

September 27th & October 4th, 2026

The Humble Path: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25–28 | Psalm 25:4–9

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1–11 | Gospel: Matthew 21:28–32

Echoing the complaint heard in last week's readings, today's First Reading again presents protests that God isn't fair. Why does He punish with death one who begins in virtue but falls into iniquity, while granting life to the wicked one who turns from sin?

This is the question that Jesus takes up in the parable in today's Gospel.

The first son represents the most heinous sinners of Jesus' day—tax collectors and prostitutes—who by their sin at first refused to serve in the Lord's vineyard, the kingdom. At the preaching of John the Baptist, they repented and did what was right and just. The second son represents Israel's leaders—who said they would serve God in the vineyard but refused to believe John when he told them they must produce good fruits as evidence of their repentance (see Matthew 3:8).

Once again, this week's readings invite us to ponder the unfathomable ways of God's justice and mercy. He teaches His ways only to the humble, as we sing in today's Psalm. And in the Epistle today, Paul presents Jesus as the model of that humility by which we come to know life's true path.

Paul sings a beautiful hymn to the Incarnation. Unlike Adam, the first man, who in his pride grasped at being God, the New Adam, Jesus, Humbled himself to become a slave, obedient even unto death on the Cross (see Romans 5:12–17). In this He has shown sinners—each one of us—the way back to the Father. We can only come to God to serve in His vineyard, the Church, by having that same attitude as Christ.

This is what Israel's leaders lacked. In their vainglory, they presumed their superiority—that they had no further need to hear God's Word or listen to God's servants. But this is the way to death, as God tells Ezekiel today. We are always to be emptying ourselves, seeking forgiveness for our sins and frailties, confessing on bended knee that He is Lord, to the glory of the Father.

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 22nd**. For more information, please contact Frank : 514-707-6248 or the Office: 514-747-4226.

THE CATHOLIC CALENDAR

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

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

There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.

- *Sr. Lucia dos Santos of Fatima*

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
September 26th - October 11th, 2026

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
Monday	Sept. 28th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Sept. 29th	Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Father Jason Piper – Special Intentions
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Sept. 30th	Saint Jerome Philip Hoffman – RIP – by Lesly MacDonald
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 1st	Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Kathleen Tait-Biro – RIP – by Kevin & Linda Piper
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 2nd	The Holy Guardian Angels Nathalie S. – Special Intentions – by Kevin & Linda Piper
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Oct. 3rd	Weekday Peter Krushelnyski – RIP – by Linda Krushelnyski
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 3rd	Sunday Vigil Victoria & Zdzislaw Smoczynski – RIP – by Irene Depa
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Oct. 4th	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) <i>Pro Populo</i> Emma Palanca - Thanksgiving
Monday	Oct. 5th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Oct. 6th	Blessed Marie-Rose or St. Bruno Abilio Carvajal – RIP - by the Lynes family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 7th	Our Lady of the Rosary Rafael Tirona - Thanksgiving
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 8th	Weekday Loretta Curran – RIP – by Lesly MacDonald
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 9th	St. Denis / St. John Leonardi / St. Newman Dennis Piper – RIP – by Kevin & Linda Piper
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 10th	Sunday Vigil Francesco Perri – RIP – by Linda Perri
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Oct. 11th	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) <i>Pro Populo</i> Maricar Palanca - 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.”