, the road by which all nations will join themselves to the Lord, becoming His servants, gathered with the Israelites into one chosen people of God, the Church (see Isaiah 56:3–8).

Today's Psalm also looks forward to the day when all peoples will see what Naaman sees—that there is no God in all the earth except the God of Israel.

We see this day arriving in today's Gospel. The Samaritan leper is the only person in the New Testament who personally thanks Jesus. The Greek word used to describe his "giving thanks" is the word we translate as "Eucharist."

And these lepers today reveal to us the inner dimensions of the Eucharist and sacramental life.

We, too have been healed by our faith in Jesus. As Naaman's flesh is made again like that of a little child, our souls have been cleansed of sin in the waters of Baptism. We experience this cleansing again and again in the Sacrament of Penance—as we repent our sins, beg and receive mercy from our Master, Jesus.

We return to glorify God in each Mass, to offer ourselves in sacrifice—falling on our knees before our Lord, giving thanks for our salvation.

In this Eucharist, we remember "Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David," Israel's covenant king. And we pray, as Paul does in today's Epistle, to persevere in this faith—that we too may live and reign with Him in eternal glory.

NOTICE

The parish office will be closed for Thanksgiving Day on Monday, October 13th **HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY TO ALL!!!**

SHOEBOX GIFTS

This year, we are participating again in **Packing Shoebox Gifts** in conjunction with **Samaritan's Purse**. This is a project where every Christmas, millions of shoeboxes filled with gifts are hand delivered to millions of needy children around the world.

Your shoebox will be an expression of God's love to a child and may be the only gift he or she receives. So plan to pack quality items that will last. Be sure to make them **FUN**, adding a "wow" item and new toys a child will love; **FULL**, with no empty space; and **PERSONALIZED** so that each is unique and prayed over and includes a note of encouragement. Choose if the gift is for a boy or a girl as well as the age group. Please donate \$12 per shoebox. (*Please see brochure on how to pack a shoebox*).

All parishioners are invited to join this parish activity again this year. Each family may fill up as many boxes as they would like to. You may also use any regular shoebox, backpack or duffle bag. **Deadline** for returning the filled shoebox gifts is **Sunday, November 9th**. For more information, please contact Frank : 514-707-6248 or the Office: 514-747-4226.

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY GROUP

You are warmly invited to join our Prayer and Bible Study Group starting this September at Our Lady of Fatima Parish! This will be a meaningful and Spirit-filled time to grow in faith, pray together, explore God's Word, and discern His personal message to you. Whether you are new to the faith, prayer, the Bible or have been reading it for years, all are invited. Come as you are, bring a friend, an open heart, and a desire to know Jesus more deeply. We look forward to growing in faith with you!

Sessions will be Every 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month, from 7:30am to 9:45am. Next session is Oct. 18th, and onwards! ***For the 1st Saturdays of the month, after the sessions, everyone is encouraged to attend the 10am Mass and Adoration.***

For more info and to register, please call 514-617-4021 or email emiltirona@gmail.com.

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

Unfurl the sails and let God steer us where he will.

- *St. Bede the Venerable*

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
October 11th – 26th, 2025

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 11th	Sunday Vigil In Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity and Holy Family – by the Lynes family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 12th	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) <i>Pro Populo</i>
11:00 a.m.		Maricar Palanca - Thanksgiving
Monday	Oct. 13th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Oct. 14th	Saint Callistus I Father Jason Piper – Thanksgiving – by Emil & Irah
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 15th	Saint Teresa of Jesus Nancy Morena – RIP – by the family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 16th	Saint Marguerite d'Youville Guadalupe Sorono – RIP – by TJ & family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 17th	Saint Ignatius of Antioch Jessica Abboud – Birthday Blessings – by the family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 18th	Sunday Vigil Teresita Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Ofelia Roy
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 19th	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Pedrito Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Ofelia Roy
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Oct. 20th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Oct. 21st	Weekday Giuseppe Pagliaro – RIP – by Anna Stabile
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 22nd	Weekday Jose Nolasco – RIP – by Leonora & Felix Villanueva
Thursday 9:00 a.m..	Oct. 23rd	Saint John of Capistrano Daniel Couto Melo – RIP – by Connie & Jim
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 24th	Saint Anthony Mary Claret Father Jason Piper – Special Intentions
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 25th	Sunday Vigil Francesco Perri – RIP – by Linda Perri & family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 26th	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Angela Rosa & Giuseppe Mignacca – RIP – by Louis Mignacca & family
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>

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.”