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[Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A](#)

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Lectionary: 121

Read: [Matthew 16:13-20](#)

Gospel Summary

In this gospel, Peter named Jesus as the Messiah. Later Jesus named Peter as the foundation of the earthly Church and gave him the keys of power. Peter was to be like the steward of a palace making decisions for the Church community. God promised to stand behind Peter's decisions.

Reflection for Families

Sometimes it seems like an awesome responsibility, but our children look to us as the rock on which they build many things: their trust in other people, their hope, and certainly their faith in God's promises. The way our children see us respond to others, what they hear us say, and what they see us do, will shape who Jesus is in their lives. Taking a moment to pray for guidance and wisdom before we act or react to a situation may be just enough to let Jesus in.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Take this opportunity to learn more about our pope. Find photographs of the Pope, where he lives, who helps him, and information suitable to the ages of all family members. Help each person understand that our pope has followed Peter as leader and decision-maker for the Catholic Church. While all people are human and capable of error, God promises to be with us in our responsibilities.

Discussion Starters

1. Sometimes I think about the question that Jesus asked Peter: Who do you say I am? I know how I would answer Jesus today. He is...
2. The most important thing for me about being Catholic is...
3. There are people who have authority over me. I pray for them that they...

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