



Simon Peter said to Jesus,  
**“You are the Christ,  
 the Son of the  
 living God.”**

Matthew 16:16

## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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When Jesus says to Peter “whatever you bind” or “whatever you loose” in today’s Gospel, he describes a distinct power that emerges from Peter’s faith in Jesus. The capacity to bind or to loose suggests a new ability, both to restrain or block forces that harm the community of faith, and also to release or liberate energies that strengthen the community.

It might be helpful to observe, within your own parish or faith community, where God might be working now. Perhaps you can see persons and groups working to restrain toxic forces of resentment or fear. You might see those who are releasing new energies, and empowering the faithful to care for their neighbors. When we are grounded in a prayerful trust relationship with Jesus, we can receive this power to participate in God’s work, to bind and to loose.

### AWE AND PRAISE

In today’s passage from Romans, Paul concludes his complex reflections on the Jewish people, the emerging Gentile churches, and God’s work among them. Paul has struggled to

understand the responses of both the Jewish and Gentile communities, with their mix of acceptance and rejection of Jesus. He warns the Roman church to avoid any sense of superiority over Jews or non-Christian Gentiles, for everyone is in need of God’s mercy. Paul acknowledges the limits of his understanding, and gives way to prayers of awe and praise. He concludes by marveling at the limitless mercy of God, whose designs are ultimately mysterious.

Sometimes our own prayer can be like that of Paul. In conversation with God, we try to make sense of life, especially its difficulties. The full truth of what’s going on in our lives or in our world eludes us, and so we work humbly with the truth that we can understand. If we believe our mysterious God is indeed trustworthy, we can open our hearts in praise, and allow God to shape our lives.

Today’s Readings: Is 22:19–23; Ps 138:1–2, 2–3, 6, 8;  
 Rom 11:33–36; Mt 16:13–20

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**Welcome Visitors!**

*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us and felt welcomed in our church as your “home away from home.” Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!*

# Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

**We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:**

Jess Corrigan. Dianne & Gary Laudt. Gayle McCloskey. Randy Epp. Shay Mikalonis. Dwight Nunley. Wendy Melton. Wanda & George Duke. John Ott. Fleming Family. Carolyn Shannon. Doris Hoffman. Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Patricia Guy. Jacob Stephens. Randy Burris. Albert Hernandez. Karina Hawkins. Frankie Durst. Susie Strickland. Doug Lawson. Dana Moffatt. Emly Walker. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Diane Stanley. Chase Larsson. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Rose Kennedy. Judy Fazzio. Marsha & Marty Blahitka. Carolyn Edwards. Joshua Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda Stephens. Wanda Thompson. Kathryn Allen. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month. **We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: Mike Brown (spouse of Reta Brown).**

**Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:**

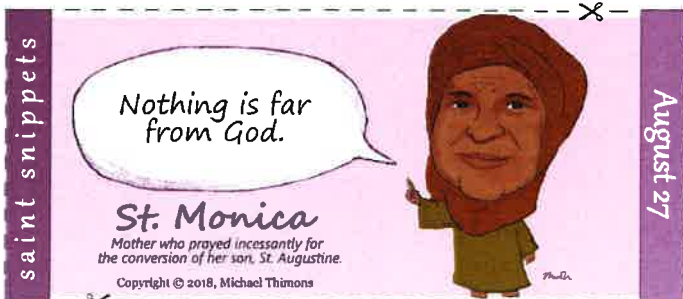
New active recruit, Reid Patrick Hope, US Marine (Nephew of Mike & Wanda Stephens). 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Senior Airman, Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Ensign Gary Buchanan; 2ndLt. Blake Gaughan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). E-3R James Morgan (SonInLaw of Kathy & Dale Boman) Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (brother of Jeff & Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

**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.

**POPE'S UNIVERSAL INTENTION FOR AUGUST**  
**The Maritime World**

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.



**Mass—Intentions**

- Sat 8/22** Laura Funk (Carolyn Bonicard)
- Sun 8/23** Mary & David McNally (M/M Clymer)
- Tue 8/25** Eddie Rottinghouse+ (M/M Murfin)
- Wed 8/26** Bertha Esther Bernardo (Rocio Bailey)
- Thurs 8/27** Deacon Len Sanchez+ (M/M Clymer)
- Fri. 8/28** Dianne & Gary Laudt (M/M Clymer)
- Sat. 8/29** Lou & Nonie Gillespie+ (Bridget Rich)

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Average weekly amounts through July 31, 2020:  
**Expenditures (excluding parking lot repairs) \$ 3,684**  
**Regular and debt & maintenance collections \$ 3,840**

**Attendance 8/15 Sat. 34 & 8/16 Sun. 38**

One can Give without Loving...  
 But one cannot Love without Giving.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**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).

**READINGS FOR THE 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

## 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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**Temporary Weekend Mass held in parish hall: Sat., Aug. 22nd at 5:00pm and Sun., Aug. 23rd at 9:00am.**

**Protocols for weekend Masses:**

1. **Limitations on Attendance:** Limited seating maximum 81 seats are available. In order for the households to maintain at least 6-foot separation.
2. **Wear a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the parish hall. Avoid touching door handles, restrooms closed.
4. **Chairs** set-up 6-foot separation. Please **DO NOT MOVE CHAIRS.**
5. **Enter & exist double glass doors into the parish hall to the left of the overhang.** Do not enter through Narthex.

**Temporary Weekday Mass Times held in church: Tuesday — Friday at 8:00am.**

**Protocols for weekday Masses:**

1. **Call Fr. Mike on his cell phone 903-490-3883 (do not text). Limited to 20 people.**
2. **Strongly consider wearing a mask that covers mouth & nose.**
3. **No socializing** in the Narthex. Avoid touching door handles, restrooms closed Enter & exit same set of double glass doors into the church through the overhang.
4. **In church alternating every other pew.** Households must maintain at least 6-foot separation.
5. **Enter & exit** double glass doors into the church through the overhang.

**CONFESSIONS: TUES., AUG. 25TH & WED., AUG. 26TH 9:00—10:00AM.** If you have an emergency and need Fr. Mike call him on his cell # 903-490-3883.

You could win \$2,000.00

Although the Dinner and Casino Night event was canceled, the raffle, consisting of **four \$500.00 Visa gift cards**, with the possibility of winning \$2,000.00, will still be conducted on **Saturday, September 19th after 5:00pm Mass.** You do not have to be present to win. **Raffle tickets are still available**, and, to increase the chances of winning, you may want to purchase additional raffle tickets.

Last year, on **April 27, 2019** our **Net Income-Profit** from the Dinner/Casino Night excluding the raffle was **\$ 10,333.00.** Each and everyone of us still has time to get out and sell more raffle tickets to make up the loss of the dinner & casino night. Call the church office 903-769-3235 for more tickets. If I'm not available please leave a message and I'll return your call.

*Bridget Rich*

**Dispensation:** The entire diocese of Tyler remains dispensed from the Sunday and holy day Mass obligation until further notice.

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**An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**Cenacle of Life:** Fr. Mike gave us his permission to resume the Cenacle of Life devotion each **Wed. from 3:30—4:30pm.** Please join us in church as we pray two rosaries for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all sins against the sanctity of human life. **Questions call Vicki 817-637-9382**

**Food donations:** A big thanks to the parishioner that donated a large amount of sundries. We are running low on can spaghetti sauce, boxed pasta and jellies/jams. We are still in need of **sundries (i.e. shampoo, deodrant, soap bar & liquid, etc.). Blessings to all of our givers.** Plastic container is located in the **parish hall** for now. We have been feeding 70—90 people per week. Please call or email Bob Mailliard at 903-769-3963 or theduckdude@att.net if you know someone that needs help or if you have questions for Bob.

**Dear Organization/Ministry/Service leaders,**

The **Welcome Committee** would like to provide a brief description of Holy Spirit's Organizations/Ministries/Services on the parish website. This will hopefully assist anyone who is considering becoming involved in our parish. Some descriptions have already been provided but not all.

We would appreciate the **leader/coordinator for the ministries** listed below to **please send a brief description of their committee to Anna Parker @ [parkerbiz52@yahoo.com](mailto:parkerbiz52@yahoo.com)** or call 903.833.7019 (home #). Thank you.

**Anna is still waiting for a list of brief descriptions of the following ministries:**

Bible Study Men's & Women's	Community/Parish Events
Grounds/Maintenance	Legion of Mary
Parish Council	Prayer/Meditation Garden
Respect Life	Ushers

**Dear fellow parishioners,** please know that we, Deacon Len's family apologize for you not being able to attend either service due to the Covid-19 dangers. I feel positive that he felt your love from heaven. Hoping to see you all soon.

*Eloise Sanchez*

**Has the COVID-19 Pandemic changed your life?**

Have you **sheltered in place and developed new habits or cut out one bad habit for another? Changes in routines? Any quarantine dreams? Behavioral changes...like stockpiling toilet paper, Dr Peppers, disinfecting wipes, paper towels, etc. I'm sure everyone has a story or two to share with others.**

If you are interested in sharing your experiences, just email Bridget: **[holy.spirit2@yahoo.com](mailto:holy.spirit2@yahoo.com)** You can remain anonymous, all you have to do is let me know in your email. If you don't have internet, no problem leave me something hand written in my folder on my office door.

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