

CALL TO PRAYER

Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let us pause for a moment, and listen attentively to this week's passage.



THE WORD OF GOD

Matthew 16:13-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi 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."

The Gospel of the Lord

FAITH SHARING

Questions of the Week

Choose one

1. How is your faith the rock of your foundation?
2. How are you rewarded by proclaiming and living your faith?
3. Do you answer your call to lead and inspire others to live their faith?

Thanks to the Girl Scouts for developing these questions.



CLOSING PRAYER

God, today you give us the joy of celebrating the feast of the apostles Peter and Paul. Through them your Church first received the faith. Keep us true to their teaching. We ask this, as we ask all things, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

GOSPEL WORD SEARCH

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| CHRIST | PETER |
| DISCIPLE | PHILIPPI |
| ELIJAH | PREVAIL |
| FLESH | PROPHETS |
| HEAVEN | REGION |
| JEREMIAH | REVEALED |
| KEYS | ROCK |

GOSPEL GLOSSARY

The **Christ** is the anointed one, the messiah who would save God's people.
Flesh and blood refers to a human person.
To reveal is to make known.
 The **netherworld** is another way of saying hell, or the land of the dead.
To bind means to declare something against the law.
To loose means to forgive or to take away the obligation to do something.