

September 13th & 20th, 2026

The Debt We Owe: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Copyright 2026 www.salvationhistory.com

First Reading: Sirach 27:30–28:7 | Psalm 103:1–4, 9–12

Second Reading: Romans 14:7–9 | Gospel: Matthew 18:21–35

Mercy and forgiveness should be at the heart of the Christian life.

Yet, as today's First Reading wisely reminds us, often we cherish our wrath, nourish our anger, and refuse mercy to those who have done us wrong. Jesus, too, strikes close to home in today's Gospel with His realistic portrayal of the wicked servant who won't forgive a fellow servant's debt, even though his own slate has just been wiped clean by their master.

It can't be this way in the kingdom, the Church. In the Old Testament, seven is frequently a number associated with mercy and the forgiveness of sins. The just man sins seven times daily; there is a sevenfold sprinkling of blood for atonement of sins (see Proverbs 24:6; Leviticus 16). But Jesus tells Peter today that we must forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven times. That means: every time.

We are to be merciful as our Father in heaven is merciful (see Luke 6:36; Matthew 5:48). But why? Why does Jesus repeatedly warn that we can't expect forgiveness for our trespasses unless we're willing to forgive others their trespasses against us?

Because, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle, we are the Lord's. Each of us has been purchased by the blood of Christ shed for us on the Cross (see Revelation 5:9). As we sing in today's Psalm, though we deserved to die for our sins, He doesn't deal with us according to our crimes. The mercy and forgiveness we show to others should be the heartfelt expression of our gratitude for the mercy and forgiveness shown to us.

This is why we should remember our last days, set our enmities aside, and stop judging others. We know that one day we will stand before the judgment seat and give account for what we've done with the new life given to us by Christ (see Romans 14:10, 12).

So we forgive each other from the heart, overlook each other's faults, and await the crown of His kindness and compassion.

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.** *The last session is on September 18th. 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

Prayer is the best weapon we have;

it is the key to God's heart.

- St. Pio

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.

TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS

September 14th is the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (aka Triumph of the Cross). There will be a mass at 8am on Monday the 14th to celebrate this glorious feast day together.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
September 12th - 27th, 2026

Saturday 10:00 a.m..	Sept. 12th	Most Holy Name of Mary Souls in Purgatory – Souls Box
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sept. 12th	Sunday Vigil Marcela & Eugeniusz Depa – RIP – by Irene Depa
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sept. 13th	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) <i>Pro Populo</i> Karen Piper – Special Intentions – by Kevin & Linda Piper
Monday 8:00 a.m.	Sept. 14th	Exaltation of the Holy Cross Souls in Purgatory – Souls Box
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Sept. 15th	Our Lady of Sorrows Windell Crodua - Thanksgiving
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 16th	Saints Cornelius & Cyprian Mely Torres – RIP – by Irah & Emil
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 17th	Weekday Linayah Cyr Mojica - Thanksgiving
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 18th	Weekday Peter Krushelnyski – RIP – by the Gonzales family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sept. 19th	Sunday Vigil Natalie & Serge Topoluk – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sept. 20th	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) All Souls in Purgatory – by Stephen <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Sept. 21st	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Sept. 22nd	Weekday In Thanksgiving to Saint Joseph – by the Lynes family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 23rd	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina Peter Krushelnyski – RIP – by the Gonzales family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 24th	Blessed Emilie Tavernier-Gamelin Peter Krushelnyski – RIP – by the Gonzales family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 25th	Saints Cosmas & Damian Peter Krushelnyski – RIP – by the Gonzales family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sept. 26th	Sunday Vigil Anne Alice Aloysius – RIP – by Julia
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sept. 27th	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) <i>Pro Populo</i> Ludwik Straczek – RIP – by his wife and son

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.”