

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 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.

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, 1650-1707
Chicago Institute of Art (CICAI)



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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m., Spanish Mass 2:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: See Mass Schedule & Intentions section of bulletin

CONFESSIONS: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2020

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TRUST: Keys hold great significance for those who carry them. They represent the trust and authority of the owner when given to another person. We may give our house key to a trusted friend to take care of our matters while we are away. We may give keys to someone responsible for maintaining or working in a particular building. Keys to vehicles are given to people who have proven themselves responsible drivers. The readings today focus on this kind of trust—the trust that conveys authority and responsibility. In the first reading, the symbol is specifically that of a key; but the second reading and the Gospel also speak of trust and leadership as they refer to the earthly church that Jesus established. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

WEEKEND LITURGY

First Reading: Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

Psalm: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

Second Reading: How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

Gospel: Jesus asked the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” Peter replied, “You are the Christ” (Matthew 16:13-20).

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READINGS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

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

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

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

Saturday: 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

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK (Aug. 24-30)

Monday 8:30 AM: Dickie Mudd

Tuesday 5:30 PM: Tony Begley

Wednesday: **NO MASS**

Thursday 5:30 PM: Dot Smith

Friday 8:30 AM: Helen Brady

Saturday 8:30 AM: C.H. Haydon

4:30 PM: Ruth Ann Sallee, Missy Raikes, Geraldine Crick, John Essex

Sunday 8:30 AM: For the Parish

10:30 AM: Howard Smith

2:00 PM (Spanish Mass): Presider's Intention

LITURGICAL ROLES

Weekday Lectors: (Mon.) Rita Rust, (Tues.) Julee Jones, (Wed.) NO MASS, (Thurs.) Ione Pinkston, (Fri.) Katie Simms, (Sat.) Hamilton Simms

Weekend Liturgical Roles for August have been sent via email.

MENTIONS, MEETINGS, EVENTS & REMINDERS

St. Dominic Catholic Church Fall Turkey Dinner & Raffle, Sat., September 12, 4:00-7:00 p.m., at KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS Hall, Springfield, KY - ALL meals will be served by DRIVE-THRU only. Raffle at 7:30 p.m. via Facebook Live on our church's FB page. The cost of the meal is \$10 (turkey, dressing, green beans, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, roll & a slice of pie). The raffle will consist of: 1st prize- \$5,000.00; 2nd prize- \$3,000.00; 3rd prize- \$2000.00. Tickets are \$5.00 a chance, but notice, we've upped the ante on the prize winnings! **Each church family is asked to: sell/ buy a minimum of 20 tickets at \$5 each & make a \$5 dessert donation (instead of making a pie). For additional tickets, please contact the parish office. We ask that raffle ticket/money & donation for pie be turned in by Friday, September 4th.** You can drop your tickets in the collection plate, via mail, or by dropping them by the parish office. Inquiries regarding this year's event may be directed to the parish office at 336-3569; or to our chairs, Cassie Michalski 859-481-3517 & Lisa Taylor 859-481-5304. **We look forward to seeing you at the drive-thru & good luck with the raffle!!** **Volunteers to help with the dinner will also be needed.**

Catechists Needed: Our parish RE (religious education) program is in need of two catechists, as well as substitute catechists. Classes are held in the school classrooms each Wednesday evening, September through April, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., with the first class taking place on September 9th. We are very blessed with a wonderful group of dedicated catechists who willingly share their time, talents, and faith in order to ensure the future of our church, the children. We would love to have you be part of this awesome group! Please contact Angela Young for more information (336-3569 or 481-2587).

Parish Religious Education Program classes will begin on Wednesday, September 9th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Our RE program is open to students in grades K-8 who do not attend a Catholic school. Information packets have been mailed to all families who have children that were enrolled in last year's program. If you are a new family interested in enrolling your child/children, please pick up an information packet from the table in the narthex of the church, or stop by the parish office. Packets can also be downloaded and printed from the church website (stdomparish.org>documents). If you have questions or need more information, please contact Angela Young at the parish office (336-3569).

Safe Environment Training: St. Dominic will host SET on Monday, September 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Training is limited to 50 people and is based on first come/first served basis. Every participant must wear a mask, and no one under the age of 16 will be admitted to the training. Anyone working with children on a regular basis, as well as field trip chaperones, must attend this training and have a background check that is less than five years old. This is a one-time training, if you have attended in the past, you do not have to attend again.

Masses: Just a reminder to call ahead (Monday through Thursday) if you plan to attend Mass this coming weekend, space is limited due to social distancing requirements. Please contact us in one of the two ways, by calling 859-336-3569 or by email at stdom@bellsouth.net. Seating charts are finalized on Thursday afternoons. Peace to you all!

ST. D PRAYER LIST:

Coronavirus Pandemic, World Peace, Healthcare Workers, Victims of Abuse, U.S. Military, Unborn & Elderly, Addictions, Beth Hellman, Glenn Mattingly, Kyle Logsdon, Sr. Mary Louise Yurik, Jeannie Hatchett, Lames Thomas, Ashton Kelly, Katie Haydon, Edwin Thompson, Jane Rudd Volz, Dennis Newton, Lucille Spalding, Marcie Abell, Mary Devine, Roberta Williams, Jerry Craig, Larry Smith, Tom Miller, Margaret Faye Martin, Charlotte Disponett, Carolyn Greene, Marian & Wade Elliott, Sue Carter, Michael & Jennifer Jarboe, Debbie Hamilton, Buddy & Charlotte Smith, Wheatley Hamilton, Frank Peters, Corbin Noel, Dorothy Mattingly, Colin Walker, Cassie Robinson, Olivia Montgomery, Audrey Edelen, Marilyn Watkins, Sueanna Graves, Helen Parrot, Christy Caldwell & Nancy Hardin. *Our church always prays for and cares for our sick sisters and brothers at home, in hospitals, and in nursing homes. You are always in our hearts, minds and prayers as we celebrate the Eucharist at St. Dominic. If any who are sick want to ask in faith for the church's prayers, please do not hesitate to contact our parish office at 336-3569.*

Tithing Contributions for this past week (includes contributions during the week &/or ACH contributions, etc.): \$25,143.20

A GOOD TEST

A test of worship is how sensitive it makes me to the needs of those around me. —Anonymous