

XIII Sunday 29 june 25 – Cycle C



SAT. PETER AND SAT. PAUL

WHAT DO YOU ASK OF ME?



SETTING

Today we joyfully celebrate the solemnity of the holy apostles Peter and Paul, pillars of our Church. They, disciples and witnesses of the Lord, were men of light and shadow, like us: close, human, and yet great and admirable in their total dedication.

Let us pause now, in interior silence, to allow ourselves to be seduced by the voice of the Lord, as they were. May their example inspire us to renew our faith, to live as disciples, and to be, like them, courageous witnesses dedicated to the mission, proclaiming the Gospel with passion and courage.

Centring our lives on Christ, let us be disciples and apostles of today, seduced and sent to transform the world with his love.

SIEMPRE PARA TI - COLEGIO MAYOR KENTENICH

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GOSPEL – Mathew 16, 13-19

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "What are people saying about the Son of Man? Who do they say he is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others, Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But you," he asked them, "who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father who is in heaven. And I say to you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Understanding and deepening the Word today (Marie-Noëlle THABUT)

Acts 12, 1-11

The story presents the persecution of the Church by Herod, but also the Church's ability to endure and prosper despite difficulties. The text invites us to trust in God, even in the face of the most difficult situations, and to persevere in prayer. For us, it is a message of hope and encouragement for the Church of yesterday and today, reminding us that God is always active to liberate and foster growth, even in the face of persecution and difficulties.

Psalm 33. This psalm is a celebration of liberation and trust in God. It highlights the joy and praise that come from recognizing divine mercy and God's faithfulness to those who love him.

2 Tm 4,6-8.17-18. Staging the imminent end of Paul's life and his undeniable fidelity to the faith. Like an athlete, Paul considers his race over and is ready to receive the crown of righteousness. Faced with trials, he expresses his trust in God and bears witness to his unwavering faith, despite the fact that some have abandoned him.

Matthew 16:13-19. The text of Matthew highlights Simon Peter's faith in Jesus, whom he considers to be the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Jesus commends Peter for this revelation, noting that it comes not from a human origin, but from the Father in heaven. Jesus then announces the foundation of his Church on this faith, thus making Peter the rock upon which it will be built. Jesus questions his disciples about the identity people attribute to him. Simon Peter, inspired by God, confesses: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus blesses Peter for this revelation, the fruit of divine grace and not mere human knowledge. Jesus then announces the founding of his Church on this faith in Him and on Peter as its foundation. Jesus gives Peter the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven, giving him the power to bind and loose, that is, to determine what is permitted and forbidden in the Church. In short, this text is central to understanding Peter's role, the nature of the Church, and faith in Jesus Christ.

Tips for prayers

- And you... who is Jesus Christ to you?
- Who does Jesus Christ tell you you are to Him?
- How do we convey what Jesus Christ means in our lives?



AMBIENTAL MUSIC.

El Camino (Instrumental)

https://youtu.be/vciU8GYiNK4?si=3oY30dw2sgoR39K2

I giorni – EINAUDI

https://youtu.be/Cu38mz6zT8o?si=MrUpzGraM_pw59IY

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Lord of silence and of words, calm my restless thoughts speak deep within me and sow your peace without noise. Open my ears to listening, let your whisper be my guide, let your every word awaken my senses to hope. Direct my gaze to your face, make it firm and transparent, so that I may discover you in every brother, so that I may find you in the small and simple. Guide my weary steps, so that they may not stumble in doubt, so that they may advance swiftly and faithfully along the paths of your will. Teach me true surrender, without human calculations or reservations, as Peter and Paul lived it, giving their entire lives. Sow in me kindness, gentle words, cordial gestures, to heal and accompany others, to embrace with your tenderness. Make me a courageous witness of the Kingdom,

a voice that proclaims your living Gospel, a bridge that unites, a fire that illuminates, a salt that gives flavor to the earth. Awaken in me your eternal dream, of a new world, just and fraternal, where your love is the supreme key, and your cross is victory over all fear. Broaden my horizons every morning, break through my limits, enlarge my faith, make me look far, look high, and see your charity on earth. Seduced by your voice and your gaze, I will walk each day in your Name, being a disciple, an apostle, a

sister, encountering you.

SONG: MORE LOVE MORE POWER

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HbB89qjDglU&list=RDHbB89qjDglU&start radio=1

SONG: YOU ARE MY REFUGE

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