

October 25th & November 1st, 2026

Love Commands: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26 | Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 | Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Jesus told His disciples that He came “not to abolish” the Old Testament Law “but to fulfill” it (Matthew 5:17). And in today’s Gospel, He reveals that love—of God and of neighbor—is the fulfillment of the whole of the law (see Romans 13:8–10).

Devout Israelites were expected to keep all 613 commands found in the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible. Jesus says today that all these, and all the teachings of the prophets, can be boiled down to just two verses of this Law (see Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18).

In this distillation, He seems to summarize the two stone tablets on which God was said to have engraved the Ten Commandments (see Exodus 32:15–16): The first tablet set out three laws concerning the love of God, such as the command not to take His name in vain; the second contained seven commands regarding love of neighbor, such as those against stealing and adultery.

Love is the hinge that binds the two tablets of the Law. We can’t love God, whom we can’t see, if we don’t love our neighbor, whom we can (see 1 John 4:20–22). But this love we are called to is far more than simple affection or warm sentiment. We must give ourselves totally to God—loving with our whole beings, with all our heart, soul, and mind. Our love for our neighbor must express itself in concrete actions, such as those set out in today’s First Reading.

“We love because he first loved us” (1 John 4:19). As we sing in today’s Psalm, He has been our deliverer, our strength when we could not possibly defend ourselves against the enemies of sin and death.

Grateful for our salvation, we show others the love that God has shown us. In this we become imitators of Jesus, as Paul relates in today’s Epistle—laying down our lives in ways large and small, seen and unseen, our daily living offered as a continual “sacrifice of praise” (see John 15:12–13; Hebrews 13:15).

PRAYING FOR THE DEAD

Yellow envelopes are now available for anyone who wishes to fill them in remembrance for the souls of their departed family members and friends. Mass offered for these loved ones on Tuesday November 3rd at 7pm. These envelopes will be in the Sanctuary throughout November, the month of prayers for the dead for continued prayers for our beloved departed.

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.

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

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you.

- **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
October 24th – November 8th, 2026

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 24th	Sunday Vigil Jose Ramon Carvajal – RIP – by the Lynes family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Oct. 25th	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) Candelaria Distor – RIP – by the family <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	Oct. 26th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Oct. 27th	Weekday Rudy and Nora Mojica – Thanksgiving
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 28th	Saints Simon and Jude Carlos da Silva – RIP – by Rachel Kaplan
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 29th	Weekday Emilio Bencito – RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Oct. 30th	Weekday Thomas Bolohan – RIP – by Joan O' Donnell
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 31st	All Saints Vigil Dorothy and George Kuhr – RIP - by Connie, Jim and family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Nov. 1st	All Saints (Year A) Wilson Jay - RIP – by Nancy Jay and family <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday 8:00 a.m.	Nov. 2nd	All Souls' Day Souls in Purgatory – Souls Box
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Nov. 3rd	Saint Martin de Porres Souls of Loved Ones - Yellow Envelopes
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 4th	Saint Charles Borromeo Deceased Members of the Carvajal & Lynes families – RIP – by Mercedes & family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 5th	Weekday Aloysius Wijayarathnam – RIP – by Julia
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Nov. 6th	Weekday Nancy Morena – RIP – by Vince Morena
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Nov. 7th	Weekday Sanyde Geffard and family - Thanksgiving
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Nov. 7th	Sunday Vigil Deceased Members of the de Souza & Pereira families – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Nov. 8th	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) <i>Pro Populo</i> Jeon Matthew Ching – RIP – by the family

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.”