

Jesus said,
"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."

Matthew 16:18

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2020

TRUSTING GOD'S WISDOM

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 re-names 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.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 22:19-23
Psalm 138:1-3, 6, 8
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20



Saint Peter, undated
Conte Anton Maria Zanetti
Italian, 1680-1767
Chicago Institute of Art (CICG)

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: MON., WED., FRI. 6:30AM MON.-FRI. 8AM
SATURDAY 8AM & 5PM SUNDAY 8AM, 9:45AM, 11:30AM, 5PM
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PARENTS MUST BE REGISTERED PARISHIONERS FOR THREE MONTHS BEFORE SCHEDULING A BAPTISM. PARENTS AND GODPARENTS MUST ATTEND A BAPTISM CLASS PRIOR TO THE CHILD'S BAPTISM. PLEASE CHECK WITH THE PARISH OFFICE FOR THE BAPTISM CLASS SCHEDULE. BAPTISMS ARE HELD ON THE 2ND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 2PM.

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At various times in a Catholic's life, it is beneficial that you be able to show that you are a "practicing Catholic."

This is possible by confirming your parish registry.

Here are some of the situations to which this may apply:

Marriage in the Church

Baptism of a Child

School Registration of a Child

Becoming a Godparent or Sponsor

We urge you to:

Register at the Rectory

Inquire about using your talents for the good of the parish

Use your Sunday envelopes so that your generosity can be recorded.

Msgr. Terry

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TODAY'S READINGS

Reading 1
Is 22:19-23

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 Hilkiah;
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."

Reading 2
Rom 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!
For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor?
Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?
For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be glory forever. Amen.

Gospel
Mt 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 of *August 24 - 30, 2020*



Sunday:

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Bartholomew

Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: St. Monica

1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: St. Augustine

1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday:

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mk 6:17-29

Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27



PRAY FOR ...

Healing ...

Roben Bustos
Luz Sarmiento
Mark Sanchez
Glenn Hoskins
Sean Fenady
Arlene Tan
Carmen Gomez
Meilani Rodriguez
Marlyn T. Rodriguez
Hyuk Jin Kwon
Anna Raval
Aida Tomines
Stacey Seablade Hoskins
Joel Rivera
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Jaime De Jesus
Alice Senar Alarkon
Lucita Z. Liangco
Reynaldo V. Tanayan
Lui de Leon
Loretta O. Mangona
Enrique Honrado Cabrera
Adoracion Layco
Bob Lass
Ricardo Villanueva
Jocelyn Mercado
Feliciano Manansala

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9:45 am

Baning Amora †
 Adelaida Viray †
 Jacqueline Cavanagh †
 Anita Watson †
 Kobe Bryant †
 Lucy Torroba †
 Pedring Viray †
 Virginia Bernasor †
 Guillermo Bernasor †

Monday, August 24th

Guadalupe Dayrit †
 Diana Chawdhury
 Antonio Chawdhury †
 Segundina Chawdhury †

Tuesday, August 25th

Amir Larson
 Mansoor †
 Maryam Sabrina †
 Jejon & Constancio †

Wednesday, August 26th

Manuel Venturina †
 Amparo Gregorio †
 Lucila Hernandez †

Thursday, August 27th

Betty Mitra †
 Onor Vergel De Dios †
 Rodolfo Vicencio Jr. †
 Marcelino & Pat Reyes †

Friday, August 28th

Ishmael Manzano
 Anna Brewer †
 Eufenia Quinto †
 Rosario Manasan
 Beth Mtira
 Victoria Cabatcan
 Mayin Manzano
 Adele Voorhees
 Melissa Ramirez
 Kim Ocol
 Mimi Arcega

Saturday, August 29th

Magdalena Chung †

In Memoriam

Mary Catherine Hawley
Bradwell Smith
Elba Manzo
Santos Angeles
Thomas Hodgkiss
George McCarthy
Randy Roque
Mary Frances Fenady
Andrew Fenady
Fernando Rojas
Allan Graf
Consuelo Eckhardt
Anne Lombard
Eugenia Walendowski
Catherine Crahan
Judy Francisco Herrera
Julian "Bud" Rice
Moises Chavez
Steve Keller
Maria Sol Elazegui
Madge Broadbelt
Ramon R. Casal Jr.
David Ines
Hortensia Ines
Manuel Orquia
Mila Agpaoa
Joseph Vogl
Mary Bottum
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Therese Holz
Caroline Laquer
Jacqueline Cavanagh
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Lucy Torroba