

**The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Sunday Year A
Sunday, August 21, 2011**

Readings: 1) Isaiah 22:19-23 2) Romans 11:33-36 3) Matthew 16:13-20

The focus for today's Mass is that like Peter we are to be open to God's grace working in us.

In Today's Liturgy of the Word,

The Lord announces that he is giving Eliakim authority over the house of David.

He says he will place the keys of authority on Eliakim's shoulder.

In the second reading, we are reminded of the depth of God's wisdom—too much for us to comprehend.

In the Gospel, Jesus entrusts Peter with the keys to the Kingdom of heaven.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST: **Confident in the abiding wisdom and love of the Father, let us turn to him with our petitions.**

**For the Holy Father, all the bishops, and successors to the Apostles,
as God's grace continues to help them lead the Church,**

We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For those who are given the responsibility of safe-guarding others

We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For the sick,

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For those who have died,

Especially Bob Matisz and Donald Mathewson

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For all members of this faith community

As we deepen our spiritual belief

that *Jesus is the Christ,*

the Son of the Living God,

We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

For our own personal intentions....

We pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

PRIEST: **Heavenly Father, we ask you to hear our prayers and to be attentive to our needs. Grant this through your Son Jesus Christ.**

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