

August 2nd & 9th, 2026

Food in Due Season: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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First Reading: Isaiah 55:1–3 | Psalm 145:8–9, 15–18

Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37–39 | Gospel: Matthew 14:13–21

In Jesus and the Church, Isaiah's promises in today's First Reading are fulfilled. All who are thirsty come to the living waters of Baptism (see John 4:14). The hungry delight in rich fare—given bread to eat and wine to drink at the Eucharistic table.

This is the point, too, of today's Gospel. The story of Jesus' feeding of the 5,000 brims with allusions to the Old Testament. Jesus is portrayed as a David-like shepherd who leads His flock to lie down on green grass as He spreads the table of the Messiah's banquet before them (see Psalm 23).

Jesus is shown as a new Moses, who likewise feeds vast crowds in a deserted place. Finally, Jesus is shown doing what the prophet Elisha did—satisfying the hunger of the crowd with a few loaves and having some left over (see 2 Kings 4:42–44).

Matthew also wants us to see the feeding of the 5,000 as a sign of the Eucharist. Notice that Jesus performs the same actions in the same sequence as at the Last Supper—He takes bread, says a blessing, breaks it, and gives it (see Matthew 26:26).

Jesus instructed His Apostles to celebrate the Eucharist in memory of Him. And the ministry of the Twelve is subtly stressed in today's account. Before He performs the miracle, Jesus instructs the Twelve to give the crowd "some food yourselves." Indeed, the Apostles themselves distribute the bread blessed by Jesus (see Matthew 15:36).

And the leftovers are enough to fill precisely 12 baskets—corresponding to each of the Apostles, the pillars of the Church (see Galatians 2:9; Revelation 21:14).

In the Church, as we sing in today's Psalm, God gives us food in due season, opens His hands and satisfies the desires of every living thing. Now, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle, nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

THE CATHOLIC CALENDAR

The 2026 Catholic Calendar is still available at \$5.00 each.

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 Saturday at 7:30am and every 3rd Friday at 7:30pm of every month.** Next sessions are on **August 1st, August 21st etc. 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.

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

When the heart is pure and simple it cannot help loving, because it has discovered the source of love which is God.

- St. John Mary Vianney

CALLED HOME TO THE FATHER:

Geri Gilmour

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

August 1st – 16th, 2026

Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Aug. 1st	Saint Alphonsus Liguori Dilani Weerasinghe, Ranjani Fernando & Bala Balachandra – RIP – by Ramya & Merle Aloysius
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Aug. 1st	Sunday Vigil Father Ward and Father Moon – RIP – by Cecile Romea
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 2nd	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) All Souls in Purgatory – by Stephen
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday .	Aug. 3rd	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Aug. 4th	Saint John Mary Vianney Reverend John F. Gee – RIP – by Joan O' Donnell
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 5th	Weekday Raymond Jack – Special Intentions
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 6th	Transfiguration of the Lord Wilfredo, Flora & Winnifred Lanzaderas – RIP - by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 7th	Weekday Andrew & Maggie – Anniversary Blessings – by the Lynes family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Aug. 8th	Sunday Vigil Alzemira Ponte – RIP – by Connie & Jim
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 9th	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) <i>Pro Populo</i>
11:00 a.m.		Kiara Palanca - Thanksgiving
Monday	Aug. 10th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Aug. 11th	Saint Clare Calixto & Domeciana Romea – RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 12th	Saint Jane Frances de Chantal Marlon A. Mojica - Thanksgiving
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 13th	Saints Pontian & Hippolytus Raymond Jack – Special Intentions
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 14th	Saint Maximilian Kolbe Rosalinda Tirona - RIP
Saturday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 15th	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Baby Correa and family – Special Intentions
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Aug. 15th	Sunday Vigil Geri Gilmour – RIP – by the Ladies' Auxiliary
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 16th	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Danilo Castro – RIP – by the 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.”