

August 30th & September 6th, 2026

For Your Life: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7–9 | Psalm 63:2–6, 8–9
Second Reading: Romans 12:1–2 | Gospel: Matthew 16:21–27

Today's First Reading catches the prophet Jeremiah in a moment of weakness. His intimate lamentation contains some of the strongest language of doubt found in the Bible. Following God's call, he feels abandoned. Preaching His Word has brought him only derision and reproach.

But God does not deceive—and Jeremiah knows this. God tests the just (see Jeremiah 20:11–12) and disciplines His children through their sufferings and trials (see Hebrews 12:5–7).

What Jeremiah learns is what Jesus states explicitly in today's Gospel. To follow Him is to take up a cross, to deny yourself—your priorities, preferences, and comforts. It is to be willing to give it all up, even life itself, for the sake of His Gospel. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we have to join ourselves to the Passion of Christ, to offer our bodies—our whole beings—as living sacrifices to God.

By His Cross, Jesus has shown us what Israel's sacrifices of animals were meant to teach: we owe to God all that we have.

God's kindness is a greater good than life itself, as we sing in today's Psalm. The only thanks we can offer is our spiritual worship, giving our lives to the service of His will (see Hebrews 10:3–11; Psalm 50:14, 23).

Peter doesn't yet get this in today's Gospel. As it was for Jeremiah, the cross is a stumbling block for Peter (see 1 Corinthians 1:23). This is our natural temptation, as well: to refuse to believe that our sufferings play a necessary part in God's plan.

That's how people think, Jesus tells us today. But we are called to the renewal of our minds—to think as God thinks, to will what He wills.

In the Mass, we once again offer ourselves as perfect and pleasing sacrifices of praise (see Hebrews 13:15). We bless Him as we live, confident that we will find our lives in losing them, that with the riches of His banquet our souls will be satisfied.

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 ***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

Love transforms you into what you love.

- St. Catherine of Siena

In Addition to The Usual Mass Schedule

August 29th, 10am – Passion of St. John the Baptist

August 31st, 9:15am – Mass followed by 24h adoration*

September 12th, TBA – Most Holy Name of Mary

September 14th, 8am – Exaltation of the Cross

** Following the August 31st mass at 9:15am, we will begin 24h+ of adoration from Monday 10am until Tuesday at 7pm. See the parish website homepage for more details and to register for a holy hour to insure someone is always present while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.*

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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 29th – September 13th, 2026

Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Aug. 29th	Passion of Saint John the Baptist* <i>Souls in Purgatory – Souls Box</i>
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Aug. 29th	Sunday Vigil Javi Antony Claro – RIP – by Irah Tirona
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Aug. 30th	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) <i>Pro Populo</i>
11:00 a.m.		Lorique Cyr Mojica - Thanksgiving
Monday 9:15 a.m.	Aug. 31st	Weekday* <i>TBA</i>
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Sept. 1st	Weekday Nancy Morena – RIP – by Vince Morena
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 2nd	Blessed Andre Grasset Peter Krushelnyski – RIP – by the Gonzales family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 3rd	Saint Gregory the Great Mateo, Simeona & Leopoldo Laflares – RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 4th	Blessed Dina Belanger Peter Krushelnyski – RIP – by the Gonzales family
Saturday 10 a.m.	Sept. 5th	Saint Teresa of Calcutta Baby Aloysius & Duane Lauritsen – RIP – by Ramya & Merle Aloysius
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sept. 5th	Sunday Vigil In thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit – by the Lynes family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 6th	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Aloysius Wijaratnam – RIP – by Julia
11:00 a.m.		<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Sept. 7th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Sept. 8th	NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Carmie Pimentel – Thanksgiving – by Irah & Emil
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 9th	Saint Peter Claver Peter Krushelnyski – RIP – by the Gonzales family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 10th	Weekday Peter Krushelnyski – RIP – by the Gonzales family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 11th	Weekday Peter Krushelnyski – RIP – by the Gonzales family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sept. 12th	Sunday Vigil Marcela & Eugeniusz Depa – RIP – by Irene Depa
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 13th	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) <i>Pro Populo</i>
11:00 a.m.		Karen Piper – Special Intentions – by Kevin & Linda Piper

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.”