



A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace:
"I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiyah;
I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family."

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 23, *Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 **BW** Nancy Klein from Rose Ann & Brian

10:30 **BW** Tom Nurre from George & Judy Thelen

12:00 **BW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

Monday, August 24, St. Bartholomew, Apostle

12:10 Barbara Deardorff from Carol Lowen

Tuesday, August 25, Sts. Louis & Joseph Calesanz, Priests

12:10 Alois Wedekind from The Mohr Family

Wednesday, August 26,

12:10 Marianne Myers from Carol & Larry

Thursday, August 27, *St. Monica*

12:10 Charles and Jane Stacey from Bill & Jane Stacey

Friday, August 28, *St. Augustine, Bishop*

12:10 Paula Shade from Chris Ryan & Family

Saturday, August 29, *The Passion of St. John the Baptist*

12:10 Elaine Fischer from Tom & Francie Hiltz

7:00 **BW** Robert Lange from The Mushaben's

Sunday, August 30, *Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 **BW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **BW** Tim Wolohan from Marty & Maggie Haas

12:00 **BW** Judy Stanley from Carol & Larry

From the Pastor's Desk

PUBLIC MASSES WITH RESTRICTIONS WILL BE HELD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

PLEASE REGISTER FOR SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY MASSES at strosecincinnati.org

ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST WEAR A MASK WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH. Thank you for your understanding, patience and cooperation.

THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL WHO RESIDE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI CONTINUE TO BE DISPENSED FROM THE OBLIGATION OF ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS.

**Bundle Sunday for St. Vincent de Paul is NOW
The truck will be here this weekend August 22nd & 23rd**

To join us for mass on your computer, ipad , smart phone, or smart tv go to our website STROSECINNATI.ORG and click on [WATCH LIVE](#). I want to thank everyone who continues to support us with their generous contributions. God Bless, Fr. Barry

RCIA

If you know anyone who would be interested in learning about the Church and possibly join the Church Fr. Barry is starting up the RCIA in September. There will be plenty of room to social distance. Any questions please call (513) 871-1162

Oscar Joseph Gilb was welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend at St. Rose Church.

Congratulations to: Rowan Wojcik, Oliver Smyth, Ellie Alfieri, Rose Ann Heath, Finley Santoro and Asher Rutledge who received the Holy Eucharist this weekend for the first time.

Stuart Naeny and Allison Dillbone were united in the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony this weekend here at St. Rose Church.

*In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of **Thomas Butler** whose funeral was this past week here at St. Rose Church.*

The Little Sisters of the Poor Collection was \$3,721. Thank you very much for your generosity.

A Prayer for Peace, Justice and Goodwill

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
Almighty God, you created us in your image and likeness,
forming one human family. In your enduring love,
you have promised to never leave us.

In the midst of strife and turmoil in our land, we ask you for peace.

May victims of injustice be relieved of their suffering.

Help us, your children, to be people of goodwill, radiating the light of faith.

May the example of Mary, the Queen of Peace,

move us to be more faithful disciples of your Son.

Send your Holy Spirit to inspire us in word and deed,
as we strive to bring about your kingdom here on earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SUNDAY FUNNIES

~ My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60 . Now he's 97 years old and we don't know where he is.

~ I don't think anyone expected that when we changed the clocks we'd go from Standard Time to the Twilight Zone.

~ So, after this quarantine... will the producers of My 600 Pound Life just find me or do I find them?

~ Day 6 of Homeschooling: My child just said " I hope I don't have the same teacher next year"...I'm offended.



Living Liturgy™

Opening Prayer

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Today's gospel reading from Matthew is a favorite in Catholic-Protestant dialogue or even debates on the role of Peter and the development of the papacy. But the papacy is a long way from the setting of this particular story. Instead, we see that Simon Bar-jonah confesses Jesus as the Christ. He recognizes Jesus for who he is, and Jesus responds by saying this insight was given to him by the heavenly Father. Jesus then names him "Peter," a Greek term meaning "Rock" (though in Aramaic the term is *Kephas*).

Jesus says that on this "rock" he will build his "church." The term "church" appears in the gospels only in Matthew, and only here and in Matthew 18:17. Historically, churches developed later, so it seems anachronistic for Matthew (or any evangelist) to use the term during the historical ministry of Jesus. It's partially for that reason that the phrase is thought to be a Matthean addition. Even so, Matthew is informing, or reminding, his audience that Peter was a spokesperson for the group, confessed Jesus as Christ, but even this was not due to his insight but from a gift of the Father.

Catholics read Scripture holistically, not cherry-picking verses from here and there and then applying them in a context divorced from their own. We seek to understand the context in which the book, letter, or verse was written; the intent of the author, as much as possible; and how it corresponds to other Scripture. If we are looking for Scripture verses to use in theological debate with other Christians, we are playing the wrong game.

Closing Prayer

Lord Jesus, your disciple Simon Bar-jonah rightly confessed you as "Messiah." Give us the courage to confess you in our own day and age. So emboldened we will live more fully as your disciples, performing acts of service and love to those we meet, and so reflect our Christian identity. In you, the Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

• In today's gospel Peter answers Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" by proclaiming, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." How do you announce who you believe Jesus to be through your words and actions?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayers."

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi

and he asked his disciples,
"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter said in reply,
"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus said to him in reply,
"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.

And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

Readings for the week:

21st Sunday in Ord. Time
Isa 22:19-23
Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8
Rom 11:33-36
Matt 16:13-20

Monday Saint Bartholomew, Apostle
Rev 21:9b-14
Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18
John 1:45-51

Tuesday
2 Thess 2:1-3a,
14-17
Ps 96:10,
11-12, 13
Matt 23:23-26

Wednesday
2 Thess 3:5-10,
16-18
Ps 128:1-2, 4-5
Matt 23:27-32

Thursday
1 Cor 1:1-9
Ps 145:2-3,
4-5, 6-7
Matt 24:42-51

Friday
1 Cor 1:17-25
Ps 33:1-2,
4-5, 10-11
Matt 25:1-13

Saturday
1 Cor 1:26-31
Ps 33:12-13,
18-19, 20-21
Mark 6:17-29

22nd Sunday in Ord. Time
Jer 20:7-9
Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6,
8-9
Rom 12:1-2
Matt 16:21-27