

August 23rd, 2020 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus said to him *“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.”-Mt 16:16-20

A joint family system is quite prevalent in Indian culture, even in contemporary times. In this system the mother-in-law holds the key to the safe. She will hand it over to the daughter-in-law only when she wins her trust. That could be the greatest gift a daughter-in-law could receive from her mother-in-law. The key symbolizes responsibility and not just authority. This weekend we hear Jesus promising Peter that He will give him the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus had won the trust of Peter when he said “You are the Christ, the son of the living God.”

Jesus is the owner of the keys and He handed them over to Peter. The Catechism of the Catholic Church calls it *the power of forgiving sins*. The keys are to God’s kingdom and are given in order to provide access to spiritual goods. The keys symbolize the primacy of Peter in the community of the church. The Pope, successor of Peter, must ensure the communion of the church. Thus, he becomes the first servant of unity. This primacy is exercised on various levels, including the vigilance of the handing down of the word, the celebration of the liturgy and the Sacraments, the church’s mission and discipline in Christian life.

It is the responsibility of the Successor of Peter to recall the requirements of the common Good of the church, should anyone be tempted to distort the common good and put his or her teaching that breaks the unity of the church due to personal interest. It is the duty of the successor of Peter to admonish, caution, to declare at times that a particular teaching which is circulated is irreconcilable with common faith.

The Primacy of Peter is shown in the art of Peter holding the key in his hand. The presence of the key in the coat of arms reminds each of us that the Pope is the - Successor of the Apostle Peter.

The spiritual authority in the church has its origin in the Primacy of Peter. Though in the history of the church there were some who used this power for personal gain. Apostle Peter was weak too but the Lord chose him because he promised to love the Lord and feed his sheep.

The acceptance of the Primacy of the Pope requires faith; without faith in the Lord, the Papacy can be seen only as another political or social power. When we recite the creed, we profess our faith in one Holy, catholic and apostolic church. We declare our obedience and surrender our intellect and will to the truths of the catholic church which are held by the keys of the Successor of Peter.

Let us form our conscience in the prayer and through the prompting of the Holy Spirit and thus be true witnesses of a Catholic Church. –Fr. Bernard

Readings This Sunday

Reading I: Isaiah 22: 19-23

Reading II: Romans 11: 33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-20

Readings For Next Sunday

Reading I: Jeremiah 20: 7-9

Reading II: Romans 12: 1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27

Finance / Stewardship Collection: The plate last weekend was **\$1,461** and Peter’s Pence was **\$216.**

Scripture Study and Lectures at St. Bernard In Memory of Fr. Eric Freed...

Several people have mentioned how much they miss scripture study. In memory of Fr. Eric Freed we will begin again by discussing The Reformations for 12 weeks: 9/13-11/29 with one 20-minute lecture per week, in the St. Bernard Church Hall right after the 10:30 mass. We will meet every Sunday. There will be study notes, but no coffee. Those who stay for the lecture will clean their own spots. –Deacon Frank Weber

Eureka Holy Mass Intentions

Saturday 22

4:00 pm SJ Don Michael †

Sunday 23

7:30 am SJ Daniel Cloney †
9:00 am SH VanderVeldt Family Int.
10:30 am SB Mass for the People
12:15 pm SH Raquel Pliego † (Sp)
4:30 pm SH Guerin Bliss Int.

Monday 24

12:15 pm SB Stanley Fosnaugh Int. HB
5:30 pm SH No Intention

Tuesday 25

7:30 am SJ No Intention
5:30 pm SH No Intention

Wednesday 26

12:15 pm SB Bud Cloney †
6:00 pm SH Adoration
7:00 pm SH For the healing and support for
the victims of clergy sexual abuse. (Sp)

Thursday 27

7:30 am SJ Virginia DelGrande †
5:30 pm SH No Intention

Friday 28

12:15 pm SB Fran Wahlund †
5:30 pm SH No Intention

Saturday 29

4:00 pm SJ Lena Roberts †

Sunday 30

7:30 am SJ No Intention
9:00 am SH No Intention
10:30 am SB Bob Satterlee †
12:15 pm SH Mass for the People (Sp)
4:30 pm SH No Intention

Please pray for : Baby Olivia, Arlene Mitchell, Monica Rose Clinewerk, Chad Kryla, Don DeHennis, Basil & Santos Mainus, Harold Giacomini, Chet Branum, Florence, Tommy McCollister, Fran Hill, Isela Adams, Lindy Timmerman, Mary James, Dave Silverbrand, John Bertain, Denise Sledge, James Iron Shell, James Lemon, Wm. Hahn Family, Rose Ann Hurst, Armado De Los Santos, Judy Mill, Julia Walters, Connie Mather, Steve Mill, Ryan Pepper, Fred Pepper, Paul Shabata & Family.

Prayer Line

If you have a special need of any sort, we have a prayer team who will pray on your behalf. Let us pray with you, and for you. Surround

yourself with prayer. Call our prayer line leader Toni at 445-3616-24/7.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PRAY FOR US!

We celebrate his witness to Christ in martyrdom on Saturday, August 29th.

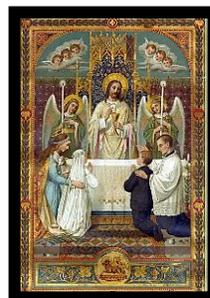
RIP FR. MCSWEENEY -FROM THE DIOCESE OF SANTA ROSA PRESBYTERAL BULLETIN...

It is my sad duty to announce the death of Father McSweeney who died in the hospital on Monday, August 17.

Fr. James McSweeney was born in County Cork, Ireland, on June 24, 1948 to Michael and Ellen McSweeney. He attended St. Patrick's College and Seminary in Carlow and was ordained to the priesthood on July 6, 1974 in County Cork before coming to the Diocese of Santa Rosa. Fr. McSweeney had a long and rich ministry in the Diocese. He ministered in Napa, Humboldt, Del Norte, Sonoma, and Lake Counties. He has been pastor of St. Joseph's in Middletown for the past twenty years where he has joyfully cared for the spiritual needs of the People of God and enjoyed spending time among his grapes in his vineyard.

On August 17, 2020, Fr. James McSweeney suddenly passed away in the course of dealing with a serious illness. He was loved by so many who were impacted by his heartfelt and caring ministry. Due to the limitations imposed by the Corona Virus, a private funeral Mass will be celebrated, but in the future, another publicly accessible memorial Mass may be celebrated. He will be interred on the same day at the Middletown Cemetery. -Bishop Vasa

STS. MONICA (FEAST AUGUST 27) AND AUGUSTINE (FEAST AUGUST 28) PRAY FOR US!



First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation Congratulations to:

Lisandro Garcia Munguia
Mia Chiu, Palavi Vainuku,
Princesa Gutierrez, Oscar Biesecker,
Molly Langdon, Yareli Parra
We're so blessed to be able to hold
Sacraments over the summer for

our children who have been preparing for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Please contact Kim Farrell, DRE at 442-2233 for more information.