



SEPTEMBER 23, 2018
25TH SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME
CYCLE B

REFLECTION

Servant of All

Scott Hahn Reflects on the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's First Reading, it's like we have our ears pressed to the wall and can hear the murderous grumbings of the elders, chief priests, and scribes—who last week Jesus predicted would torture and kill Him (see Mark 8:31; 10:33–34). The liturgy invites us to see this passage from the Book of Wisdom as a prophecy of the Lord's Passion. We hear His enemies complain that "the Just One" has challenged their authority, reproached them for breaking the law of Moses, for betraying their training as leaders and teachers. And we hear chilling words that foreshadow how they will mock Him as He hangs on the Cross:

"For if the Just One be the Son of God, He will . . . deliver Him. . . ." (compare Matthew 27:41–43). Today's Gospel and Psalm give us the flip side of the First Reading. In both, we hear of Jesus' sufferings from His point of view. Though His enemies surround Him, He offers himself freely in sacrifice, trusting that God will sustain Him. But the apostles today don't understand this second announcement of Christ's passion. They begin arguing over issues of succession—over who among them is greatest, who will be chosen to lead after Christ is killed. Again they are thinking not as God, but as human beings (see Mark 8:33). And again Jesus teaches the Twelve—the chosen leaders of His Church—that they must lead by imitating His example of love and self-sacrifice. They must be "servants of all," especially

the weak and the helpless—symbolized by the child He embraces and places in their midst. This is a lesson for us, too. We must have the mind of Christ, who humbled himself to come among us (see Philippians 2:5–11). We must freely offer ourselves, making everything we do a sacrifice in praise of His name. As James says in today's Epistle, we must seek wisdom from above, desiring humility, not glory, and in all things be gentle and full of mercy.



Thank you to Dr. Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center for the use of the weekly Mass reflections. More resources are available at www.stpaulcenter.com

HEROES IN HOLINESS
QUOTES FROM THE SAINTS

"The purpose of clothing is to keep warm in winter and to cover your nakedness, not to serve your vanity"

- St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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 22 TO SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

- SAT. SEP. 22ND 5:00 PM - Anthony & Jennifer Bastia
 30th Wedding Anniversary
- SUN. SEP. 23RD 7:30 AM - People of the Parish
 9:00 AM - Constanancio Alinas †
 10:30 AM - Cristeta Del Mundo †
 12:00 PM - Corazon Gahol †
- TUE. SEP. 25TH 8:30 AM - Melvin Morphet
- WED. SEP. 26TH 7:30 PM - Melanio Usana †
- THU. SEP. 27TH 8:30 AM - Health of Isabella Pudan
- FRI. SEP. 28TH 7:30 PM - Harold Ellis †
- SAT. SEP. 29TH 8:30 AM - In honour & thanksgiving to
 Our Lady of Vailankanni



OUR SICK: Liam Matthews, 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 Sicut, 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 Sicut-Angeles

DID YOU KNOW?

What sins must be confessed?

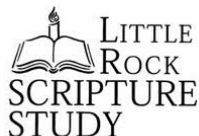
Under normal circumstances, all serious sins that one remembers after making a thorough examination of conscience and that have not yet been confessed can be forgiven only in individual sacramental confession.

Of course there will be reluctance before making a confession. Overcoming it is the first step toward interior healing. Often it helps to think that even the Pope has to have the courage to confess his failings and weaknesses to another priest - and thereby to God. Only in life-or-death emergencies can a priest administer "general absolution" to a group of people without the personal confession of sins beforehand. However, afterwards, one must confess serious sins in a personal confession at the first opportunity.



LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY

We will begin the study of Paul's Spirituality on Monday, September 24th, at 1:00 P.M. In the parish hall. Please enter the hall from the parking lot through the elevator door entrance.



SCHOOL MASSES

Parents & community members are welcome to join our parish schools as they celebrate their school masses;

- **St. Boniface School:** Wed. Sep. 26, 2018 at 10am
- held in the church
****REVISED DATE****

PARISH SCHOOLS FAMILY MASS

On Thursday October 11, 2018 at 6:00pm we will celebrate Mass with our 3 schools at our church. This Mass will be hosted by St. Nicholas School.

All are welcome!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's liturgy program is on Sunday's at the 10:30 am Mass. Geared towards children in Kindergarten, Grades 1 to 6.

September 23, 2018

GOSPEL THEME:

THE GREATEST SERVE OTHERS (Mark 9:30-37)



CHURCH CHOIR

The St. Boniface 10:30am choir is looking for new members. Rehearsals are on Tuesday's at 7:15pm in the church. No experience required. For more information please see the organist or cantor after Sunday Mass.

Bereavement Peer Support meeting

The next Bereavement Peer Support Group Meeting:

Date: Saturday October 20, 2018

Time: 3-4 pm

Place: St. Stephen's Room

(Downstairs from the side entrance on Markanna Drive)

New members are welcomed.



ST. JOSEPH MORROW PARK CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

St. Joseph Morrow Park is holding an Information Night for students who are entering secondary school. It will be held on: THURSDAY, October 4, 2018, AT 7:00 P.M. Parents/Guardians and students are cordially invited to attend. Join them at 3379 Bayview Avenue, just south of Steeles on the east side.

For more information please call 416-393-5516.

PARISH OFFICE NEWS

Please note the upcoming office hours;

Monday September 24	Office Closed
Tuesday September 25	Office Closed
Wednesday September 26	9am to 12pm
Thursday September 27	9am to 12pm
Friday September 28	9am to 12pm

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parents of children in **Grade 2** please note the dates and times below regarding information and registration for the sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

1 - Parent Information Meeting (*Held in Church*)
(Child not required to attend)

Sunday September 23 at 1pm (*after 12pm Mass*)

2 - Registration (*Held in the St. Stephen's Room*)

Tuesday September 25 at 6pm

Students in **Grade 3 and up** who have not yet received these sacraments and would like to register are also invited to attend one of these meetings.

Registration Requirement: Please provide a recent copy of the baptismal certificate at the time of registration. There is a registration fee of \$35.

For further information or questions, please contact Kimberly by email;
st.bonifacesacraments@rogers.com

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 Meeting (*Held in Church*)

Thursday November 8 at 7pm

OR

Saturday November 10 at 11am

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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 parish office.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Celebrate your love and take a fresh look at your marriage! Spend a very special weekend together. A Weekend of discovery...a lifetime of love! Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend getaway that helps married couples rediscover themselves as individuals and as a couple. The Weekend format helps couples communicate openly and honestly without group sharing, therapy or marriage counselling.

Upcoming Weekend: October 19-21, 2018

For more information and application, please go to

www.wmme.org or contact:

Gerard & Marge McCauley at

gerard.marge@rogers.com or (905) 792-1925.