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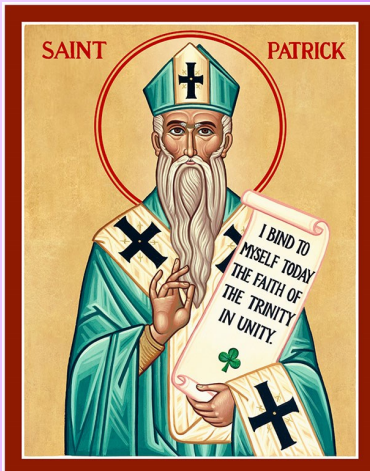
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August 23, 2026 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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4:30 pm (English)

7:00 pm (Español)

Sunday / Domingo

7:30 am (English)

9:00 am (English)

11:00 am (English)

1:00 pm (Español)

5:00 pm (English)

Monday-Friday 7:00 am & 8:00 am (English)

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10:00pm.

*Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom
and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments
and how inscrutable his ways!*

—Romans 11:33



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY - Aug 24 -

7:00 am - Nanci Lee Pippen (d)
8:00 am - Avery Campbell (int)

TUESDAY - Aug 25 -

7:00 am - Dr. Erwin Csar (d)
8:00 am - Jessie Gora (d)

WEDNESDAY - Aug 26 -

7:00 am - E. Grace & Family (int)
8:00 am - Kirby Mangini (d)

THURSDAY - Aug 27 -

7:00 am - Sean Gagen (d)
8:00 am - Gergonia Sanchez Roman (d)

FRIDAY -

7:00 am -
8:00 am -

Aug 28 -

Deceased Members of The Rebelo Family
Jeff Armstrong (d)

SATURDAY - Aug 29 -

8:00 am - Michael Joseph Nares (d)
4:30 pm - Morgan Taylor Ramirez (d)
7:00 pm - Antonio y Martha Pantoja (d)
Cruz Vizcarra Gamboa (d)

SUNDAY - Aug 30 -

7:30 am - Matthew Nowell (d)
9:00 am - Kevin Henry Miller (d)
11:00 am - Tony Sartor (d)
1:00 pm - Carlos Solorio (d)
Zacarias Cruz (d)

5:00 pm - Karlana & Michael Steigerwald (int)



PASTOR'S NOTES -

Fr. George G. Perez C.J.M. - Pastor
XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus asks His disciples a question that is as important today as it was two thousand years ago: **"Who do you say that I am?"** (Matthew 16:15). It is a question that cannot be answered by public opinion, social media trends, or the beliefs of others. It is a deeply personal question that every disciple must answer with faith and conviction.

The disciples had heard many opinions about Jesus. Some thought He was John the Baptist, Elijah, or another prophet. Even today, people offer many explanations about who Jesus is. Some see Him as a wise teacher, a moral example, or a historical figure. Yet Simon Peter, inspired by the Father, boldly proclaims: **"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."** This confession becomes the foundation of the Church and reveals the true identity of Jesus.

Peter's response reminds us that faith is a gift. Jesus tells him, "Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father." Faith is not merely the result of human reasoning; it is the work of God in our hearts. We are invited to remain open to that grace through prayer, the Scriptures, the sacraments, and the life of the Church.

The first reading from Isaiah speaks about authority and responsibility. God appoints Eliakim and places "the key of the House of David" upon his shoulder. This image helps us understand Jesus' words to Peter when He entrusts him with the keys of the Kingdom. Authority in the Church is not about power or privilege; it is about service, stewardship, and guiding God's people toward salvation. Peter's mission, and the mission of every leader in the Church, is to point others to Christ.

Saint Paul's words in the second reading express awe before the wisdom of God: "How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!" We may not always understand God's plans, but we can trust that His wisdom surpasses our own. Faith calls us not to have all the answers, but to place our confidence in the One who does.

As we reflect on this Sunday's readings, let us hear Jesus asking each of us personally: **"Who do you say that I am?"** Our answer is given not only with words but with the way we live. When we trust Him in difficult times, forgive others, serve those in need, and remain faithful in prayer, we proclaim that Jesus is truly the Christ, the Son of the living God.

May Peter's faith strengthen our own, and may our lives become a joyful witness to the Lord who calls us to follow Him each day. Amen.



Family Mass

Our next Family Mass will be on
Next Sunday, August 30th at 9:00 am
in the church. Come join us
and bring the whole family!

The Word of the Week...

This week's word: **Eparchy**

An **eparchy** is a territory governed by a bishop in Eastern Catholic churches, functioning the exact same way as a diocese does in the Western Roman Catholic Church. The leader is called an eparch. The term comes from the Greek word *eparkhia*, meaning a province or territory ruled by a governor.



Altar Society news...

Ladies, are you looking to have some fun?

Join the Altar Society! We raise money with bake sales, boutiques, raffles, and other fundraising activities, all while enjoying lunches, friendships, and laughter. Come see for yourself and join us on **Thursday September 3rd** for our luncheon meeting to be held in the parish hall at 12pm.

For reservations please contact Barbara Mathias at bamathias5500@sbcglobal.com or call 760-519-8884

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and wisdom and knowledge
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NOTAS DEL PÁRROCO –
P. George G. Pérez, CJM - Párroco -
XXI Domingo Ordinario

En el Evangelio de este domingo, Jesús dirige a sus discípulos una pregunta que sigue resonando en el corazón de cada creyente: “**Y ustedes, ¿quién dicen que soy yo?**” (Mt 16,15). No es una pregunta dirigida solamente a Pedro o a los discípulos de aquel tiempo. Es una invitación personal para cada uno de nosotros a examinar nuestra fe y nuestra relación con Cristo.

Los discípulos habían escuchado muchas opiniones acerca de Jesús. Algunos lo consideraban un gran profeta; otros, un hombre extraordinario enviado por Dios. También hoy existen muchas percepciones sobre Jesús. Hay quienes lo ven solo como un líder moral, un maestro de sabiduría o un personaje histórico importante. Sin embargo, Pedro, iluminado por la gracia de Dios, hace una hermosa profesión de fe: “**Tú eres el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios vivo.**”

La respuesta de Pedro nos recuerda que la fe es un don que recibimos de Dios. Jesús mismo le dice que esa verdad no le fue revelada por la sabiduría humana, sino por el Padre celestial. Nuestra fe también crece cuando abrimos el corazón a la acción de Dios mediante la oración, la lectura de la Palabra, la participación en la Eucaristía y la vida comunitaria de la Iglesia.

La primera lectura presenta la figura de Eliaquín, a quien se le confía una autoridad especial representada por la llave de la casa de David. Esta imagen nos ayuda a comprender las palabras de Jesús cuando entrega a Pedro las llaves del Reino de los cielos. La autoridad en la Iglesia no es un privilegio ni un poder para dominar, sino una responsabilidad para servir, guiar y cuidar al pueblo de Dios. El ministerio de Pedro y de sus sucesores tiene la misión de fortalecer la unidad de la Iglesia y conducirnos siempre hacia Cristo.

San Pablo, en la segunda lectura, expresa su admiración ante la grandeza y la sabiduría de Dios: “**¡Qué insondables son sus juicios e inescrutables sus caminos!**” Muchas veces no comprendemos plenamente los acontecimientos de nuestra vida, pero la fe nos invita a confiar en que Dios obra siempre para nuestro bien. Su sabiduría supera nuestros criterios humanos y sus planes son más grandes de lo que podemos imaginar.

Este domingo, Jesús nos dirige nuevamente su pregunta: “**¿Quién dices tú que soy yo?**” Nuestra respuesta no debe quedarse solo en palabras. La damos con nuestras acciones, cuando vivimos el Evangelio, cuando perdonamos, cuando servimos a los necesitados, cuando buscamos la justicia y cuando permanecemos fieles en medio de las dificultades. Que el ejemplo de fe de San Pedro fortalezca nuestra confianza en el Señor. Y que, al reconocer a Jesús como el Mesías y el Hijo de Dios vivo, podamos dar testimonio de Él con alegría y valentía en nuestra familia, en nuestra comunidad y en nuestra vida diaria.

Que Dios los bendiga abundantemente.



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INSCRIPCIONES PARA CATEQUESIS

Las inscripciones para el nuevo curso de **Catequesis 2026-2027** ya están abiertas.

Puedes inscribirte de las siguientes maneras:

- **En línea**, completando el formulario correspondiente que se encuentra en el website de St. Patrick's.
- **De manera presencial**, acudiendo a la oficina de catequesis para llenar la solicitud en formato impreso.

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Las registraciones están disponibles en línea a través del sitio web de St. Patrick's, o si prefiere inscribirlos en persona puede acudir a la oficina o llamar para agendar una cita y hacer sus preguntas al **(760) 434-9099**.

CATEQUESIS DE PREESCOLAR
2026-2027

Invitamos a los padres de familia con niños de 3, 4 y 5 años a registrarlos para el programa de Preescolar. Mientras usted está en Misa, su hijo/a estará escuchando el Evangelio, y aprendiendo sobre el mensaje de Jesús, además de otras prácticas religiosas.

También incluiremos actividades que favorecen su desarrollo físico, cognitivo, emocional, social y de lenguaje. Puede comunicarse a la oficina de Catequesis para obtener más información e ir al sitio web de St. Patrick para llenar la inscripción.



Pro-Life: A Commitment to Every Human Life

As Catholics, we are defenders of human life. Being *pro-life* is far more than a single issue. It is a whole way of seeing the world—recognizing that every human person, at every stage, carries God-given dignity that must be protected.

Pope John Paul II said it well in his encyclical on the Gospel of Life:

“Every individual, precisely by reason of the mystery of the Word of God who was made flesh, is entrusted to the maternal care of the Church. Therefore every threat to human dignity and life must necessarily be felt in the Church’s very heart; it cannot but affect her at the core of her faith in the Incarnation.”

At its heart, the pro-life vision says:

- **Every life is sacred** because every person is created in the image of God.
- **Every life deserves protection**, especially the most vulnerable.
- **Every life has value**, not because of usefulness, independence, or perfection, but because God wills that person into existence.

To be truly pro-life means we defend human life **wherever it is threatened**: the unborn child, the elderly, the sick, the poor, the refugee, the unhoused person, the victim of violence, the prisoner, the person with disabilities, and the person who feels forgotten.

It means we speak for those who cannot speak, accompany those who suffer, and work for a society where no one is disposable.

A consistent pro-life ethic calls us to build a culture where every person can flourish—where life is welcomed, supported, and cherished from conception to natural death.

In short: **To be pro-life is to stand for the sacredness of every human life, without exception.**



EXTRA EXTRA Read all about it...

Knight of Columbus sponsored Baby Bottle Drive was a big hit!

Birth Choice has announced Baby Bottle donations exceeded \$5500.00! Birth Choice extends a much deserved **THANK YOU** to St. Patrick parishioners for their generous donations. Your donations make a lasting difference. Every dollar raised goes toward directly serving, women, men and babies in need within our community. *Thank you for being a part of this life-changing mission!*



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- preparation for the sacraments for students in grade 1-8 who attend public school
- continuing faith formation for students in grade 3-8 who attend public school

We offer family events to celebrate the liturgical year and provide outreach opportunities.

Our classes will begin in September. Please register soon.

- Online on our website: www.stpatrickcarlsbad.com, click on Religious Education, PreK – 8th grade. Registration information and the link to the online form are in the top right corner.
- You may also contact us to make an appointment at 760-729-8442 or mdornisch@stpatrickcarlsbad.com
- Last Registration Sunday is on August 30 after all the morning Masses.

Reflection: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus asks his disciples: “Who do you say that I am?” Peter said in reply: “You are the Son of the living God”. Jesus entrusted Peter to continue his work and build his church. We are asked to do the same. Recognizing Jesus as God’s beloved Son gives us grace to follow him. As we love as Jesus loves, we build up his Church.

For parents: How do you answer Jesus’ question? How do you continue Jesus’ work today?

For children: What do you know about Jesus? Whom can you tell this week about Jesus?

For prayer: *Jesus, grant us your help in following you.*

Margit Dornisch, Office for Religious Education & Family Ministry

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- Confirmation Year Families: Sunday August 23rd at 6:30 pm inside the parish hall
- Pre-Confirmation Year Families: Sunday August 30th at 6:30 PM inside the parish hall



Orientations are for parents/guardians only.
If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact our office.

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Las reuniones de orientación familiar obligatorias para el Programa de Confirmación 2026-2027 se realizarán en el mes de agosto. Vea las fechas abajo.

- Familias del Año de Confirmación: Domingo 23 de agosto a las 6:30 PM dentro del salón parroquial
- Familias del Año de Preconfirmación: Domingo 30 de agosto a las 6:30 PM dentro del salón parroquial

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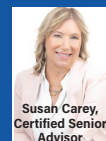
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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

First Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

God will remove Shebna from his office as master of the palace.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 138:1-3,6,8

God's kindness is forever.

Second Reading

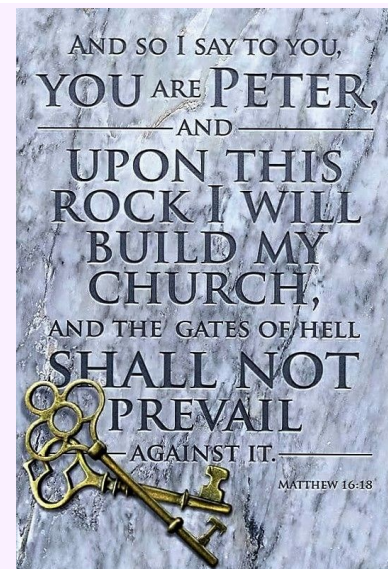
Romans 11:33-36

Paul sings praise to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.



Background on the Gospel Reading

It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew's Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about his passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term church in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.



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