

Sunday, August 27, 2023
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

FOCUS: Rely on God for wisdom.

Simon Peter didn't "figure out" Jesus' identity on his own. Rather, God himself revealed to Peter that Jesus is *the Christ, the Son of the living God*. Rather than relying only on our own intellect, we must be open to what the Lord is trying to tell us – or else we may miss something crucial.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Eliakim is given the tokens of the master of the palace and the Lord gives him authority over the palace to be a father to all Jerusalem. Saint Paul writes to the Romans that God's knowledge and wisdom are unfathomable. In the Gospel, when Jesus asks who the crowds say he is, the disciples give varied answers. Peter answers correctly and Jesus gives him the keys of the kingdom.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: With confidence in the Father who loves his children, we bring him our petitions.

- 1) For Pope Francis, may the Lord bless his papacy and grant him strength to shepherd his flock, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For the people of the world, may God enkindle in their hearts a deep love for Christ, his Son, and grant them a life of freedom to worship him, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For women facing challenging pregnancies, may God look graciously upon them and grant them strength, hope, and a community of support, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For all of us gathered here, may the love of Jesus be at the heart of all we say and do in service to others, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For the souls of the faithful departed, may the Lord in his mercy shine his eternal light upon them, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Heavenly Father, we thank you for all your blessings upon us. Kindly hear and answer the petitions we bring to you today, we ask, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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