

**"Through Hospitality, we share our Catholic Faith with All as Disciples of Christ."**

**CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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**MASS & RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE**

MASS - Saturday at 6:00 pm, Sunday at 10:30 am  
RECONCILIATION - Saturday at 5:00 pm

Office Hours: Mon. thru Fri., 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Office email: [parishsec@gwtc.net](mailto:parishsec@gwtc.net)

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, August 5th**

**Sacristan:** Kathy Kaiser

**Lector:** Mary Elder

**EME:** Marty & Karleen Flakus, Amy Covey

**Servers:** Blake & Brandon Volmer, Faith Covey

**Ushers:** Todd Volmer, John Voegeli

Greg Assman, Francis Bolander

**Sunday, August 6th**

**Sacristan:** Vicki Covey

**Lector:** Irene Giessinger

**EME:** Marie Fisher, Kathy Scott, Tom Giessinger

**Servers:** Shelby Scott, Emma & Phillip Jorgensen

**Ushers:** Jason & Finn Bartels

Ron DeMers, Jay Mayes

**ICC COLLECTION REPORT**

**July 22 & 23, 2017:** Envelopes \$2,176.00, Loose \$214.00, Repairs \$1.00.  
Total \$2,391.00

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:** Solidarity Fund for Africa \$1.00



**PANTRY SUNDAY ~ August 5th & 6th**

The Food Pantry is in need of 100% fruit juice concentrate and canned fruit. Anything you can donate is **greatly appreciated!** Please be generous in your support to the needy of our community!

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!**

Call the parish office to register, 842-3520.



**A Safe Environment for Children and Young People**

The Catholic Diocese of Rapid City is firmly committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for our children and young people. To report allegations of sexual abuse by church personnel, contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Barbara Scherr. To insure her independence in outreach to victims, she can be contacted at 605-209-3418 (cell). The phone has caller ID and messaging features. All information will be treated confidentially. Alleged victims are advised of their right to report alleged abuse to civil authorities. The diocesan sexual misconduct policy and the code of conduct are posted on the diocesan website at: <http://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/WP/safe-environment-home>

**Mark your calendars  
Springfest 2018  
June 2nd**

**We are planning for even  
bigger and better!!!**



**Hospitality is Stewardship**

**DAILY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday - July 29 - 6:00 pm \*\*Winner\*\***

Frances Schmidt\* by Jim & Bev Keegan

**Sunday - July 30 - 8:30 am \*\*Colome\*\***

For all Catholic Daughters: past, present & future

by Colome Catholic Daughters

**Sunday - July 30 - 10:30 am \*\*Winner\*\***

For the Parish

**Monday - July 31 - NO MASS**

**Tuesday - Aug. 1 - NO MASS**

**Wednesday - Aug. 2 - 9:15 am \*\*Elder Inn\*\***

Communion Service

**Wednesday - Aug. 2 - 9:30 am \*\*Nursing Home\*\***

Communion Service

**Thursday - Aug. 3 - 9:00 am \*\*Golden Prairie\*\***

Communion Service

**Friday - Aug. 4 - 7:15 am \*\*Winner\*\***

For the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Rapid City diocese and for a generous response to this gift of God by John & Ann Dvorak

**Saturday - Aug. 5 - 6:00 pm \*\*Winner\*\***

For all Catholic Daughters: past, present & future

by Winner Catholic Daughters

**Sunday - Aug. 6 - 8:30 am \*\*Colome\*\***

For all Catholic Daughters: past, present & future

by Colome Catholic Daughters

**Sunday - Aug. 6 - 10:30 am \*\*Winner\*\***

For the Parish

**Immaculate Conception & St. Isidore Parish Elders**

Fr. Kevin would like to invite parish members to his home

**Thursday ~ August 3rd  
10:30am - 12:00 noon**



**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

**"Divine Mercy Chaplet"**

Thursdays at 10:00am  
at Immaculate Conception

**'Saint Juliana's Prayer List'**

Wendy Smith	Vicki Moser	Jeannine VanderPol
Marty Hagen	Larry Zeigler	Marianne Thompson
Reid Malnati	Dorothy Hejl	Alex Turgeon
Kelly Hair	Michael Fallabella	Clair Turgeon
Brittney Hansen	Gary Elder	Jolene Hagen
Fr. Bill Zandri	Shirley Turgeon	Christine Wood
Jackie McKenzie	Bromley Heath	Glenn Sealey
Kirk Mansheim	Abby Pechota	Pat Waller
Joanne Achbach	JoAnn Brown	Martin Jorgensen
Dorothy Hejl	Glenn Layh	Lenna Thieman
Kate DeMers	Julie Stafford-son	Rose (Doescher) Enders

*Prayers for our Family Members in the Military*

Shane (Sam) Moyer	Gene Fisher	Jacob Debus
Daysha DeMers	Jeff Butler	Jacque Miller
Logan Christensen	Spencer Hughes	Kris Schwartz
Dylan Doering		

St. Juliana's (Patron Saint of sickness) is a list of the people we are currently praying for because of illness or in the military. The military list will remain until we are notified. Please call the office (842-3520) to request continued prayers. To preserve the dignity and privacy of individuals, we ask that only an immediate family member call to request publication of names. We will presume they have permission from the individual to do so. Thank you for your understanding.

## ST. ISIDORE CHURCH

301 Carr St. Colome, SD 57528  
842-3520

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** - Sunday at 8:00 am  
**MASS SCHEDULE** - Sunday at 8:30 am

### ST. ISIDORE ~ MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Sunday, August 6, 2017**

Gifts: Mr. Steve Thieman  
Lector: Clarice  
EME: Marilyn/Shirley/Carol M  
Music: Alexa/Abby/Cindy  
Servers: Linkyn/Libbie/Preslie  
Ushers: Matt/Dennis  
Sacristan: Kathleen

### ST. ISIDORE COLLECTION REPORT

**July 23, 2017: \$584.00**

COLLECTION: July 30, 2017 ~ Matt & Larry  
August 6, 2017 ~ Rosemary & Van  
August 13, 2017 ~ Ryan & Jody

#### July Church Cleaning

Renee Sherman (Chr.), Cindy Sealey  
Marianne Thompson, Carol King

#### August Church Cleaning

Rosemary King (Chr.), VOLUNTEER  
Richard and Mary Donovan, VOLUNTEER



### BACK to SCHOOL CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup>

**MASS** at St. Isidore ~ 6:00pm

Followed by a **Potluck Picnic.**

The burgers & hot dogs  
will be provided.

Please bring a salad or  
**your favorite dessert.**

**All are invited to attend!!**



### RIGHT TO LIFE VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to work the Central States Fair booth, Rapid City, August 18-26. If you can work even an hour it would help — invite a friend or two work with you. Donations for materials and prizes are needed for each booth. We can use Prayer Warriors throughout the year. For more information contact Diane Ange at 721-3065 or email your name, address, and phone number to [heavenlysent2@juno.com](mailto:heavenlysent2@juno.com). The Right to Life address is PO Box 1072, Rapid City, SD 57709.

Check out the July issue of the *West River Catholic* for an update on the “Convocation of Catholic Leaders: The Joy of the Gospel in America,” on pages 1,2,4 & 5; a photo directory of diocesan priests on pages 12-13 and the story of a birth mother finding her daughter 28 years later.

**July 30, 2017**

#### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught that “if you want peace, work for justice.” The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/solidarity.cfm>

FAITH FORMATION ~ [dreic@gwtc.net](mailto:dreic@gwtc.net)  
Youth of Immaculate Conception & St. Isidore

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**NO Bible Study on Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> @ ICC**  
**NO Bible Study @ St. Isidore**



**THAT MAN IS YOU**  
Thursday, August 3rd at 6:30 - 7:30am  
(1st Thursday of each month)  
@ the Winner Rectory

## Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

Presented By Thomas & Jadviga Strubel  
(The Violin Player and her Husband)

Hello Everyone,

It is with great joy that I write to you today about Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. Because Dave learned it the hard way 29 years ago, you now have the chance to take control of your finances and change your life forever. You don't have to live with the stress of debt; you don't need to live paycheck to paycheck. Dave's 9 week course will teach you how to make a plan to attack your debt. Just join us one night a week for 9 weeks and you will learn Dave Ramsey's common sense method to kick debt out of your life forever. It's simple, we meet as a group and view one DVD lesson a week and have a fun group discussion afterward. It's the best way to become debt free. No other program has helped more people get out of debt and stay out of debt for life!

What can Financial Peace University (FPU) do for you? FPU gives you the tools to tackle your debt.

With your one small payment of \$93 (tax included) you get:

- Online access to all the lessons (Great if you have to miss a class!)
- The FPU workbook to plan your success and take notes during presentation
- The envelope system cash wallet to take control of your budget (\$20 Value!)
- Dave Ramsey's book, “The Complete Guide to Money” \$20 Value!)
- 9 classes with families who are working just like you to get financial freedom
- You can attend future classes at any time for FREE! (Great way to stay motivated and kick debt)

This is a great value. Over 4.5 million people have taken FPU, and on average these students are able to pay off \$5,300 of debt and cut their budget by \$2,700 in the first 90 days! That's an \$8,000 dollar swing in only 3 months! This is totally worth the price, and if you have concerns about payment ask about our need based scholarships. Get ready to start living your dreams, sign up today, and start living like no one else!

Thank You and God Bless,  
Tom and Jadviga

Classes ~ Tuesdays at 6:00 - 8:00pm @ Saint Mary's Hall  
Starting August 15<sup>th</sup> - October 10<sup>th</sup>.  
Call or text Tom @ 605-519-8009

Or [Daveramsey.com](http://Daveramsey.com) and enter your zip code to find a class near you.  
Cash or Check only Please.  
No Credit Cards!



## Rags to Riches

The richly decorated portrait *The Vision of Saint Helena* by Paolo Veronese is immediately impressive. Helena, a woman of humble origins, became the wife of Constantius Chlorus (Rome's emperor from 293-306). An innkeeper's daughter in an outback town, her beauty caught the eye of the most powerful man on earth. She went from rags to riches.

Here she wears lush, Eastern fabrics with woven prints and royal colors. The gold and blue details of her dress and the valour of her crimson cape broached under her chin denote the wealth her position afforded. She rests on a high-back leather throne; an elegant textile wall covering provides a background from floor to ceiling.

The softly flowing fabrics and her serene posture exude calm and focus our attention on her tranquil face and spirit of contemplation. No matter the power, wealth, and beauty of the world surrounding her, Helena has forsaken all to pursue the true treasure she possesses as a Christian and values more than the rest. Helena traveled from Rome to Jerusalem to bring back the relics of Christ's passion. These reminders of Jesus' love for sinners became the most important treasures of Christendom.

Veronese wants to convince us that through prayer we come to understand our treasure is not found in wealth but in the glorious vestment of baptismal faith. As adopted sons and daughters of the king, we become like St. Helena: poor commoners raised to royalty! Thank God for his gift of life in Christ and allow your heart to follow the inspirations he shares with you.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *The Vision of Saint Helena*, 1580  
Artist: Paolo Veronese  
Location: Pinacoteca, Vatican Museums



### *For Reflection*

*Saint Helena left the comfort of her home to search for the cross of Christ. What are you searching for? What are you willing to give up for it? Are there riches or treasures that have a stronger hold on your heart than the kingdom of God?*

*“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field” (Matthew 13:44).*



## Calendar

### Monday

July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola,  
Priest

Ex 32:15–24, 30–34  
Mt 13:31–35

### Tuesday

August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church

Ex 33:7–11; 34:5b–9, 28  
Mt 13:36–43

### Wednesday

August 2

Weekday

Ex 34:29–35  
Mt 13:44–46

### Thursday

August 3

Weekday

Ex 40:16–21, 34–38  
Mt 13:47–53

### Friday

August 4

St. John Vianney,  
Priest

Lv 23:1, 4–11, 15–16,  
27, 34b–37  
Mt 13:54–58

### Saturday

August 5

Weekday

Lv 25:1, 8–17  
Mt 14:1–12

### Sunday

August 6

Transfiguration  
of the Lord

Dn 7:9–10, 13–14  
2 Pt 1:16–19  
Mt 17:1–9

# Dear Padre,

## Is it a sin to purchase goods and services from a business that financially supports morally objectionable behavior?

This question requires us to back up a bit and ask two more fundamental questions: “What is sin?” and “To what degree am I allowed to participate in an objective evil?” A moral action has three necessary components: the object, the intention, and the circumstances. These are the what, the why, and the context. For something to be sinful, all three of these components must be taken into account. I must know what I am doing is sinful, I must fully intend it, and there must not be any mitigating circumstances that lessen my degree of culpability. Sin, in other words, requires knowledge that the action is sinful, the will to perform it, and circumstances that do not unduly inhibit my knowledge and freedom to act. To purchase goods and services from a business that supports morally objectionable behavior is sinful if we are conscious that the business supports such behavior, if we intend to purchase the product as a way of showing our support of this morally objectionable behavior, and if there are no mitigating circumstances inhibiting our knowledge and freedom of action.

As a general rule, we should avoid purchasing goods and services from such businesses. We should not, for example, buy products from companies that fund grave objective moral evils such as embryonic stem research, contraception, abortion, assisted suicide, capital punishment, or euthanasia. Specific cases must also take into account the distinction between grave and less serious matters.

Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSSR  
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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### A Word From Pope Francis

*“The Apostle Thomas, at the conclusion of his impassioned quest, not only came to believe in the resurrection, but found in Jesus his life’s greatest treasure, his Lord. He says to Jesus: ‘My Lord and my God!’ [John 20:28]. We would do well, today, and every day, to pray these magnificent words, and to say to the Lord: You are my one treasure, the path I must follow, the core of my life, my all.”*

—Mass with priests, men and women religious, consecrated people and Polish seminarians at St. John Paul II Shrine, Kraków, July 30, 2016



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# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



If your name is not on this list and you would like to be listed, call the Parish Office.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rachel Haiar	August	1	Addisyn Myers	August	21
Mary Lou Phillips	August	1	Hunter Shopene	August	21
La Shanna Connot	August	2	Marty Flakus	August	22
Kari DeMers	August	2	Karyl Kauer	August	22
Robinson LaDeaux	August	2	Sarah Krumpus	August	22
Bert Stoesser	August	2	Sherry Rohde	August	22
Collene Cahoy	August	3	Kelsey Sachtjen	August	22
Forrest Cerv	August	3	Cal Swanson	August	22
Kathy Ernest	August	3	Richard Donovan	August	23
Zac Novotny	August	3	Tammy Haynes	August	23
Gary Christensen	August	4	Tom Sell	August	23
Trigg Haiar	August	4	Connie Benedict	August	24
Sheri Jelinek	August	4	Ruth Benedict	August	24
Jaikob Week	August	4	Kenneth Giedd	August	24
Danielle Catoe	August	5	Denise Sell	August	25
Ruth Giedd	August	5	Connie DeMers	August	26
Pam Kolecka	August	5	Colby LaCompte	August	26
Mary Marso	August	5	Jill McMurtrey	August	26
Tane Pravecek	August	5	Kara Zeigler	August	26
Quentin Connot	August	7	Diane Cahoy	August	27
Skyler VanDenHul	August	7	Deb Jorgensen	August	27
Jenn Duffy	August	8	Larry Cole	August	28
Brennan Tunnissen	August	8	Chesney Nagel	August	28
Clair Turgeon	August	9	Louis Polasky	August	28
Bailey Volmer	August	9	August Bartels	August	29
Amy Davis	August	11	Robert Moyer	August	29
Weston Foster	August	11	Lu Marsh	August	30
Brenda Klein	August	11	Francis Bolander	August	31
Carleen Burger	August	12	Valora Eddie	August	31
Jaya Ernest	August	12	Lindsey Foster	August	31
JoDean Kubal	August	12	Jessie Harris	August	31
Linda Root	August	12			
Ashley Duffy	August	13			
Rich O'Bryan, Jr.	August	13			
Cailob Week	August	13	Clinton & Kelly Assman	August	1
Patrick Aeschbacher	August	14	Cody & Abby Jorgensen	August	1
Anistyn Duffy	August	14	Lucas & Tanae Kartak	August	1
Ronald Benedict	August	15	Chuck & Tina Novotny	August	1
Aaron Davis	August	15	Mark & Victoria Gronlund	August	3
David Burger	August	16	Jon & Haley Barfuss	August	9
Tammy Laber	August	16	Harvey & Karen Naasz	August	11
Kristi Littau	August	16	RJ & Sara Petersek	August	11
Belva Shopene	August	16	Andrew & Lyndsey Tegethoff	August	12
Colt Wolf	August	16	Cole & Lacey Shippy	August	13
Whitley Wolf	August	16	Dick & Sandy Krantz	August	16
Emry Foster	August	17	Sonny & Marge Wiley	August	16
Faith Covey	August	18	Don & Betty Dvorak	August	17
Kathy Kaiser	August	18	Greg & Deb Jorgensen	August	17
Corey Osborn	August	18	Matt & Chelsey Lantz	August	20
Danny Ayers	August	19	Ryan & Rebecca DeSmet	August	21
Khloe Briggs	August	19	Mike & Kathy Scott	August	21
Piper Mortenson	August	19	Ray & Rita Neyens	August	22
Kathleen Trandahl	August	19	Patrick & Tiffany Dougherty	August	23
Katie Harris	August	20	Lance & Jenny Engel	August	23
Jason Sachtjen	August	20	Rich & Pam Kolecka	August	23
Jean Adel	August	21	Dean & Amy Engel	August	26
Charles Bennett	August	21	Randy & Darnell Novotny	August	27

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering **hope** and **joy** in the Catholic faith.

August 2017

Church of Immaculate Conception  
Fr. Kevin Achbach, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Rose of Lima

Born in colonial Peru, Rose worked constantly to help her poverty-stricken family. From early on, she wanted to become a nun and practiced heavy penances. When her parents tried to make her marry, she marred her face with pepper and cut her hair to deter suitors. She became a lay Dominican, despite opposition. Concerned about the living conditions of Native Americans and slaves, she cared for homeless children, the elderly, and the sick in her home.

### Be meek, not weak.

Meekness can be mistaken for weakness, but nothing could be further from the truth. Being "meek of heart" means being in control of your emotions rather than letting them control you. Today, pray for the courage to be meek of heart.

*"If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions"*  
(Matthew 6:14).



## Love can make us saints

It is very Catholic to admire the saints and imagine that they had characteristics of holiness that we don't. Yet many people who became saints didn't perform great deeds but had great love of God and neighbor. If they can do it, we can, too.

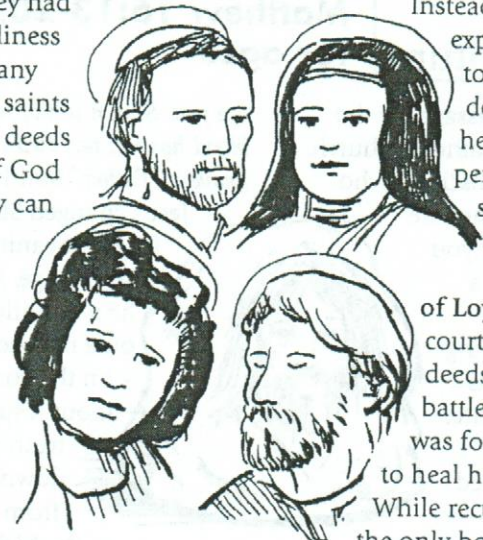
**St. Augustine** was a playboy. He was into partying, paganism, and an immoral lifestyle. Through the prayers of his mother and the guidance of St. Ambrose, Augustine came to adore the God he discovered in Scripture. His love for God made him a new man.

**St. Mary of Egypt** lived a life of extreme sin. Openly a prostitute, it is reported that she traveled to the Holy

Land to ply her illicit trade to pilgrims. Instead, she had a spiritual experience while trying to enter a church and devoted the rest of her life to prayer and penance. She had a special love for Our Blessed Mother.

**St. Ignatius of Loyola** dreamed of courtly love and knightly deeds. Injured during a battle with the French, he was forced to convalesce to heal his shattered leg.

While recuperating, he read the only books available - biographies of Jesus and the saints. Captivated by their holiness, Ignatius became attracted to a life of holy love. He later founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), a religious order that thrives today.



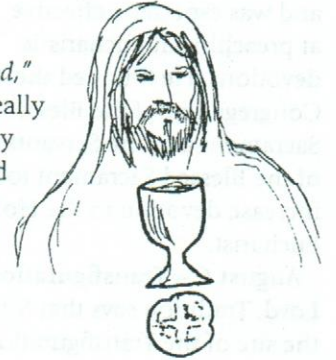
## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## What is transubstantiation?

During Mass, although the appearance doesn't change, the substance of the bread offered by the priest is changed into the substance of the Body of Christ. The same is true of the wine - its substance is changed into Christ's Blood.

Catholics believe that the words Christ said at the Last Supper, "This is my Body,

*this is my blood,*" meant that really and physically the bread and wine became his Body and Blood. He decreed that it be so.





# Live a Catholic life

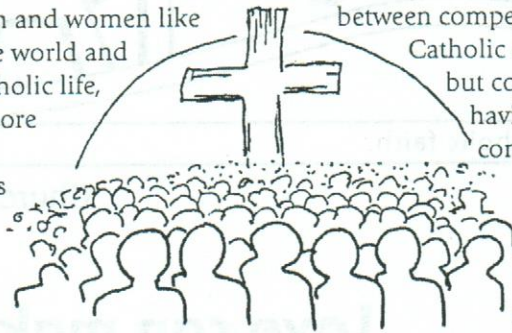
Our history is rich with Catholic men and women like us who have carried their faith into the world and made a difference. When we live a Catholic life, we help shape a better society and a more peaceful world.

**At home.** Our Gospel values guide us to value our families and friends as gifts of God's love. This translates into spending time together, working to strengthen and build up our loved ones, and being for them instruments of love.

**At work.** As people of faith, we can be pressured to choose **That is the true Catholic way.**

between competing values in the workplace. Making Catholic choices means not just avoiding evil but consciously choosing good. It means having the courage to honor our Catholic consciences always.

**In the world.** "Everyone to whom much is given, of him will much be required" (Luke 12:48). Catholics – especially in the United States – are called to care for the poor, protect the vulnerable, welcome the stranger and treat all people with dignity.



## from Scripture

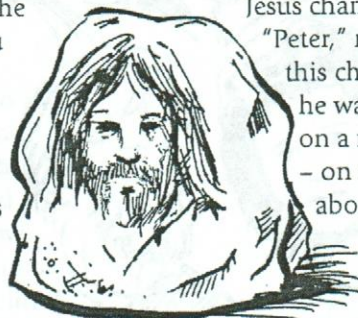
### Matthew 16:13-20, The Rock for ages

The events in this passage lay the foundations for the Catholic Church. In it, Jesus asked his disciples who people said he was. Then he asked them, "Who do you say that I am?" It was a question about Jesus' identity, not his teaching or his popularity. At its heart, Catholicism centers around who Jesus is.

Simon Peter answered for the group and identified Jesus as the Son of God, the Messiah. Jesus pointed out that it was only by divine inspiration that Peter could know this. ("Blessed

are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father" Matthew 16:17.)

Jesus changed Simon's name to "Peter," meaning "rock." By this change, Jesus signaled he was building his Church on a rock-solid foundation – on the confession of Peter about Jesus' divinity. This truth has been handed down through the ages, from the Apostles to the bishops to us. The Holy Spirit would lead Peter – and his successors, the popes – to speak and act in truth as the head of the Church.



## Feasts & Celebrations

**August 3 – St. Peter Julian Eymard** (1868). Born in France, Peter was ordained a Marist in 1834 and was especially effective at preaching at Eucharistic devotions. He founded the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament and the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament to increase devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

**August 6 – Transfiguration of the Lord.** Tradition says that Mt. Tabor was the site of the Transfiguration during

which Christ appeared radiant in the company of Moses and Elijah, and a voice was heard to say, "This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him" (Matthew 17:5).



**August 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption.** Declared a dogma of faith in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, this Holy Day of Obligation celebrates Mary being taken up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life. "A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars" (Revelation 12:1). Mass attendance on this day is required.

## Q & A How can Sacred Scripture be "truth" if not everything is correct?

The Bible is intended to convey truths about God. More than a book, it is a library of documents written by different authors in different times and places. These works have been compiled by the Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, according to specific criteria. Like any library, the Bible contains a variety of literary genres: poetry, history, biography, etc. Knowing this can determine how we read it. For example, a poem may not be meant to be as factually accurate as a biography.

Finally, there are various ways in which to interpret Scripture, and each highlights different aspects of the truth. The literal sense deals with what the author wrote. The allegorical sense highlights the symbolism of the people and events in the story. The moral sense tells us what we ought to do regarding God and our neighbor. The "future" sense concerns what will happen at the end of time. These different senses give us a fuller understanding of God and his plan for us.



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