

LIVING FAITH

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY: Matthew 16:13-19



Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

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

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

15 “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

17 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. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter,[a] and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades[b] will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be[c] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be[d] loosed in heaven.”

REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

Who do you say Jesus is for you?

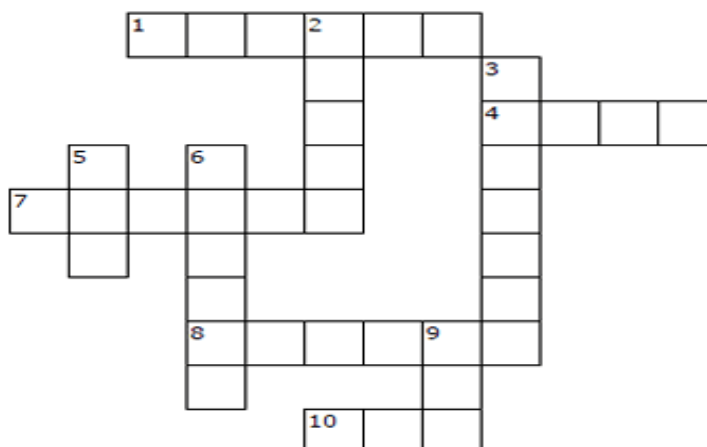
TALKING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- How have you experienced the call of Jesus in your life?
- When you look at other disciples of Jesus, what attracts you to them?
- What do you think are the costs of being a disciple of Jesus today?

Peter's Confession of Christ

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Matthew 16:15 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 16:13-20 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. Persons; men, women, and children; human beings
4. A large stone that sticks up out of the ground or the sea
7. A male parent
8. The Messiah, as foretold by the prophets
10. An adult male human being

DOWN

2. The name that Jesus called Simon
3. A persons who speaks for God
5. To speak
6. The whole body of believers in Christ
9. A male child in relation to his parents

PETER PROPHET	FATHER ROCK	PEOPLE MAN	SON CHURCH	CHRIST SAY
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CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL (SOLEMNITY)

JUNE 29

The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul is a liturgical feast in honour of the martyrdom in Rome of the apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul. It is observed on 29 June.



St. Peter is also known as Simon Peter, Simon, Cephas, or Peter the Apostle, was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ, and the first leader of the early Church. Peter was a fisherman, the brother of Andrew. Both were called by Jesus at Capernaum, in Galilee to leave their nets and follow Jesus.

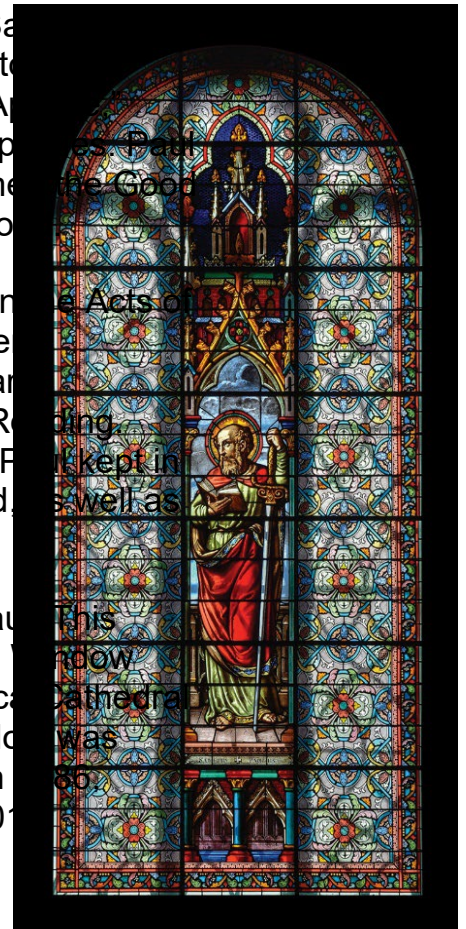
According to Christian tradition, Peter was crucified in Rome under Emperor Nero. He is traditionally counted as the first bishop of Rome—or pope—and also by Eastern Christian tradition as the first patriarch of Antioch.

The photo to the left is the window depicting St. Peter, who carries the keys to the Kingdom in reference to Matthew 16:19. This window was crafted by Charles Leveque of Beauvais, France in 1886. Photo by Robert and Lynn Young Photography, 2018.

St. Paul was born Saul, in Tarsus. His name changed when he was converted by an encounter with the Risen Jesus on the road to Damascus. In that moment of encounter, Saul transformed from being a persecutor of Christians to a missionary disciple. He referred to himself as an “Apostle” though technically he was not one of the Twelve Apostles. He became the “Apostle to the Gentiles”, and proclaimed the Good News of Jesus Christ around the Mediterranean world.

The stories of Paul’s missionary journeys are told in the Acts of the Apostles. Paul is the author of many of the letters (“epistles”) in the New Testament, many of which are proclaimed at Mass, in the context of the Second Reading. These letters are one of the means through which Paul kept in touch with the communities he founded and served, as well as with individuals.

The photo to the left is the window depicting St. Paul. This window and the St. Peter window flank the Pallium window over the organ loft and main entrance of the Basilica Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in St. John’s, NL. This window was crafted by Charles Leveque of Beauvais, France in 1886. Photo by Robert and Lynn Young Photography, 2018.





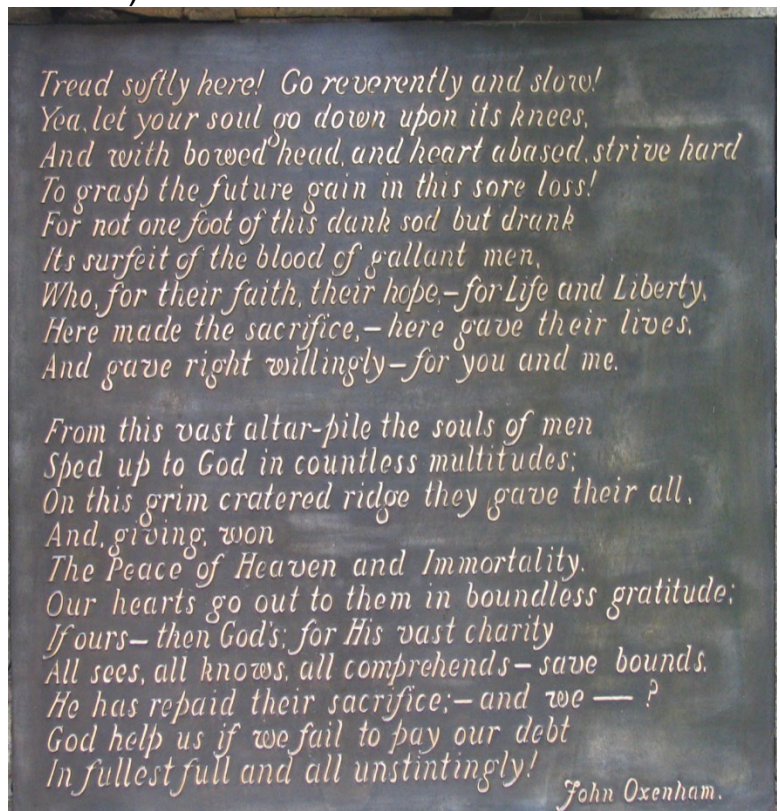
JULY 1, 1867 A NEW NATION- CANADA- IS BORN

Canada Day celebrates the anniversary of July 1, 1867, the effective date of the *Constitution Act, 1867* (then called the *British North America Act, 1867*), which united the three separate colonies of the Province of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick into a single Dominion within the British Empire called Canada. Originally called Dominion Day (*Le Jour de la Confédération*), the holiday was renamed in 1982, the year the *Canada Act* was passed. Canada Day celebrations take place throughout the country, as well as around the world.

JULY 1 A DAY OF MIXED EMOTIONS FOR NEWFOUNDLANDERS AND LABRADORIANS

JULY 1, 1916 THE BATTLE OF BEAUMONT-HAMEL

Most Canadians know July 1st as Canada Day. However, in Newfoundland and Labrador, July 1st is also known as Memorial Day. On that day, in 1916, during World War I, the Battle of the Somme began. The battle would go on for months. The losses sustained by the Newfoundland Regiment at Beaumont-Hamel on July 1, 1916, were staggering. Of the over 800 Newfoundlanders and Labradorians who went into battle that morning, only 68 were able to answer the roll call the next day, with more than 700 killed, wounded or missing. The dead included 14 sets of brothers. Our country (now province) was marked forever.



Poem placed near the entrance to the Beaumont-Hamel Memorial Park, France.