

St Benedict Parish

St. John the Baptist Church

August 23, 2026 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Who Do You Say That I Am?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR



Who Do You Say That I Am? FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” An easy answer if you just report what other people say and what you have heard. No commitment. No revelation. No risk. But it all changes when the question is more to the point: “Who do you say that I am?” Tell me what you know, not what you heard. The silence is almost deafening. Vulnerability, not just anonymous reporting, is required in the asked-for response. No surprise—it is Peter who answers. Never one to hide his emotions or edit his thoughts, it is Peter who reveals what he knows, perhaps even what he is unsure of, perhaps the truth that he only hopes for but has not yet declared. “You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God” (Matthew 16:16). Jesus responds with a prayer of blessing; the apostles, on the other hand, remain silent. Although we are very familiar with Peter’s assent of faith, his declaration was almost unheard-of or unexpected from a first-century Jewish man. It was dangerous to identify someone as Messiah. It was blasphemous to name someone as the Son of the Living God. Yet, in faith and humility, Peter made the declaration and, in the naming, entrusted his life, his hope, and all that he believed firmly into the hands of Jesus. This was no simple act. This was no ordinary hope, and all that he believed firmly into the hands of Jesus. This was no simple act. This was no ordinary day.

● How would you answer if Jesus asked you, “Who do you say that I am?” (He is asking you!)

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Tuesday-Friday 7 am**

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Thank you for your continued support of the St. Benedict Food Pantry. Time to start replenishing the shelves for next month. As evidenced last week, the emergency food provided is needed and **appreciated**. **A special thanks to Fruit for Families who partner with us each month by bringing fresh produce to our clients and distribute to those who come for food.**

Stewardship of Treasure

St. Benedict Food Pantry
once a month 8-14-26

Volunteers:

Kenneth & Gloria Ciriako
Tom McLoughlin

children 41

Under 60 63

Over 60 40

Total families 144

Total families 116

78 Boxes of food were distributed this month.

Stewardship of Treasure **Mahalo for your generosity!**

August 15-16, 2026

Collection	\$ 963.00
Immaculate Concept.	1.00
Assumption	230.00
Food Pantry	20.00
Maintenance	140.00
Total	\$1354.00

St. Benedict 28 adults 5 Keiki
St. John 34 adults 5 keiki
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(Our website also has this same QR Code for giving.)

You are always welcome to continue giving by cash or check.



For our 'Ohana who are ill

Patsy Sabarre
Jan Neumann
Dolores Sedlack (Lisa K.'s Mom)
*Mahina Kaupiko
*Kamala Galletes
*Miriam Janczak
*Reggie Lee
Cindy Pangan
*Linda Alcain
*Terrance Terada
*Deacon Craig Camello
*Pam Shultise
*Merla Kline
*Paul Ruskey
*Carla Vonderahe
*Joevelyn Delas Reyes
*Gwen Menchaca
*Deb Reed
*Gloria Grapa
*William Anderson
*Johnny Koene
* Friends & Family

Mahalo for your generosity! **August 8-9 2026**

Collection	\$ 3040.00
Catholic Charities	165.00
Joseph Dutton	45.00
Assumption	30.00
Food Pantry	220.00
	0.00
Total	\$3500.00

Mass Intentions

August 22-23, 2026

***Saturday**

4:00 All People of the Parish (Misa Pro Populo)

6:00 Trudy Bateman, health

6:00 +Bridget Broaddner

*** Sunday**

8:00 Jadine Keao, healing

10:00 The Adencyk family, special Intention

10:00 Gina M Ballman

Tues. +Marilyn McClory

Wed. Ed & Pat Gebura Anniversary & healing

Thurs. Bissinnette Family

Friday +Sharoln Gayle Sweet

September 13 & 27th **Religious Education**

St. John Hall
after 10:00 Mass.

Director
Angie Tabieros

A Short Choir Practice every
Wed. 5: 30 St. John Church.
Music Director Ariel Hadap

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Dear Padre,

Can a non-Catholic serve and hold an office in a Catholic parish organization?

According to their knowledge, competence, and position, the Christian faithful have an obligation to assist in the necessary works of the Church and promote the common good of the parish—its worship, its apostolic mission, its charities, the care of its ministers, and its care of the poor. (See *Code of Canon Law*, 222.) In general, canon law and most diocesan regulations stipulate that members of primary decision-making entities must be active, registered Catholics who participate in the sacramental life of the Church. For example, members of a pastoral council must be “in full communion with the Catholic Church” (CCL 512 §1). However, non-Catholics—such as spouses of parishioners or experts in their fields (e.g., finance, law, architecture)—are sometimes invited to lend their skills by serving on advisory boards and committees or in other support roles that are usually in a non-voting capacity. In all cases, the pastor or bishop has the discretion to involve non-Catholics in specific initiatives. For instance, a bishop “can invite as observers to the diocesan synod other ministers or members of churches or ecclesial communities which are not in full communion with the Catholic Church” (CCL, 463 §3). A non-Catholic interested in serving should consult the local priest about available opportunities, based on the norms of a diocese. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

I genuinely hope that our Christian lifestyle will always reflect this fraternal, “Samaritan” spirit—one that is welcoming, courageous, committed, and supportive, rooted in our union with God and our faith in Jesus Christ. Enkindled by this divine love, we will surely be able to give of ourselves for the good of all who suffer, especially our brothers and sisters who are sick, elderly, or afflicted.



**MESSAGE ON WORLD
DAY OF THE SICK,
ROME, FEBRUARY 11,
2026**

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Monday

August 24
St. Bartholomew,
Apostle
Rv 21:9b–14
Jn 1:45–51

Tuesday

August 25
Weekday
2 Thes 2:1–3a, 14–17
Mt 23:23–26

Wednesday

August 26
Weekday
2 Thes 3:6–10, 16–18
Mt 23:27–32

Thursday

August 27
St. Monica
1 Cor 1:1–9
Mt 24:42–51

Friday

August 28
St. Augustine, Bishop
and Doctor of the
Church
1 Cor 1:17–25
Mt 25:1–13

Saturday

August 29
The Passion of St.
John the Baptist
1 Cor 1:26–31
Mk 6:17–29

Sunday

August 30
Twenty-second
Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Jer 20:7–9
Rom 12:1–2
Mt 16:21–27



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DEAR VISITOR TO ST. BENEDICT CATHOLIC CHURCH, ALOHA!

THANK YOU FOR VISITING US TODAY! WE WISH YOU A BEAUTIFUL EXPERIENCE AND THAT YOU LEAVE ST. BENEDICT, TODAY, REFRESHED IN SPIRIT AND WITH PEACE IN YOUR HEART! SINCE THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CHURCH, IT HAS BEEN A CATHOLIC TRADITION TO OFFER A “MASS INTENTION”. THIS IS A WAY OF REMEMBERING A PERSON AND LIFTING THEM UP IN PRAYER. YOU MAY ASK THE GREETER FOR A FORM AND ENVELOPE.

A Rocky Character

This Week's Readings at Mass

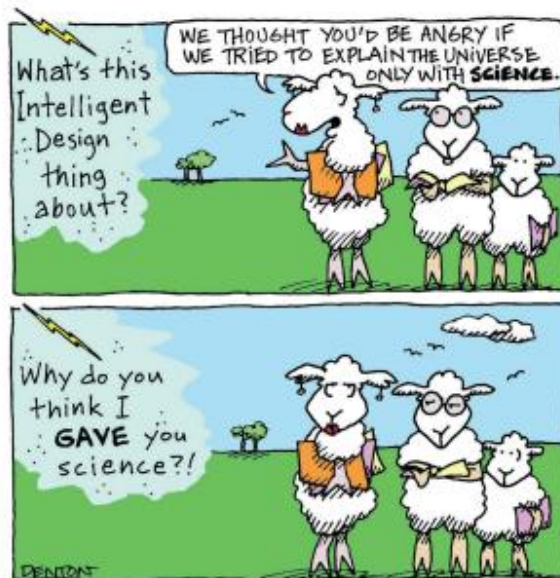
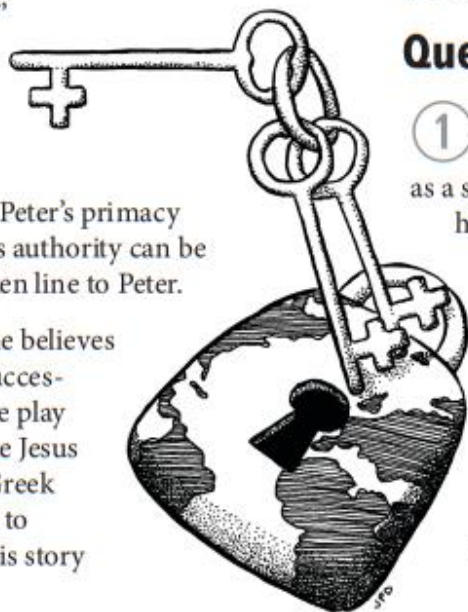
- Isaiah 22:15, 19-23 • Eliakim chosen by God
- Romans 11:33-36 • Praise of God
- Matthew 16:13-20 • Peter the rock

The Gospel reading picks up on images of keys and a key holder from the first reading from Isaiah. Keys signify ultimate power over the palace; the one with the keys has the authority to decide who is allowed in and who is kept out. When Jesus promises Peter the “keys to the kingdom of heaven,” he raises him to a place of high authority as well. This is the Gospel passage that gives us the image of St. Peter guarding the “pearly gates” and controlling access to heaven.

Matthew, Mark, and Luke all include this Gospel story of Jesus asking his disciples who the people think he is. They all include Peter's correct answer that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God. It is only Matthew's Gospel that incorporates the next few verses upholding Peter as the foundation of the church and the “keeper of the keys” to the kingdom of heaven.

Catholics look back to this story as the basis for their belief in Peter as the first pope and the idea of apostolic succession. Traditionally it has been understood that in this exchange, Jesus made Peter the primary apostle. Later, Peter transferred his authority to another man, who transferred it to another, and so on, down through all the bishops of Rome, the successive popes. Other Christians do not accept Peter's primacy or the idea that the pope's authority can be traced back in an unbroken line to Peter.

Regardless of whether one believes in the idea of apostolic succession, it is good to note the play on words in the nickname Jesus gave to Simon. Peter in Greek is *Petros*, which is related to the word *petra* “rock.” This story



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Sheepish Question:

How has your knowledge of God grown in the last year? And who is the Son of Man?

suggests Peter's ability to be a rock-solid foundation for the church. Just a few verses after this reading, though, Jesus orders Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me” (Mt. 16:23), another play on Peter's “rock” nickname. So Peter, like all human leaders, has the potential to be a solid foundation for God's kingdom in the world, *and* the potential to be in opposition to that kingdom. Even though Jesus praises Peter in this story, Peter will always remain human. The same can be said for every pope we have ever had.

Questions of the Week

- 1 If Peter had a “rocky” nature that had the potential for greatness, but also could pose as a stumbling block, what characteristic(s) do you have which has potential for good but also the potential for harm?
- 2 In thinking of church leaders in your lifetime, who has demonstrated the ability to be a strong foundation for you and the greater church? How so?

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