

ICHTHUS

SUNDAY 28 JUNE 2020

SS PETER AND PAUL,
APOSTLES

Year A



Tell Jesus what's going on in your life.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

These are the ones who, living in the flesh,
planted the Church with their blood;
they drank the chalice of the Lord
and became the friends of God.

COLLECT

O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul
give us the noble and holy joy of this day,
grant, we pray, that your Church
may in all things follow the teaching
of those through whom she received
the beginnings of right religion...



FIRST READING

ACTS 12:1-11

Peter was in prison
because he had been
preaching about Jesus.
One night, Peter had a
dream. He saw an angel
come and tap him on the
shoulder. The angel said
"Get up! Hurry!" Peter
sat up and saw that the

chains which held him to
the floor had been broken.
He got up and followed
the angel through the
prison. All the doors which
should have been locked
fell open before them. The
angel led Peter out of the
prison to freedom.

We say these words
or sing a hymn as the
priest approaches
the altar.

We ask for God's help.
Listen now to the
priest as he offers
this prayer.

LOOK at the reader
and LISTEN.

God saves Peter from
the king who wanted
to please the people
by persecuting the
Christians.

The cantor or psalmist
sings or says the psalm.
Listen to the verses,
and then respond by
using these words.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PSALM 33

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.



SECOND READING

2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 17-18

Paul knows his life is
nearly over. He sees it
as a race which is at the
finish and a good fight
which he has fought to
the end. Paul knows that
he has nothing to worry
about, because he has
done his very best. He

has spread the Good
News about Jesus. God
has been with him and
helped him when he has
needed strength and
courage. Now Paul is
looking forward to his
reward and being with
God in heaven.

LOOK at the reader
and LISTEN.

Paul writes to his
friend Timothy
about the work he
has done for Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.
And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.
Alleluia!

We give a shout of
praise to God, using
these words taken
from the Bible.



DO YOU KNOW?

Today is the feast of Ss
Peter and Paul. Neither
of these leaders was
perfect and they were
very different. By working
together, however, they
were able to guide the
Church and to spread the
message of Jesus' love far
and wide.



THINK

Peter and Paul both
suffered for their faith.
There are Christians
today who are suffering
persecution or
discrimination because
of their belief in Jesus.
Aid to the Church in
Need (ACN) supports
them through prayer and
practical help. How will
you help today?



GOSPEL MATTHEW 16:13-19

The Good News about Jesus is told to us by St Matthew.

Everyone was talking about Jesus and wondering who he was. Perhaps he was a prophet or John the Baptist? Jesus just wants to know what the disciples think, so he asks them, "Who do you say I am?". Peter is the one who recognises who Jesus really is. Peter has

come to understand that Jesus is the Son of God. God the Father has given Peter the gift of faith. Jesus knows that Peter will be a strong, trustworthy leader of the disciples when he has to leave them. Jesus gives Peter authority to teach and lead in his name.

STAND to LISTEN

to the priest or deacon as he prepares to read the Gospel. What does the priest or deacon do to the book when he has finished reading the Gospel?

Listen to the reader as he or she encourages us to pray for situations and people in need. This is a prayer you could say privately.



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Dear Lord, I would like to pray for all our political leaders. Help them to make wise decisions which will make the world a better place. Lord, hear my prayer.



OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we take our gifts of bread, wine and money to the altar, think of a time when you felt uncertain and worried and then think of a time when you were confident and happy. Say a little prayer offering these thoughts up to God.

Watch as the gifts are made ready and the priest washes his hands and prepares for the Eucharistic Prayer.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Today's special prayer thanks God for fulfilling all God's promises to us.

What can you give special thanks for today?

We listen to the prayer of praise and thanks to God.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As the priest extends his hands, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

You are invited to sing a Communion song or say this verse, which has been especially chosen for today's celebration.



MY PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me and for always being my friend. Help me to be your friend and to trust you. Amen.



We take Jesus with us to carry on the work that he did on earth, until we meet again next Sunday.

Go in peace.



PRAY

"Who do you say I am."

Sit somewhere quietly with Jesus. Listen to Jesus saying these words from the Gospel directly to you. How will you respond?



DO

Show you can be a good leader and take responsibility for getting something done.



ΙΧΘΥΣ

is the Greek word for "fish" and was used in the catacombs as a sign for early Christians. It is made up from the first letter of five Greek titles for the Lord:

I (Jesus)
X (Christos)
Θ (Theou/God's)
Υ (Uios/Son)
Σ (Soter/Saviour)

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