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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



### 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



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### **Mass Schedule**

(Note: All Masses are at Guardian Angels until further notice)

 $\Omega-$ indicates a live-streamed Mass which can be found at: https://gachaska.org/live-mass-and-mass-video-archive/

### **Weekdays:**

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m. Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. $\Omega$  Thursday: 8:00 a.m. $\Omega$  Friday: 8:00 a.m. $\Omega$ 

### Weekends:

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m. Sundays: 8:00 a.m. / 10:00 a.m.Ω Sundays: 12:30 p.m. (Mass in Spanish)

### **Reconciliation:**

Saturdays: 3:15-3:45 p.m.

### **Eucharistic Adoration:**

Thursday: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

**Mass Intentions**: Mass intentions may be for the living and/or the departed, with a † designating in the bulletin a deceased person. There is a \$10 suggested donation per Mass intention. Permission from the sick person or his/her family must be granted before a name's inclusion in these prayers. To schedule a Mass intention, call the Parish Office.

**Baptism**: Sacramental preparation is required for all parents. Godparents and Grandparents are also encouraged to attend. Baptismal prep sessions are given every other month and Baptism Masses are held once a month. Call the Parish Office to schedule a child for Baptism and the parents for baptismal prep.

Penance: Saturdays at Guardian Angels or by appointment.

**Matrimony**: Pre-registration required at least one year in advance; marriage preparation course is required. Initial contact: 952-227-4000, or e-mail: info@GAchaska.org.

**Anointing**: If you wish to receive an anointing please call the Parish Office: (952) 227-4000.

Communion for the Homebound: When we come together to pray at our Eucharistic liturgy, we do not forget the members of our community who are unable to be with us because of ill health. We remember them in our prayers, and we wish to include them in our Holy Communion. Members of our community bring the Blessed Sacrament to them to comfort them and to unite us in the Eucharist. We are not always aware of those who have this need. Please call the Parish Office to let us know if you or a member of your family would like to have Holy Communion brought to them. That way we can schedule a time for our ministers to visit and bring the Sacrament.

Hospital, Nursing Home, Homebound Visits: Churches are no longer notified by hospitals or nursing homes when a parishioner is admitted unless the family has requested it. If you or a family member are homebound, hospitalized or in a nursing home and would like a visit from a member of the ministry staff, please call the Parish Office.

#### 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

#### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Bartholomew

Tuesday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz

Thursday: St. Monica Friday: St. Augustine

Saturday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

#### 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

 $was.\_{\tt Anonymous}$ 

### **My Installation as Your Pastor**

I remember well when my first pastor, Father Mike Anderson, at The Church of Saint Bernard in Saint Paul, asked me to read canons 529-537 of the Code of Canon Law. These codes or church laws describe in detail the duties of a pastor. They are considerable indeed and no

small task! A pastor is obliged to make



provision that the Word of God is proclaimed in its entirety. This is to be done by offering a homily and catechetical instruction. He is to foster works of social justice and to have particular care for the Catholic education of children and youth. And he is to make every effort with your collaboration to make sure that the gospel comes to those who have ceased their practice of religion. He is to make sure that the Holy Eucharist is the center of the parish assembly of the faithful and to make sure that we are nourished through the devout celebration of the sacraments. He is to work so that the faithful frequently approach the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Penance and so that they are led to the practice of prayer in their families. He is to know the families entrusted to his care and share especially in their cares, anxieties and griefs, strengthening them in the Lord and prudently correcting them if they are failing in certain areas. With generous love he is to help the sick, particularly those close to death, refreshing them with the sacraments and commending their souls to God. With particular diligence he is to seek out the poor, the afflicted, the lonely and those weighed down with special difficulties. He is to work so that spouses and parents are supported in their duties, fostering growth of Christian life in the family.

I have to ask myself, "Have I really done all of this?" I remember one parishioner commenting as she and her husband were moving to another parish, "You always fought the good fight." I guess that is what I can do. I can't take a break from it. I can certainly go home and relax when I need to, but only so that I can begin the task again on behalf of you, the parishioners. I look forward to my installation Mass with you all and being your pastor. It is what God has chosen and so I trust that it will bring you and I new life. Come to the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> and we will celebrate together. We will have hot dogs and hamburgers after in the parking lot (or gym if weather does not permit).

### Watch our Mass by Livestream

I encourage you, if you cannot come to Mass, to watch it from our website. We have a crew that has really worked hard on it and it shows. It is done very, very well and I think you will agree that it offers meaningful participation in a spiritual communion. Please spread the word to your fellow parishioners! See the August 16<sup>th</sup> bulletin for details on how to find it from our parish website. It's as easy as 1-2-3. May God bless you all!

Father Tony

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my



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** 

# Church Calendar

Monday, Aug. 24 Tuesday, Aug. 25

5:30 p.m. Mass at GA

Wednesday, Aug. 26

8 a.m. Mass at GA † Catherine and Robert Jarosch

Thursday, Aug. 27

8 a.m. Mass at GA † Clarence and Caroline Lenzmeier

Friday, Aug. 28

8 a.m. Mass at GA

Saturday, Aug. 29

4 p.m. Mass at GA † Delora Mueleners

Sunday, Aug. 30

8 a.m. Mass at GA † Ron Pember 10 a.m. Mass at GA † Betty Young 12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish at GA

### SAINT MONICA (332-387) August 27

She had smiles for the neighbors, though her husband found her religion and the charity it inspired annoying. She made tearful prayers in private for a son, outwardly self-assured but, as his mother knew, inwardly restless, and whose girlfriend of a dozen years had borne his child out of wedlock. Though not the first or last such mother and son, Monica and Augustine are the Church's most famous, so we keep their feast days back to back, with Monica's, fittingly, first. To Rome she followed Augustine, then to Milan, where years of prayer—and nagging—finally bore fruit in his conversion by Saint Ambrose. For six months, mother and son enjoyed the blessing of rediscovering each other. Just in time! On the way home to North Africa, Monica took sick and died near Rome. No child who has mourned a parent can read, unmoved, Augustine's tender account, in his Confessions, of Monica's last days. At this time of the year, when parents watch apprehensively as children leave for school, may Monica's perseverance and Augustine's long-prayed-for conversion ease anxiety and kindle hope. —Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

# Sunday Readings August 23, 2020 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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."

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 138:1–2, 2–3, 6, 8

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P. (8ha) Lord your love

# R. (8bc) Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple.

# R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth: When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

# R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar. Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

# R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

# **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.

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# **Installation Mass and Welcome Celebration**

Father Tony will be installed as pastor of Guardian Angels on Saturday, August 29 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass. All are invited to watch via livestream at gachaska.org or you may attend with a mask.

G.A. Knights of Columbus and Daughters of Isabella will host a welcome celebration following the Installation Mass for Fr. Tony. Please join us for a hamburger & hotdog supper. Celebration will be in the

school parking lot. Please wear masks as appropriate and practice social distancing as we gather together.





We started the month of July 2020 with the goal to raise \$20,000 to earn a matching grant from the Shultz Family Foundation of \$20,000. Thanks to your generosity we have MET the GOAL! In addition, we have raised \$2,500 that will be matched by an anonymous couple from GA. Every dollar you donate now to Guardian Angels School will be matched dollar for dollar by an anonymous couple. In a small school every dollar is valuable. Please help us continue to match our couple's donation of \$20,000 by August 31. The dollars will all be used to bring more staff and students to the school this year.

Guardian Angels School will open for regular school on September 8, 2020. Teachers and students will be here together five days a week. If you have a friend or neighbor who would like their child in a small school with proven results please have them contact us at <a href="mailto:cbriscoe@gacgaska.org">cbriscoe@gacgaska.org</a>. Nothing beats a recommendation from a friend or alumni of GA.

Chuck Briscoe, Principal







During these challenging times, we continue to prayerfully consider the programming options for Fall Faith Formation. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

First, please join us in praying for all that are responsible for making the decisions that not only affect children's education, but also their health and safety. We also need YOU to accompany our children on their journey of faith. There are so many roles to fill teacher, classroom assistant, hall monitor, and administrative tasks. If you have ever wondered if you could help children learn the beauty and joy of our faith, please contact us. Each one of us is called to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. Faith Formation is a wonderful place to share your gifts. The Guardian Angels Faith Formation program is for youth entering grades 1-10. Sacramental Preparation for the First Sacraments and Confirmation is available to all students enrolled in our program, or attending a Catholic School. Please review the registration materials for full details. If you have any questions about our Faith Formation program, please contact us directly. Blessings,

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### Novenas to Mary!

All are invited to the St. Nicholas Prayer Garden to join in one or both of the novenas to Mary. A novena is a set of prayers that are prayed 9 days in a row. This often leads up to a feast day or special event. We are hosting a novena to Our Lady of Escalera/Stairs in Spanish starting at 5 pm and a bilingual novena to Our Lady of Health starting at 6:30-7 pm after the first novena finishes. The Novenas begin on Sunday, August 30 and will continue each night until Monday, September 7. Tuesday, September 8 is the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please bring your rosary, a chair if you would like and an umbrella in the event of rain. Please remember to social distance and wear a mask if you feel more comfortable. We look forward to seeing you there!

Jesús dijo: "Yo te digo a ti que tú eres Pedro y sobre esta piedra edificaré mi Iglesia. Los poderes del infierno no prevalecerán sobre ella".

Vigésimo Primer Domingo del

Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

23 de agosto de 2020

Mateo 16:18



## CONFIAR EN LA SABIDURÍA DE DIOS

En las últimas semanas, el Evangelio de Mateo nos mostró una variedad de milagros de Jesús: multiplicar pescado y pan, caminar sobre el agua y expulsar demonios. Millas de personas han sido testigos de los poderes milagrosos de Jesús. Sin embargo, hoy, cuando Pedro profesa su fe en Jesús como el Mesías, Jesús le ordena que lo mantenga en secreto. Podríamos preguntarnos sobre la instrucción de Jesús de guardar silencio después de sus milagros muy públicos. La Carta de San Pablo a los Romanos captura nuestra curiosidad: "¡Cuán inescrutables son sus juicios y cuán inescrutables son sus caminos!" Las lecturas de hoy nos piden que tengamos fe en un Dios maravilloso que nos guíe de maneras que no podemos entender completamente. Las lecturas de Isaías y del Mateo nos muestran momentos cuando el Señor designados a los líderes terrenales. Eliakim y Pedro son hombres falibles, sin embargo, Dios les confía una responsabilidad de largo alcance, incluso eterna. Confiando en la sabiduría de Dios, oramos por nuestros líderes y nos unimos para adorar al Señor.

### ¿QUÉ HAY EN UN NOMBRE?

En un momento impresionante, Jesús da a Simón un nuevo nombre: Pedro, que significa piedra. La historia del nuevo nombre de Simón se cuenta de manera diferente en otros evangelios. En Juan y Marcos, Jesús da el nuevo nombre a Simón después de su primer encuentro e invitándolo para ser uno de los Doce. Sin embargo, aquí en la historia de Mateo, Jesús cambia el nombre de Simón a Pedro solo después que Simón profesa su fe en Jesús como el Mesías. La experiencia de Pedro nos ayuda a reflexionar en momentos impresionantes de nuestra propia vida: "¿Qué momento personal me afectó radicalmente que parecía que me convertía en una nueva persona? ¿Qué experiencia transformadora cambió mi nombre, ya sea literal o figurativamente?"

Algunas veces un cambio de nombre sucede en momentos importantes, naturalmente después del nacimiento, adopción, Confirmación, profesión de votos religiosos, o el matrimonio. Pero imagina si alguien te dio algún nombre, sin ningún aviso o sin consultártelo. Renombrar a alguien es un acto extraordinario. Jesús seguramente sabia esto, y renombra solo a uno de sus discípulos. Simón es el único discípulo al que Jesús le hace esto. Al tiempo que vamos leyendo los evangelios, podemos notar varias de las debilidades y defectos de Pedro, y también constantemente recordamos el día que Jesús lo llamó "piedra" y le confió el camino de la salvación.

#### LLAMADO POR NOMBRE

Jesús nunca le quita a Pedro las llaves del Reino de los Cielos, aún después que Pedro lo negó durante su Pasión. La llamada de Jesús es inmutable, como una piedra. Y así es con cada uno de nosotros. En el Bautismo, una de las preguntas que el sacerdote o celebrante hace es: "¿qué nombre quieren darle al niño?" Al renacer de las aguas del Bau-

tismo, en el nombre de Jesús, recibimos la llamada de Dios para vivir en la luz de Cristo. Nuestra llamada es irrevocable. No podemos hacer nada para borrar la llamada personal de Dios. Aun cuando debamos negar a Cristo mismo, como Pedro lo hizo, el Señor continúa amándonos y deseando nuestro amor a cambio.

### **LECTURAS DE HOY**

Isaías 22:19–23 Salmo 138 (137):1–3, 6, 8 Romanos 11:33–36 Mateo 16:13–20



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#### Lecturas de Domingo 23 de agosto de 2020 Vigésimo Primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

#### Primera lectura Is 22, 19–23

Esto dice el Señor a Sebná, mayordomo de palacio: "Te echaré de tu puesto y te destituiré de tu cargo. Aquel mismo día llamaré a mi siervo, a Eleacín, el hijo de Elcías; le vestiré tu túnica, le ceñiré tu banda y le traspasaré tus poderes.

Será un padre para los habitantes de Jerusalén y para la casa de Judá.
Pondré la llave del palacio de David sobre su hombro. Lo que él abra, nadie lo cerrará; lo que él cierre, nadie lo abrirá.
Lo fijaré como un clavo en muro firme y será un trono de gloria para la casa de su padre".

### Salmo Responsorial Sal 137, 1–2a. 2bc–3. 6 y 8bc

### R. (8bc) Señor, tu amor perdura eternamente.

De todo corazón te damos gracias, Señor, porque escuchaste nuestros ruegos. Te cantaremos delante de tus ángeles, te adoraremos en tu templo.

### R. Señor, tu amor perdura eternamente.

Señor, te demos gracias por tu lealtad y por tu amor; siempre que te invocamos, nos oíste y nos llenaste de valor.

### R. Señor, tu amor perdura eternamente.

Se complace el Señor en los humildes y rechaza el engreído. Señor, tu amor perdura eternamente; obra tuya soy, no me abandones

R. Señor, tu amor perdura eternamente.

### SANTA ROSA DE LIMA (1586-1617) 23 de agosto

Isabel de Flores nació en Lima, Perú: era tan bella. que su madrina dijo que era "bella como una rosa". Asumió ese mismo nombre al momento de su Confirmación y años después, cuando por fin su familia se convenció de que no aspiraba al matrimonio, adoptó el nombre de Rosa como Religiosa Terciaria Dominica, viviendo en casa, dedicada a la oración, al trabajo diario y al cuidado de los pobres; tejía hasta altas horas de la noche, además de dedicarse a la jardinería para luego colaborar en la economía familiar. Su vida de oración y penitencia fue intachable y ejemplar, pues no sólo contempló a Dios en la creación, sino que construyó una cabaña en oratorio personal en su jardín. En un cuarto de su casa comenzó un hospital cuidando de los enfermos y de quienes acudían a ella. Como gran santa que fue, su vida se vio marcada por el sacrificio y la angustia espiritual. Murió a los 31 años llegando a ser la primera persona latinoamericana en ser canonizada; posteriormente fue declarada Patrona de América Latina. -Miguel Arias, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

#### Segunda lectura Rom 11, 33–36

¡Qué inmensa y rica es la sabiduría y la ciencia de Dios! ¡Qué impenetrables son sus designios e incomprensibles sus caminos! ¿Quién ha conocido jamás el pensamiento del Señor o ha llegado a ser su consejero? ¿Quién ha podido darle algo primero, para que Dios se lo tenga que pagar? En efecto, todo proviene de Dios, todo ha sido hecho por él y todo está orientado hacia él. A él la gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

# Evangelio Mt 16, 13–20

En aquel tiempo, cuando llegó Jesús a la región de Cesarea de Filipo, hizo esta pregunta a sus discípulos: "¿Quién dice la gente que es el Hijo del hombre?" Ellos le respondieron: "Unos dicen que eres Juan, el Bautista; otros, que Elías; otros, que Jeremías o alguno de los profetas".

Luego les preguntó: "Y ustedes, ¿quién dicen que soy yo?" Simón Pedro tomó la palabra y le dijo: "Tú eres el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios vivo".

Jesús le dijo entonces: "¡Dichoso tú, Simón, hijo de Juan, porque esto no te lo ha revelado ningún hombre, sino mi Padre, que está en los cielos! Y yo te digo a ti que tú eres Pedro y sobre esta piedra edificaré mi Iglesia. Los poderes del infierno no prevalecerán sobre ella. Yo te daré las llaves del Reino de los cielos; todo lo que ates en la tierra, quedará atado en el cielo, y todo lo que desates en la tierra, quedará desatado en el cielo".

Y les ordenó a sus discípulos que no dijeran a nadie que él era el Mesías.

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