



**ST. ANTHONY
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
PASTOR'S MESSAGE**

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**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A**



Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday's Gospel brings us to one of the most important questions in all of Scripture. Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?"

Peter answers on behalf of all of them: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus blesses Peter and entrusts him with a special mission: "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."

Peter's confession of faith reminds us that our Christian life begins with a personal relationship with Jesus. It is not enough to know what others say about Him. Each one of us must eventually answer the question: Who is Jesus for me?

For us as a parish community, this question is especially important. We have many activities, ministries, programs, and responsibilities. We work hard to build a strong parish and school community. All of these things are valuable, but they must always lead us back to the center: Jesus Christ. He is the reason we gather, the foundation of our community, and the One who gives meaning to everything we do.

Jesus also reminds us that the Church is built upon the faith of the apostles and that we are called to remain united with the Church. Like Peter, we may have weaknesses and limitations, but God can still use us to accomplish His mission.

As we continue our journey together as the Saint Anthony family, let us renew our faith in Christ. May our parish be a community where people can encounter Jesus, discover His love, and hear His invitation to become His faithful disciples.

And may we never be afraid to answer, with Peter and with the whole Church:

"You and the Christ, the Son of the living God."

May this confession of faith guide our families, our school, our ministries, and our entire parish community. And may everything we do always lead us closer to Jesus, the foundation and center of our lives.

God bless you and your families!

Fr. Rolando