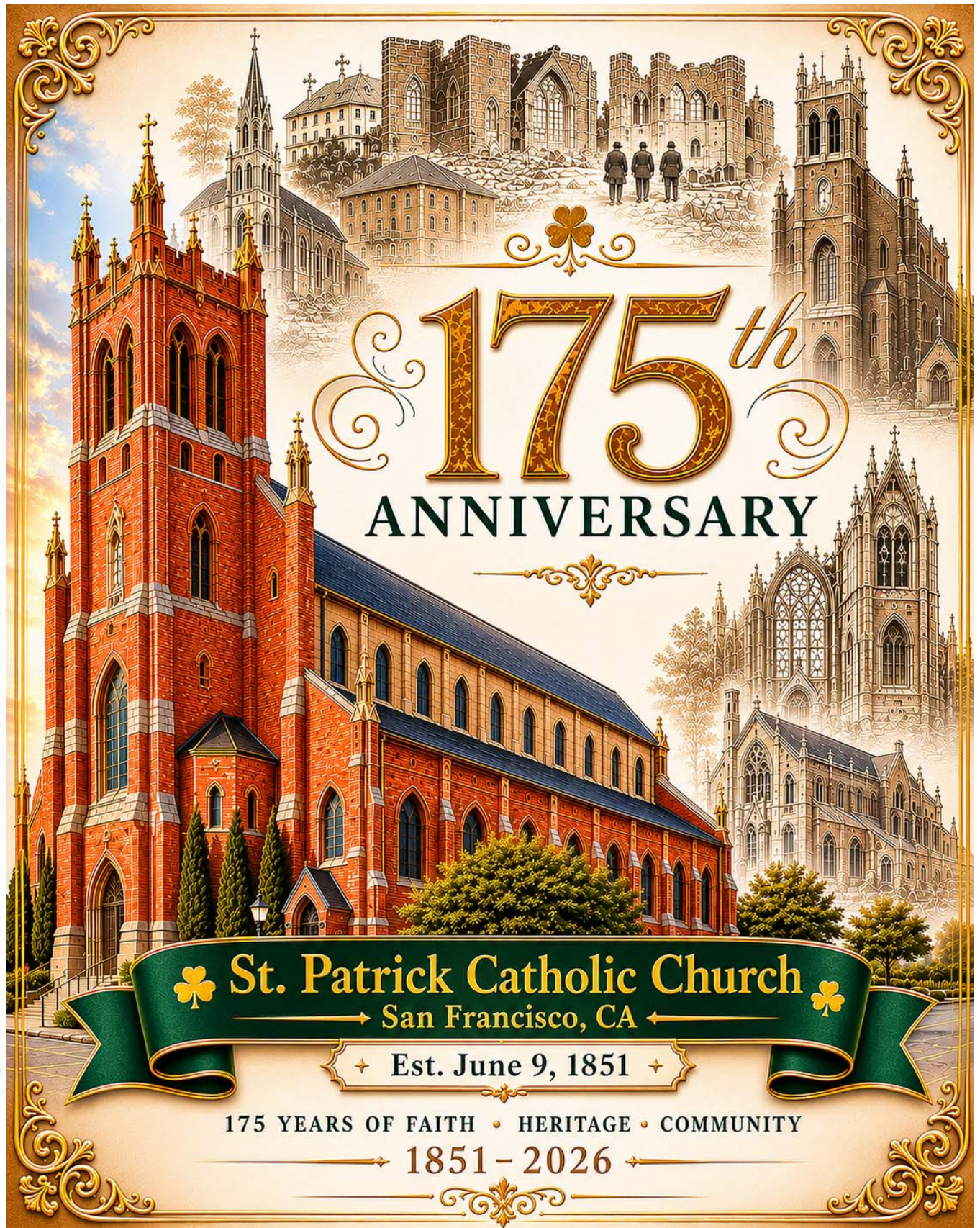


August 23, 2026 • Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
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Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Every Tuesday after the 12:00 p.m. Mass

Sacred Heart

First Friday of the month at 4:00 p.m..

Sto. Niño Devotion

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Our Lady of Fatima

First Saturday of the month at 11:30 a.m.

Living God's Word

We pray that our loving Father will bring us to a deeper knowledge and understanding of his Son Jesus. We ask that this understanding will lead to a deeper commitment on our part to the work of Jesus to bring about in our own day the reign of God in our world.

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The True Measure

When I die, God won't measure my head to see how clever I was. God will measure my heart to see how loving I was.

~ Anonymous

Happy Birthday!!

Happy Birthday to our Parishioners
celebrating a birthday this week.

Ed Lawrence Hagape	08/23	Matthew Medina	08/28
Lexy Martinez	08/24	Teresita Gonzales	08/29
Meilinn Rose Ohunan	08/24	Michael Sullivan	08/29
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Who is Jesus?

Jesus poses the question "But who do you say I am?" in today's Gospel passage. It is a question posed to Peter and the disciples, to Matthew's first readers, and to the Church today. Peter's confession of faith in Jesus as Christ and Son of God was a culmination of what the disciples had experienced in their life with Jesus thus far. Jesus affirms Peter's declaration as a gift from God. But it was only the beginning of Peter's understanding of what these words actually meant, and how the disciples saw themselves in light of this truth. As Jesus and the disciples turned toward Jerusalem and to the cross, the disciples perhaps pondered their own identity, together with their dawning understanding of Jesus' identity. For us, the journey of faith, initiated and sustained by the Holy Spirit, means an ongoing reflection upon who Jesus is and who we are.

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Our Fascinating Faith

The Documents of Vatican II—The Decrees

As mentioned earlier, the four Constitutions were not the only documents issued by the Second Vatican Council. There were also nine Decrees. Here is a list of them, with a word about the significance of each.

The Decree on Instruments of Social Communication (*Inter Mirifica*) calls on the Church to use modern means of communication to proclaim the gospel.

The Decree on Ecumenism (*Unitatis Redintegratio*), while clearly outlining the uninterrupted succession in the Roman Catholic Church since the beginning, seeks reunion with the other Christian churches and ecclesial communities. Historical blame on both sides is acknowledged for the separation that now exists, and dialogue is encouraged, with reform of the Catholic Church as part of the process. In *Ut Unum Sint*, his encyclical on ecumenism, Pope Saint John Paul II himself proclaimed that Vatican II committed the Catholic Church irrevocably to the ecumenical effort.

The Decree on the Bishops' Pastoral Office in the Church (*Christus Dominus*) picks up where *Lumen Gentium* left off, giving a job description for bishops and urging shared decision-making (collegiality). Diocesan pastoral councils were also established by this decree.

The Decree on Priestly Formation (*Optatam Totius*) revises the Council of Trent's rules for seminary formation—now including scripture, ecumenism, and history, among others—and allows for local guidelines.

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7:30 a.m. Masses

All priests of the Archdiocese of San Francisco will be attending the Priest Convocation Week on September 21, 23, and 24. Because of this, we will not have 7:30 a.m. Masses on these days. The 12:10 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Masses will be celebrated as usual. We appreciate your understanding and thank you for your prayers for our priests.

AAA Update **(as of 11 August 2026)**

2026 AAA Goal	\$43,252
Received	\$22,072
Amount Remaining	\$21,180
% of Goal	51%

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Reflecting on God's Word

Certain questions change lives, depending on our answer: "Do you take this person to be your husband/wife?" "Do you want this job?" "Can you forgive me?" The question Jesus asks today is one that certainly changes lives. Our response is not simply an academic exercise, a matter of knowing the right answer we learned from a book. Our answer must lead to a commitment that is to be lived out each day of our lives.

Peter's answer certainly changed the course of his life. Jesus recognized that it was not Peter's innate knowledge, or that of any other person, that had given Peter his response: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." It was the Father. And so Jesus declares that Peter will be the one to lead the other disciples and all who would come after. Simon, son of John, fisherman, husband, brother—and one who would deny he ever knew Christ!—he was to be the rock on which Jesus would build the church. His response was life-changing.

Peter's answer was not a perfect one, as we shall see next week. Even so, Jesus accepts it as an indication that his Father is at work in those called to be with him who would continue his work. The Father chose to work in fallible human beings. We may not think of ourselves as rocks, but the future of the church depends on how well each one of us lives out the answer to this question, "Who do you say that I am?"

~ James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

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Patrician Meeting

Join us next week for the monthly Patrician Meeting, a Catholic discussion group sponsored by the Legion of Mary. This month's topic is...

Our Blessed Mother: Indulgence-Plenary Indulgence

Speaker ~ Mercedita Cadiz

Date ~ Sunday, August 30, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

McKenna Hall

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Mass Intentions for Aug 23 - 29

Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 23	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Ryan, Alicia, & Luna FH Orlando, Jr. Florendo Pelejo BD Matthew James Mingoa SI All Parishioners Of St. Patrick
Monday 24	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Wilson Castro † Thelma U. Pastrana † Rodolfo Pascia, Jr.
Tuesday 25	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	† Marilyn & Lorenzo Sumulong † Manuel & Milagros Lawsins SI Fe Macatangay
Wednesday 26	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	BD Arnold Paragas † Asterio Felix Navasca, Jr. SI Beltran C. Marces
Thursday 27	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Corazon Mariano & Family † Felomina Garcia SI Loren Masangcay
Friday 28	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	BD Erlinda P. Orellano † Sally T. Pascua † Benbenedo Niaga
Saturday 29	7:30 a.m. 12:10 p.m. 5:15 p.m.	SI Ryan, Alicia, & Luna SI Jeff Byrson SI Kenneth Kirby

Religious Education Classes

The staff and catechists of St. Patrick Church are dedicated to helping your children grow in faith and be closer to God. As parents, you are the primary educators of your children and are their best teachers. Your children learn the most from the example you set when you pray together and actively participate in Mass and the sacraments as a family.

Our Religious Education Program is designed to assist you in the faith formation of your children. First-time students must provide a valid baptismal certificate. Classes begin on Saturday, September 12th and run through May. Class hours are from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Are You Someone or Do You Know Someone Who...

- ...has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- ...has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- ...was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is an opportunity for you to come together in a small group to learn more about the Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights, and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact the parish office during normal business hours.

Trust

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Not Hired, But Chosen

When a company is recruiting for a top management position the process is detailed and thorough, with many interviews for each candidate and a full review of educational background, professional credentials, references, previous experience, and more. No company wants to take a chance on a person who is anything other than the best available. Contrast this with today's Gospel account. Jesus first questions his disciples. Who do people say Jesus is? They give him several answers. Then he asks them who *they* say he is. It is impulsive, big-hearted Peter who exclaims, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). Think of Peter for a moment: a good Jew, but almost certainly illiterate and a fisherman by trade. Not exactly high up in the social order, is he? Nevertheless, Jesus saw not only what Peter was, but what he could become. He saw into the heart and mind of this man and said, "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18). Jesus was not without humor, as this was a play on words. The name Peter comes from the Greek word for rock (*petros*). The beginning of our Church, which today embraces one and a half billion people worldwide, lay in the hands of this one man and his fellow disciples. With the authority of God and the power of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, Jesus promised that ultimate evil would never prevail against it. Nevertheless, the Church is made up of flawed human beings who sometimes fail as followers of Jesus. We must never forget that even Peter himself, after Jesus chose him as "the rock," failed spectacularly by denying his Lord three times. When we fail, we should not walk away but strive even more to live a faithful Christian life.

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Spend no time fault-finding or criticizing other members of the parish. Pray for them and write notes of gratitude for what they do that is good.

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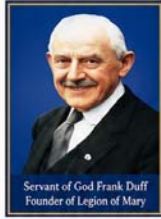


Meeting - Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in Bitanga Hall



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Servant of God Frank Duff
Founder of Legion of Mary
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LEGION OF MARY'S HISTORY

The Legion of Mary was founded in Dublin, Ireland on the 7th of September in 1921. It is a lay Catholic organization giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country.



LEGION OF MARY'S AIM

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's works.



LEGION OF MARY'S UNIT

The unit of a Legion of Mary is called a praesidium, which holds a weekly meeting where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussions. Persons who wish to join the Legion must apply for membership in a praesidium.



LEGION OF MARY'S ACTIVE WORKS

The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of everyone. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in homes and hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolate and missionary undertakings sponsored by the parish. The works are more of spiritual works of mercy.



LEGION OF MARY'S ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

This membership is open to all faithfully practicing Catholics. Members attend weekly meetings and engage in prayers and active works. Candidates under 18 years of age can be received in a Junior Praesidium.

"Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

— ST. CATHERINE LABOURÉ —

Feast of Faith

Come, Spirit!

The presider at the Eucharist can choose from among a number of different Eucharistic Prayers, all of which follow a similar pattern. Almost always, they begin with an *epiclesis*, a Greek word that means "invocation upon" or "calling over here." At this moment in the prayer, the priest calls down the Holy Spirit upon the gifts of bread and wine that we have brought to the altar: "Father, we bring you these gifts. We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the body and blood of your Son" (Eucharistic Prayer III). The words of the prayer are accompanied by the ritual gesture of the laying on of hands, the ancient sign of the gift of the Spirit, which is also used in most sacramental celebrations, from the rite of confirmation to the ordination of deacons, priests, and bishops. Liturgists sometimes call this first *epiclesis* the *epiclesis* of consecration. Later in the Eucharistic Prayer, there will be another *epiclesis*, the *epiclesis* of communion, as the priest asks that the Holy Spirit be sent upon us to transform us. "Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ" (Eucharistic Prayer III).

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Only One

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.

~ St. Augustine



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Simon Peter said to Jesus,
"You are the Messiah, the Son ...

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Answer: *of the living God*

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St. Rose of Lima
16th-century Peruvian who was admired for her beauty but chose not to marry in order to devote her life entirely to God and the poor
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August 23

How wonderful is God's grace! How beautiful and precious! In it are hidden treasures and joys!

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St. Joseph Calasanzz
17th-century Spanish priest who founded a system of schools that provided free education for poor children.
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August 25

All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest of patience, and, most of all, profound humility.

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St. Monica
Mother who prayed incessantly for the conversion of her son, St. Augustine.
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August 27

Nothing is far from God.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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"Whatever you bind on earth
shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth
shall be loosed in heaven."

~ Matthew 16:19

CATHOLIC CORNER

I AM ...

In today's Gospel Jesus asks Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" How would you answer that question? Talk with the people in your family. Ask everyone for their answer. Then, together, decide what you will write on this line.

I think Jesus is _____

In the Bible, Jesus tells us who he is in several different ways. For each of these Gospel verses, draw a picture of what it describes. (One has been done for you to get you started.) Then, talk with your family about why that image is a good way to think about Jesus; for example, Jesus is like light because he guides us and helps us see the world as God sees it.

I am the light of the world
(John 8:12).

I am the good shepherd
(John 10:11).

I am the way
(John 14:6).

I am the true vine
(John 15:1).



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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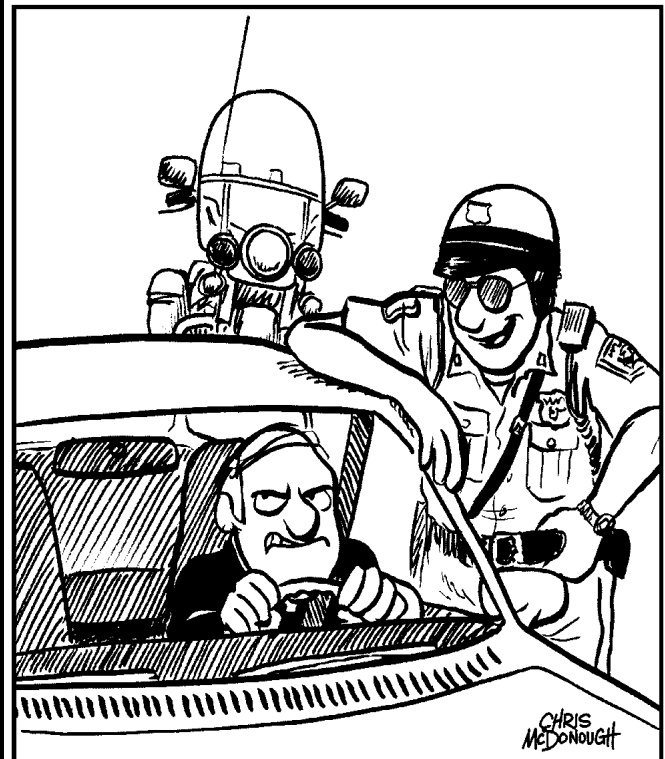
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SIMON PETER SAID TO JESUS,
"YOU ARE
THE CHRIST,
THE SON OF
THE LIVING
GOD."

MATTHEW 16:16

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Pastor Al™



"Hey, Pastor Al. Ironical, ain't it? I mean, both of us with the power to hold men bound or forgive them."

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Be a Rock

Peter's history as a follower or friend of Jesus is a bit spotty. It might be natural to wonder if Jesus, in giving him the keys to the kingdom, didn't feel a bit like a parent giving a teenager the keys to the family car. But it was at the moment when God's power and presence broke through everything else to raise up Peter's great profession of faith in Christ as Messiah that Jesus chose to establish the bond between the loving, forgiving mercy of heaven and our vocation to be witnesses of that love, mercy, and forgiveness on earth.

Like any parent, Jesus no doubt foresaw the failings, the irresponsible maneuvers or impaired senses, the collisions that the church would be headed for. But, most importantly, he also saw us at that moment as God prefers to see us: capable of manifesting great faith, with a willingness to remain at the feet of Christ to understand what it truly means to be Messiah and Christ. As the letter to the Romans points out to us today, we have not known the mind or the wisdom of God, but God knows us and still chooses to manifest the reign of justice, joy, beauty, and peace through us. Let this be our vocation. Let us always strive to be solid ground on which the church of Jesus Christ can be founded and on which it can continue to be built.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

Eucharistic Prayer II is a popular choice for Mass since it is both simple in structure and short. It is written with a preface, which is the section after the dialogue "The Lord be with you . . . Lift up your hearts . . . Let us give thanks," which introduces all the Eucharistic Prayers. The preface states the reason for the eucharistic assembly on that occasion, and there are dozens of them covering almost every imaginable gathering for prayer, some specific to feasts, others for Masses for the dead or for other needs. The preface attached to the second Eucharistic Prayer may be dropped in favor of a more appropriate choice, especially one of the prefaces for weekdays. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* says that Eucharistic Prayer II is best suited for weekdays or "special circumstances." In practice, however, it has become the common Sunday prayer because of its brevity and its comfortable familiarity. It also includes an optional phrase for adding the name of a deceased person remembered in the Mass, and therefore is often prayed at funerals. Article 50 of the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* specified that the rites are to be simplified and restored "to the vigor they had in the tradition of the Fathers." The rebirth of this ancient Roman prayer is a worthy response to this call.

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Treasures From Our Tradition

One of the most memorable images from the pontificate of Pope John Paul II is not his shocked expression as he is hit by a bullet, but rather his tender meeting with his assailant, and his forgiveness. It is far more compelling because, although people are struck by bullets every day, true reconciliation is in relatively short supply. An outside observer might list attempting to kill the pope as an unforgivable sin, but of course we know that forgiveness of sin is woven deeply into our tradition of living as Christ did.

Interestingly enough, the Church took a hard line on these matters early on. Until the second century, people expected Christ's return in the near future, so they deferred judgment to him. Soon, however, bishops began to grant forgiveness for sin after baptism, but only once. What we know as the sacrament of penance takes its life from Jesus' work of reconciliation, but just as scripture shows Jesus forgiving people in one life-changing encounter, so the church granted one chance only. Great sins were the target, such as idolatry, adultery, and murder. Penance was lengthy, difficult, and public, and the bishop was in charge of the process. For the next several weeks, we'll look at subsequent creative and helpful changes in the celebration of this sacrament.

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God's Word Today

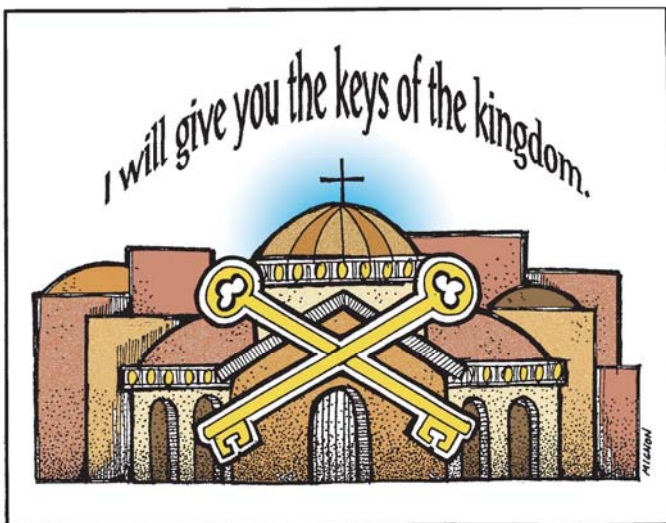
For several weeks Saint Matthew has been painting his portrait of the Lord Jesus. We have seen the Lord feed the multitudes with a few loaves of bread and a couple of small fish. We have seen him walk on water and offer words of inspiration and reassurance. This week, Jesus asks his followers, "Who do you say that I am?" This question is also addressed to us. We experience the presence of Christ in so many ways throughout our lives: as teacher, healer, comforter, challenger, deliverer, among many other images. Today's scriptures summon us, the holy Church founded on Saint Peter, to recognize once again the presence of Christ in this holy place. Perhaps God asks you the question, "Right here and right now, who do say that my Son is?" What is your response?

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Patience

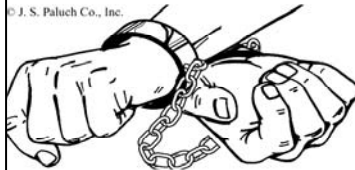
Patience is the companion of wisdom.

~ St. Augustine



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"Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

— Matthew 16:19

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Over the past several weeks, Matthew's Gospel has shown us a variety of Jesus' miracles: multiplying fish and bread, walking on water, and expelling demons. Thousands of people have witnessed Jesus' miraculous powers. Yet today, when Peter professes his faith in Jesus as the Messiah, Jesus swears him to secrecy. We might wonder at Jesus' gag order after his very public miracles. Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans captures our curiosity: "How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!" Today's readings ask us to have faith in a marvelous God who guides us in ways we cannot fully understand. The readings from Isaiah and the Gospel both show us times when the Lord designates earthly leaders. Eliakim and Peter are fallible men, yet God entrusts them with far-reaching, even eternal, responsibility. Trusting God's wisdom, we pray for our leaders and join together to worship the Lord.

What's in a Name

In a dramatic moment, Jesus gives Simon a new name: Peter, the rock. The account of Simon's new name is told differently in other Gospels. In John and Mark, Jesus renames Simon upon first meeting him and calling him to be one of the Twelve. Here in Matthew's account, however, Jesus changes Simon into Peter only after he professes his faith in Jesus as the Messiah. Peter's experience helps us reflect on dramatic moments in our own lives: "What is a personal moment that affected me so radically that I seemed to become a new person? What transformative experience changed my name, either literally or figuratively?"

Sometimes a name change is built into major life moments, naturally flowing from birth, adoption, Confirmation, profession of religious vows, or marriage. But imagine if someone gave you a new name, without any warning, and without consulting you. Renaming someone is an extraordinary act. Jesus surely knows this, and renames only one of his disciples. Simon is the only disciple Jesus sets apart in this way. While the Gospels gradually reveal many of Simon Peter's character flaws, we constantly keep in mind the day Jesus called him *rock* and entrusted him with the path to salvation.

Called By Name

Jesus never revokes Peter's keys to the kingdom of heaven, even after Peter denies him during the Passion of the Lord. Jesus' call is as immutable as stone. And so it is with each of us. At Baptism, the very first question the minister asks is "What name do you give your child?" As we are reborn in the waters of Baptism, in the name of Jesus, we receive God's call to live in the light of Christ. Our call is irrevocable. We can do nothing to erase God's personal call. Even if we should deny Christ himself, as Peter did, the Lord continues to love us and to desire our own love in return.

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Rocky

I wonder how many men named Peter know that originally it was a nickname. Jesus gave Simon a name based on the word for "rock." Like any good nickname, Jesus had a reason to give this one. Peter had just acknowledged Jesus to be the Son of God and the Messiah (Christ). Jesus used that as an opportunity to teach us about the importance of faith as the foundation of the church.

The church was initially the Jews who followed Jesus. For them, the tradition of a coming messiah was a symbol of their hope for the future. So believing that Jesus was the Messiah first meant that he was *the* reason to hope. But more importantly, it showed what "messiah" really means.

There were many variations on what people thought the messiah would be. Some expected a political leader who would unite the Jews and maybe even overthrow their Roman masters. Others thought he would be a wonder-worker, like a super-hero, who would use his power to make Israel a great and free nation. Or perhaps the messiah would provide food and riches in abundance.

By calling Jesus the Messiah, we see that he saves us not by royal leadership, or amazing feats or great riches, but by giving his life for us on the cross. He shows that love is a greater power than political power or wealth. And by learning about Jesus, we learn about the love of God for us. We learn that Jesus has fulfilled all messianic hopes. He unites not just the Jews, but all people who believe in him. He sets us free from sin and death. He feeds our spiritual hunger with his own Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

By commending Peter's faith, Jesus shows us that faith is the foundation (rock) of the church. For the church is not just a social club of people who like to worship the same way; it is a family of people who believe all that Jesus taught because we believe in the person of Jesus. That is, we don't just believe that Jesus was real. We affirm that he is alive and important to our lives. We have experienced him in his words, in the sacraments, and in each other. May our faith always be solid as a rock.

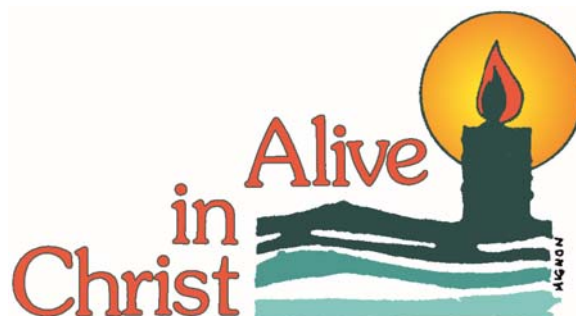
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The Rock

Peter was Jesus' choice to lead the fragile band of apostles. In today's Gospel, Simon is given a new name—Peter, the "rock." In John's Gospel, Peter is called to be a shepherd. He is expected to lay down his life for his sheep. And tradition tells us that he did just that. But today we think about the durable rocklike quality that Jesus needed in a leader.

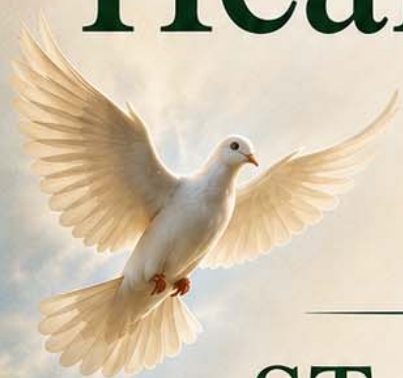
Peter was appointed to his leadership position for reasons we are not able to fathom. God knows, and Jesus knew well, that Peter was flawed. We cannot mistake his enthusiasms, though, his manifest love, and his great, exuberant faith. Those virtues saw him through. They are durable, tough, beautiful virtues. They make Peter a sympathetic and lovable person. They provide us with the balance and humor that we need as we consider our own roles in the universal church.

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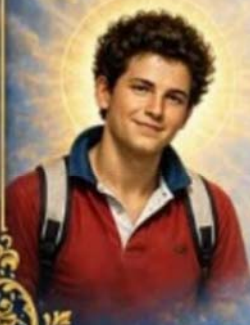
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Alma Raymundo
Cathy Bohol
Sheila Montemayor
Anonymous*



***Black
Nazarene***
Feast Day
January 9

*Rosie Drapiza
Lydia Cagampan
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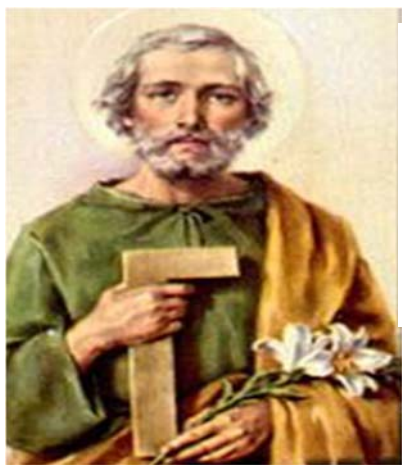
***Our Lady of
Perpetual Help
Devotion***
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12:10 Mass)

*Raya & Gamboa
Families*



San Lorenzo Ruiz
First
Filipino Saint
(Sep 28)

*Fe Macatangay
Jeanette Chafe
John & Gemma O'Donnell
Evelyn Grande
Mely Saavedra*



***Saint
Joseph***

***Feast Day
March 19***

Xenia Villamejor

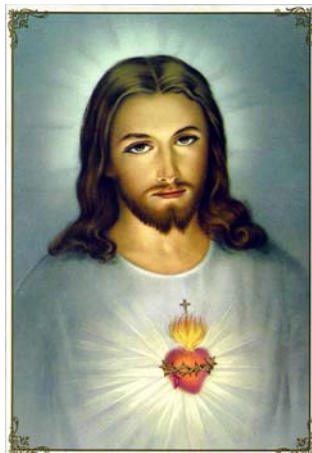
St. Anne
Feast Day
July 26



***Sacred
Heart***

***First Friday
Schedule***

***4pm Holy Hour
5:15 Mass***



***OUR
LADY
OF
FATIMA***

***Pray the
rosary***



The Graceful Chapter

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

3 He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

6 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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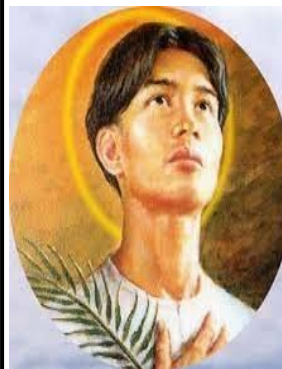


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