

HOLY CROSS AND ALL SAINTS MONDAY MISSION

THIS WEEK'S WORD: MATTHEW 16.13-19

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."



REFLECT

Today we celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, two very different men whom God chose to lead His Church. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Peter boldly replies, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and although Peter was far from perfect, Jesus saw his faith and trusted him to be the rock on which the Church would be built. Paul also reminds us that God can transform lives and use anyone to share His love. Their stories teach us that good leaders are not perfect but are faithful, courageous and willing to serve others. We are all called to be leaders through our daily actions by showing kindness, telling the truth, helping others, forgiving those who hurt us and including everyone.

This week, let us pray for Pope Leo XIV, our Church leaders, teachers and families, asking God to help them lead with wisdom, love and humility, and may we also become leaders who follow Jesus by our words and actions.

LET US PRAY

Loving God, Thank you for the example of Saints Peter and Paul. Help us to be kind, honest and courageous leaders. Guide Pope Leo, our Church leaders and all those who make decisions for others. Help us to learn from our mistakes, forgive others and always choose to serve with love. Amen.

MISSION

This week, remember that everyone can be a leader through kindness.

As you go forth, choose one way to lead like Jesus:

- welcome someone who is on their own,
- encourage a classmate,
- help without being asked,
- forgive someone,
- or be a positive example through your words and actions.

Ask yourself each day:

"How can I be a rock for someone today, just as Peter was?"

Go in peace to love, serve and lead like Jesus.

Thanks be to God.