



*“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.”*



Today, we celebrate the **Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**. We read from **Matthew 16:13-20**.

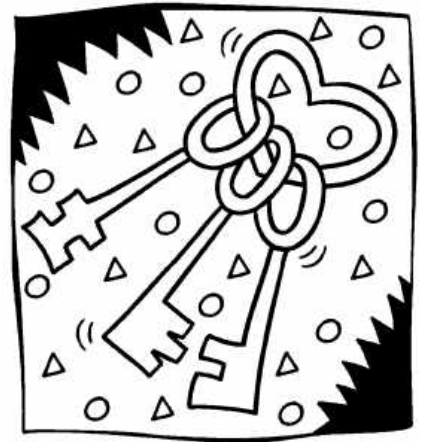
We read in this Sunday's gospel that Jesus questioned His disciples, asking them who people said that he was. The disciples responded with various answers, but Simon Peter responded with great belief: **"You are the Christ, the Son of living**

**God."** Jesus rewarded Peter for his great faith, although even Peter did at times fail and doubt.

We are called to believe, to trust, and to turn to Christ for His perfect example of love. Spend some time with your parent or teacher this week talking about who Jesus is and what he means to you. We also support and trust our priests and our Holy Father, Pope Francis, who continue to lead us to Jesus Christ.

### For More Fun:

- ✓ This week, as a family learn about our Holy Father, Pope Francis, the successor of Peter. Pray for his intentions this week.
- ✓ It's "back to school" time! Start your school year right by praying on the way to school each day. As you begin the new year, remember to pray each day for your principal and teacher.
- ✓ This week, we celebrate St. Monica (8/27) and St. Augustine (8/28). Learn more about the lives of the saints at [Saints.SQPN.com](http://Saints.SQPN.com).
- ✓ We love to hear from you! Email me at [lisa@catholicmom.com](mailto:lisa@catholicmom.com) to let me know where you live and where you go to Church!



**Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**