

August 16th & 23rd, 2026

A Foreigner's Faith: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6–7 | Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8
Second Reading: Romans 11:13–15, 29–32 | Gospel: Matthew 15:21–28

Most of us are the foreigners, the non-Israelites, about whom today's First Reading prophesies.

Coming to worship the God of Israel, we stand in the line of faith epitomized by the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel. Calling to Jesus as Lord and Son of David, this foreigner shows her great faith in God's covenant with Israel.

Jesus tests her faith three times. He refuses to answer her cry. Then, He tells her His mission is only to Israelites. Finally, He uses "dog," an epithet used to disparage non-Israelites (see Matthew 7:6). Yet she persists, believing that He alone offers salvation.

In this family drama, we see fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy and the promise we sing of in today's Psalm. In Jesus, God makes known among all the nations His way and His salvation (see John 14:6).

At the start of salvation history, God called Abraham (see Genesis 12:2). He chose his offspring, Israel, from all the nations on the face of the earth to build His covenant kingdom (see Deuteronomy 7:6–8; Isaiah 41:8).

In God's plan, Abraham was to be the father of many nations (see Romans 4:16–17). Israel was to be the firstborn of a worldwide family of God, made up of all who believe what the Canaanite professes; that Jesus is Lord (see Exodus 4:22–23; Romans 5:13–24).

Jesus came first to restore the kingdom to Israel (see Acts 1:6; 13:46). But His ultimate mission was the reconciliation of the world, as Paul declares in today's Epistle.

In the Mass we join all peoples in doing Him homage. As Isaiah foretold, we come to His holy mountain, the heavenly Jerusalem, to offer sacrifice at His altar (see Hebrews 12:22–24, 28). With the Canaanite, we take our place at the Master's table to be fed as His children.

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 21st, September 5th, 18th, 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

The things that we love tell us what we are.

- St. Thomas Aquinas

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 15th – 30th, 2026

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. 11:00 a.m.	Aug. 16th	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Danilo Castro – RIP – by the family <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Aug. 17th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Aug. 18th	Weekday Raymond Jack – Special Intentions
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 19th	Saint John Eudes Ron Hebert – Special Intentions – by the Ladies' Auxiliary
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 20th	Saint Bernard Nancy Morena – RIP – by Vince Morena
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 21st	Saint Pius X Raymond Jack – Special Intentions
Saturday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 22nd	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Suzie Dager - Thanksgiving
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Aug. 22nd	Sunday Vigil Luisa Bencito Atas – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Aug. 23rd	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Narciso Soriano – RIP – by Carol & Soriano family <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Aug. 24th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Aug. 25th	St. Joseph Calasanz Bartolome Laflares - Thanksgiving
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 26th	Weekday Gerry Groen – RIP – by Kevin & Linda Piper
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 27th	Saint Monica Lezeth A. Perea – Thanksgiving
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 28th	Saint Augustine Agustin Atas – RIP – by the family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Aug. 29th	Sunday Vigil Jayvi Antony Claro – RIP – by Irah Tirona
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Aug. 30th	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) <i>Pro Populo</i> Lorique Cyr Mojica - 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.”