

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME < A

August 26 - 27, 2023

and bring her to the fullness of charity,
together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop
and all the clergy

For the Dead

Remember also our brothers and sisters
who have fallen asleep in the hope of the
resurrection, and all who have died in your
mercy:

welcome them into the light of your face.

In Communion with the Saints

Have mercy on us all, we pray,
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God, with the Blessed Joseph,
her spouse, with the Blessed Apostles,
and all the Saints who have pleased you
throughout the ages,
we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life,
and may praise and glorify you
through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Concluding Doxology

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours,
for ever, and ever.

Amen

Communion Rite

STAND

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Priest:

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant us peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People:

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and for ever.**

Sign Of Peace

Priest : Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your
Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace

I give you; look not on our sins, but
on the faith of your Church, and
graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will. Who live
and reign for ever and ever.

People : **Amen**

Priest : The peace of the Lord be with you
always

People : **And with your Spirit.**

Priest : Let us offer each other the sign of
peace

Breaking of the Bread

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
world: Have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
world: Have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
world: Grant us peace.*

Reception of Communion

KNEEL

Priest : Behold the Lamb of God, behold him
who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the
supper of the Lamb.

People : **Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.**

Priest : The body of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

Priest : The blood of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

Communion

**Prayer after Communion
[Pleasing God]**

STAND

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your mercy
and graciously perfect and sustain us,
so that in all things we may please you.
Through Christ our Lord.

R/ Amen.

General Announcements

SIT

Blessing

STAND

Lord Jesus Christ, You have built your Church
upon the Rock of St. Peter's faith. Grant that
nothing may cause our faith to waver or to
fail. **R/ Amen.**

And may the blessing of Almighty God, the
Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit come
down on you and remain with you for ever.

R/ Amen.

Let us go to proclaim the Good News to all
nations.

R/ Thanks be to God.

MC: Greeting

Entrance song

STAND

Introduction by the Celebrant

ENTRANCE ANT.

[Save Us]

**Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save
the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have
mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the
day long.**

Penitential Act

Let us ask the Lord
to reach out to us with his forgiving hand
when we have sunk into sin:

(pause)

Lord Jesus, you tell us
when we are down-hearted:

“Take courage! It is I”

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, you raise us up
when we cry out to you,

“Lord! Save me!”

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the Son of God
who keep forgiving us:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, let your forgiving word
calm all our fears and give us the courage
to proclaim the good news.

Lead us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Glory to God in the highest

C: Collect

[One in Mind and Heart]

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful
to unite in a single purpose,
grant your people to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place
where true gladness is found.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R/ Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

SIT

First Reading *Is 22: 19-23 [The Gift of Authority]*
*Eliakim is given the leadership of the Israelites.
He is to become the father of the Jewish people. He
shall have the key of the House of David. He is to
have a place of honor for his family.*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah
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.”

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 138 *[God's Eternal Love]*

**R/. 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.)**

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.)**

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.)**

Second Reading *Rom 11:33-36 [Eternal Glory]*

*Paul offers a description of God, noting his infinite
wisdom. God's ways are unsearchable and no one
can really measure the mind of God. But in him all
things have their being.*

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the
Romans

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.

The word of the Lord.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Mt 16:18 [Christ's Church] **STAND**

R/ Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

R/ Alleluia, alleluia.



Gospel Mt 16:13-20 **[The First Pope]**

Peter acknowledges that Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus in turn declares Peter the rock upon which his Church is to be built. He also gives Peter the power of the keys.

R/ The Lord be with you.

R/ And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R/ Glory to you, O Lord

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

SIT

I believe in God

STAND

General Intercessions

The Gospel today shows us: Jesus promises that Peter will be the rock, the firm foundation upon which Christ will build his Church. Entrusting all our cares to the Lord, we voice our prayers to the Father:

(Pause)

St. Peter was the first Pope, and Pope Francis, his successor is Christ's Vicar here on earth. We pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and to consecrated life. May the Church give fruitful witness to Jesus Christ, guiding us safely to eternal salvation.

Let us pray:

Lord, let your light illuminates your Church.

St. Peter, his successors and the ordained priests have been given spiritual power to forgive sins. We cannot hide our sins from God, for he knows what is in our heart. May the confession with deep contrition and sincere repentance be the quickest way to make a brand new start in our life. Let us pray:

For the Christian communities: in this political and economic uncertain times, may we put our complete trust in the Lord, to remain always faithful members of the Church, and in solidarity to extend helping hands to those who are facing health problems and financial difficulties. Let us pray:

Lord, let your light illuminates your Church.

With new school year starts for our children, let us be united in prayers seeking grace of wisdom and discernment for decision makers in creating conducive and safe school environments for the students and the educators. Let us pray:

Lord, let your light illuminates your Church.

Lord Jesus, You are the head of the Church, we humbly seek Your providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish, for the grace to remain steadfast in the faith, and to be the Light to the nations. Let us pray:

Lord, let your light illuminates your Church.

We pray for those intentions offered for the Mass and for our personal intentions ...

(Pause)

Let us pray:

Lord, let your light illuminates your Church.

Loving Father, help us to face the challenges of our daily life with confidence in your love and protection. Through Christ our Lord.

R/Amen.

SL: Offertory hymn

SIT

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Bread

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,

for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you:
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,
it will become for us the bread of life.

All : Blessed be God for ever.

Preparation of the Wine

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you:
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,
it will become our spiritual drink.

All : Blessed be God for ever.

Invitation To Prayer

STAND

Priest : Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

People : **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Holy Church**

Prayer over the Offerings
[Unity and Peace]

STAND

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all,
bestow graciously on us, we pray,
the gifts of unity and peace in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

STAND

Introductory Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just

Preface VII of the Sundays in Ordinary Time

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you so loved the world
that in your mercy you sent us the Redeemer,
to live like us in all things but sin,
so that you might love in us what you loved in your Son,
by whose obedience we have been
restored to those gifts of yours
that, by sinning, we had lost in disobedience.

And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,
we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....

Eucharistic Prayer No.2

KNEEL

Praise to the Father

You are indeed Holy, O Lord,
the fount of all holiness.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray,
by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord's Supper

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in memory of me.

Memorial Acclamation

Priest : The mystery of faith.

All : *When we eat this Bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.*

The Memorial Prayer

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Intercessions: For the Church

Remember, Lord, your Church,
spread throughout the world,