

MATTHEW 16:13-20

Reading closely

1. What, if anything, does the title *Son of Man* mean to you?
2. What do people seem to believe about Jesus?
3. What might Jesus have expected his disciples to say about him?
4. Why might Peter have answered on behalf of the disciples?
5. How might the other disciples have answered?
6. What qualities do you think Jesus saw in Peter?
7. How might Peter have felt about what Jesus tells him?
8. How might the other disciples have reacted?
9. What might Peter have said back to Jesus?
10. Why do you think Jesus wants his identity kept secret?

Living the word

11. Why do you think Jesus shares his authority?
12. What relationship does this passage establish between Jesus and the Church?
13. What new name might Jesus give you?

THE GOSPEL READING

Persecuted prophets

The disciples tell Jesus that people say he is...

- *John the Baptist* reborn somehow
- *Elijah*, who would precede God's own arrival according to Malachi 3:23
- *Jeremiah*, whose experience of mockery and persecution foreshadows what Jesus will undergo
- *one of the prophets* whom God also called to speak in his name

None of these comparisons fully captures Jesus' identity, so Jesus asks his disciples what they themselves think. They should know much better who he is, given the time they've spent with him.

Titles

When he spoke about himself, Jesus mostly used the title **Son of Man**. In the Old Testament *Son of Man* usually refers simply to a human being, although in one passage "one like a Son of Man" is given God's authority over heaven and earth (Daniel 7:13-14). Jesus probably used the title so that he could fill it with new meaning.

**Messiah** means *God's anointed or chosen one*. Jesus usually avoided that title because it carried certain expectations, like overthrowing the Romans, that Jesus did not come to fulfill.

Jews were strict monotheists. No Jew would have called someone **Son of the living God** unless inspired by God, the source of life, to do so (v.17).

The emerging church

St. Matthew is the only Gospel-writer to use the word *church*. As his community underwent its painful separation from Judaism, they needed a term to distinguish themselves from the Jews.

A new name

*Simon* was a Jewish name. Jesus adapts the word for *rock* and uses it as a new name for this disciple. In the Old Testament God gives people new names as a sign of his commitment to them and of their obedience to him.

Authority

The language of *keys* and *binding and loosing* is essentially about authority. Jewish leaders once held this authority, but Jesus insists that they've misused it (16:12; 23:1f). Because his authority comes from God, Jesus is free to share it with others.

Jesus entrusts Peter with the authority to teach and to judge as the church faces new challenges. God upholds Peter's decisions.

PRAYER

traditional prayer for the Pope

O God,  
the Shepherd and Ruler of all your faithful people,  
mercifully look upon your servant Pope Francis,  
whom you have chosen as the chief shepherd to  
preside over your Church.

We beg you to help him edify,  
both by word and example,  
those over whom he has charge,  
that he may reach everlasting life together with  
the flock entrusted to him.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Monday	August 24th
No Mass	
Tuesday	@ St. Anthony August 25th
No Mass	
Wednesday	@ St. Rose August 26th
No Mass	
Thursday	@ St. Anthony August 27th
No Mass	
Friday	@ St. Rose August 28th
No Mass	
Saturday	@ St. Rose August 29th
5:30pm	†H. L. Talley
Sunday	@ St. Anthony August 30th
	†Amanda Baker
10:30am	@ St. Rose
	People of St. Rose & St. Anthony

CONFESSION TIMES:

30 minutes prior to each Mass  
or by appointment

Congratulations

Congratulations to the First Communion Class of St. Anthony.

They are: Brooke Fink,  
Janae Ingalls, Mina Lincoln,  
Nora Lincoln, Bella Mush-  
rush, Cayden Schoneberg  
and Eden Ubert

Contribution Report

St. Rose	
August 16, 2020	
Contributions.....	\$ 2,638.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 275.00
Cemetery.....	\$
Total Collections.....	\$ 2,913.00
Avg. Weekly Expense.....	\$ 2,447.70

St. Rose of Lima

Council Grove

St. Anthony

Strong City



Background on the Gospel Reading

It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story.

These readings are a turning point in Matthew's Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about his passion and death. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is

the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader. In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

The use of the term *church* in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Contribution Report

St. Anthony	
August 16, 2020	
Contributions.....	\$1,665.00
Candles.....	\$ 30.00
Building.....	\$ 550.00
Hall Rent.....	\$
Total Collections.....	\$ 2,245.00
Avg. Weekly Expense.....	\$ 1,272.71



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Council Grove, Kansas

**Parish School of Religion (PSR)**

Sunday at 9:00 am (prior to 10:30 am Mass)

PSR Director:

Natalie Sowers

**St. Anthony of Padua**

Strong City, Kansas

**Parish School of Religion (PSR)**

Wednesday 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

PSR Director:

Frances Unruh 620-794-5843



- **BAPTISM**—Please call the Parish Office to make appointment
- **MARRIAGE**—please plan for instructions 9 month prior to anticipated date.
- **PROJECT RACHEL** ~ If you or a friend have been hurt from an abortion, please call 316-634-1300. **There is hope for healing!**
- **UNPLANNED PREGNANCY** ~ Call 1-800-848-LOVE
- **NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING** ~ Pat & Carol Coirier (620-273-6167)



Lord Hear Our

# Please Pray For

**OUR SICK:**

Dale Baragary, Brooklyn Barrett,  
D. J. Bremer, Brad Brintle, Frank  
Buchman, Margaret Mary  
Buchman, Sally Colbert,  
Stephanie Diehl, Patrick  
Disberger, Teresa Disberger,  
Charlie Fooke, Ranell Foxoven,  
Tana Griffith, Norma Hisey,  
Mikala Hodges, Cindy Hogman,  
Christy Jimerson, Tylor  
Kaminsky, Brendon Kasseleman,  
Lucy Keyser, Doug Kohlhasse,  
JoAnn Larson, John Newland,  
Maria Ochoa, Gary Schout,  
Malinda Schraeder, Kay Sigle,  
Nick Simmons, Cole Svensen,  
Marie Tonkins, Connie L.  
Werth, RaeLynn Werth, Vince

Werth, Rose Robidou Wittman,  
Pete Wolf

**OUR MILITARY:**

Col. David Buchanan, Sgt. Brian  
Ash, SSgt. Stevi Makripodis, PR2  
Teryn Grafel, PFC David Hutley

**SOULS OF OUR FAITHFUL  
DEPARTED:**

Loren Hammel, Rita Joan Kidd,  
Marilyn Kuhlmann, Jean  
McDiffett, Charles Armagost,  
Mike Brooks, Mary Alice  
Waylan, Joyce Fisher, Armando  
Mascote, Jerry Drummond,  
Marvin Lickfeig, Bud Orr, Karen  
Crichton, Alvin Hailey

**Pope’s Intention**

- The Maritime World.  
We pray for all those  
who work and live  
from sea, among them  
sailors, fishermen and  
their families.
- “Father, thank you for  
sending me your  
word. Help me to  
read it every day so  
that it sinks deep into  
my heart.”

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reading 1 IS 22:19-23**

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.” ,

**Responsorial Psalm**

PS 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

R. (8bc) 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. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. 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. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. 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. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

**Reading II ROM 11:33-36**

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.

**Alleluia MT 16:18**

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**

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.