



**SEPTEMBER 2, 2018**  
**22ND SUNDAY**  
**OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**CYCLE B**

**REFLECTION**

**Pure Religion**

Scott Hahn Reflects on the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel casts Jesus in a prophetic light, as one having authority to interpret God's law. Jesus' quotation from Isaiah today is ironic (see Isaiah 29:13). In observing the law, the Pharisees honor God by ensuring that nothing unclean passes their lips. In this, however, they've turned the law inside out, making it a matter of simply performing certain external actions. The gift of the law, which we hear God giving to Israel in today's First Reading, is fulfilled in Jesus' Gospel, which shows us the law's true meaning and purpose (see Matthew 5:17). The law, fulfilled in the Gospel, is meant to form our hearts, to make us pure, able to live in the Lord's presence. The law was given that we might live and enter into the inheritance promised to us—the kingdom of God, eternal life. Israel, by its observance of the law, was meant to be an example to surrounding nations. As James tells us in today's Epistle, the Gospel was given to us that we might have new birth by the Word of truth. By living the Word we've received, we're to be examples of God's wisdom to those around us, the "first fruits" of a new humanity. This means we must be "doers" of the Word, not merely hearers of it. As we sing in today's Psalm and hear again in today's Epistle, we must work for justice, taking care of our brothers and sisters, and living by the truth God has placed in our hearts. The Word given to us is a perfect gift. We should not add to it through vain and needless devotions. Nor should we subtract from it by picking and choosing which of His laws to honor. "Hear me," Jesus says in today's Gospel. Today, we're called to examine our relationship to God's law.

Is the practice of our religion a pure listening to Jesus, a humble welcoming of the Word planted in us and able to save our souls? Or are we only paying lip-service?



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**HEROES IN HOLINESS**  
**QUOTES FROM THE SAINTS**

"Let your old age be childlike,  
and your childhood like old age;  
that is,  
so that neither may your wisdom be with pride,  
nor your humility without wisdom."

-St. Augustine

The Saints who have gone before us are the witness, par excellence, to this tethering to Truth that enlightens and inspires and elevates mankind.

**Mass Intentions**   
**FOR THE WEEK**

**SEPTEMBER 1 TO SEPTEMBER 8 2018**

SAT. SEP. 1ST	5:00 PM	- People of the Parish
SUN. SEP. 2ND	7:30 AM	- Benjamin, Cecilia, & Jeffrey Lugos †
	9:00 AM	- Russ Stachiw †
	10:30 AM	- Gilda Gaglione
	12:00 PM	- George Borg †
TUE. SEP. 4TH	8:30 AM	- All Souls in Purgatory
WED. SEP. 5TH	7:30 PM	- Calogero Calderone †
THU. SEP. 6TH	8:30 AM	- Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Felix and deceased family members
FRI. SEP. 7TH	7:30 PM	- Special Intentions of Georgina Da'Costa
SAT. SEP. 8TH	8:30 AM	- Special Intentions of Rose Talbot



**OUR SICK:** Benigno Jose Jr., Jean Schofield, Irene Bituin, Robin Crapper, John Leitmann, Leonisa G. Albaran, Ginette Ferlatt, Henry Kumara, Rasheeda DeFranca, Sr. Cecilia Marie Ching, Sr. Theresa Ching, Innes Potgieter, Mario Tan Jr., Nicanor Gocado, Daniela Alario, Rebecca C. Baltazar, Dina Sorbera, Daniel Leonardo, Monica Bouchard, Kerrie Leonard, Harold Hunt, Adeline Noronha, Antonio Sorbera, Julia Genova, Carmen Humbel, Christina Lochan, Ronaldo Maravilla, Lucas Sorbera, Peter Pacione, Sheryl Watson, Stanley de Freitas, Peter Pinto, Maureen Dempsey, Marina Sequeira, Ofelia Magat, Paul Swoffer, Minoli Paul, Joshua Bolingot, Offe Ayuson, Isabel Grosvenor, Clera Uy Cruz, Mary Loretta Noftall, Marie Herrera, Salome Mason, Frank McPhearson, John Germain, Ms. Dalhoo, Loren Lea Hodgeson, Carla Di Cecco, Virginia Johnson, Wynn Young, Mary Rocha, Eric Hudder, Marguerite Watson, Tony & Nelie Sicat, Teofilo Mondala, Duverney Family, Anthony de la Isla, Leonard Rodrigues, John Jarman, Anne O'Callaghan, Mr. & Mrs. Cerami, Simon Fernandes, Arnold Uy Cruz, Charles Gill, Deacon Gerald Godsoe, Ellen Jarman, Patrick Doty, Debra Fernandes, Nida Carandang, Marie McPherson, Marina Jose, Rasheeda DeFranca, Vicki Scallon, Frances Schober, William Schober, Rita Ropke, Marie Dignum, Maria Anna Diandra Rivera, Natalina Fernandes, Umbelina Felix, Anita Gouveia, Erlinda Balita, Colleen Balgobin, Joan Crowley, Webster Paul, Ela Sicat-Angeles

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Why does man not live on bread alone?**

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God"  
(Mt 4:4, citing Deut 8:3)

This passage of Scripture reminds us that men have a spiritual hunger that cannot be satisfied by material means. One can die for lack of bread, but one can also die because one had received bread alone. In a profound sense we are nourished by the one who has "the words of eternal life" (Jn: 6:68) and a food that does not perish (Jn 6:27): the Holy Eucharist.

*"There is hunger for ordinary bread, but there is also hunger for love, kindness, and mutual respect - and that is the great poverty from which people today suffer so much"*  
- St. Teresa of Calcutta

## **Bereavement Peer Support meeting**

Hope everyone had a great summer in July & August. Our monthly meetings will resume in September.



Date: Saturday September 15, 2018

Time: 3 - 4 PM

Place: St. Stephen's Room

(Downstairs from the side entrance on Markanna Drive)

**New members are welcomed.**

## **LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY**

This September our topic of study will be "The Spirituality of Paul". In this eight-week study we will explore key biblical passages from the early church's most influential evangelist and discover the rich tradition of Paul that continues to influence believers today. Again we will be meeting in the parish hall on Monday afternoons from 1:00 - 3:15. Sign-up sheets are posted at the main entrance to the Church. Come one and all for prayer, study and fellowship!

## **Catholic Moms Group**

Here at St. Boniface, we are looking into starting a Catholic Moms Group.

*You might be wondering, "What exactly is a Catholic Mother's Group?"* - It is a group of Catholic women who gather to pray, share parenting tips, learn about their Catholic faith and grow spiritually. Some groups meet with their children, others meet on their own. The format of each group is just a little bit different, but all of us seek to answer the question, *"What does it mean to be a Catholic mother and wife?"*

*Why Join a Catholic Mothers Group?*

Moms in this day and age are so very busy! Often moms are working full-time, driving kids to and from extracurricular activities, helping with homework, cooking, cleaning, grocery shopping, and trying to find just a little bit of time for themselves. How would a busy mom find the time to go to a Catholic Mothers Group? What are the benefits of joining a group? - Make New Friends, Become the Best Mom Possible, Discover a Spiritual Program, Experience Community and Acceptance, Get Encouragement and Support, Learn About Your Catholic Faith, Pray and Be Refreshed, Get Practical Parenting and Marriage Tips, Joy, Inspiration and Fun, a Network of Catholic Moms.

For more information or interested, please contact Parish Office at 416-261-5383 or email [st.boniface@rogers.com](mailto:st.boniface@rogers.com)

*I love my*  
**Catholic Moms Group**  
LOVE. LAUGHTER. MOMENTS OF GRACE

## **PARISH OFFICE NEWS**

### Summer Parish Office Hours

Please note, the parish office hours will change over the summer months. Starting Tuesday, July 3rd through to Tuesday, September 4th: the office will close at 12pm - noon on Friday's.

### Parish Office Closed

Please note, the parish office will be closed;  
- **Week of Monday August 27th to 31st**  
- Monday September 3rd for the Labour Day Holiday

## **SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION**

### SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parents of children who have not received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are reminded that since the Sacraments are proper to the Church and not the school system, they should attend Sunday Eucharist at their respective parishes and enroll their children in the Sacramental Preparation Programs. Please contact your parish regarding enrollment dates.



In the Fall, we at St. Boniface Church will be having our Parent Meetings for Enrollment in these Sacraments. The dates and times will be published in our church bulletin and announced at all Masses beginning in September and the information will be sent to the schools. If you and your child are not coming to Mass regularly, you may not hear about the enrollment dates and deadlines. *It will not be possible to enroll for these Sacraments once the enrollment deadlines have passed.*



### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is the Sacrament that completes Baptism; in it the gift of the Holy Spirit is bestowed upon us. Anyone who freely decides to live a life as God's child and asks for God's Spirit under the signs of the imposition of hands and anointing with Chrism receives the strength to witness to God's love and might in word and deed. He/she is now a full fledged, responsible member of the Catholic Church. Parent information session for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in September. Please check bulletin for dates and times.

### R.C.I.A.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

### Are you or someone you know thinking of becoming Catholic?

The RCIA program is for those who wish to become Catholic; baptized and confirmed. The program begins in October.

*(Must be 18 years old or older)*

For further information, please contact the parish office.



EDGE Youth Ministry is looking for people to help out with support, behind the scenes, frontline and people to pray for this ministry.

If any of these interest you and/or you would like more information, please contact Peter at the office at 416-261-5983 or email [youth@stbcc.ca](mailto:youth@stbcc.ca)