

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

(ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON)

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 23, 2020



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## MISSION STATEMENT

*We, with the grace of the Holy Spirit, proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ as expressed in the beliefs and traditions of the Holy Roman Catholic Church. Through a passion for righteousness and consciousness of duty to God, we uphold the faithful worship of God in our mission to our church family and the Sunnyside Community.*

## PASTOR:

Rev. Michael K. Saah-Buckman, SSJ

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Darryl K. Drenon

Frank J. Laugermann (Retired)

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Unella Baber.....x103

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Anthony Ray Gobert

## MAINTENANCE

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## NEW WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Sat: Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sun: 7:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: 7:00 a.m.

First Friday: 7:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:15p.m. - 4:45p.m.

Sundays: 6:45a.m. - 7:15a.m.

9:20a.m. - 9:45a.m.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday: 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

## CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Adult Choirs

Judah Choir:

**SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

God's Chosen Choir:

**SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Youth Choir:

**SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

BIBLE STUDY/

ADULT CATHECHISM:

**SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

## CHOIR DIRECTORS:

Jerry Givens 281.772.9276

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## VISITATION OF THE SICK

Communion for the sick and shut-in is available. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the parish office for information. Preparation classes are required for parents and godparents.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact a priest a minimum of six months prior to proposed date.

## WELCOME VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**NOTE: THE SUNDAY 12:15PM MASS INTENTIONS HAVE BEEN MOVED TO THE 10:00AM MASS.**

**SAT. 08/22/2020 5:00PM**

*Sidney & Elizabeth G. Sam (D)*

The Sam Family

*Lois Epps (L) – SFX Sisters in the Spirit*

*Kristina M. Chaney (D)*

Family & Friends

*Phillip J. Moore, Sr. (D) – Phyllis Moore*

*Earlene Duplechain (D) – Lois Epps*

**SUN. 08/23/2020 7:30AM**

*R.L. Henderson (D)*

Willie Mae Henderson

*Kristina M. Chaney (D)*

Family & Friends

*Florence McChristian (L)*

Wanda Johnson – In Thanksgiving

*Patrick Martell (D) – The Chaney Family*

*Joyce Berotte (L) – Tywana Navy*

**SUN. 08/23/2020 10:00AM**

*People of the Parish*

*Amy Landry Gallow & Dallas Gallow, Sr.*

Wanda Dixon/Family

**MON. 08/24/2020 7:00AM**

*Vivian Willis (D) – Annette Willis*

*All Healthcare Essentials and Their*

*Families (L) – Grateful Neighbors*

**TUE. 08/25/2020 7:00AM**

*Florence McChristian (L)*

Wanda Johnson

*Joseph Broussard (D) – Unella Baber*

**WED. 08/26/2020 7:00AM**

*Joseph Broussard (D) – Jeanette Steptoe*

*Yvonne Mullone (D) – Donald Mullone*

**THUR. 08/27/2020 7:00AM**

*Rev. Michael K. Saah-Buckman, SSJ (L)*

The Chaney Family

*Peter Buckman (D) – The Chaney Family*

**FRI. 08/28/2020 7:00AM**

*Douglas Bonhomme (D)*

Henderson Family

*Joseph Broussard (D) – Elaine Mathews*



**ATTENDANCE**

Attendance on August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> was 148. The 7:30am Livestream was viewed online by 407. Please join us on Facebook, or bring a friend and come worship with us in the church. You must wear a mask to attend all services in the church.



Deacon Alfred Abram, Bridgett Burnett, Julius Cadoree, Margaret Cadoree, Nancy Calvin, Mary Augustine Chenier, Dalton Cooper Jr., Frank Davis Sr, Frank Davis Jr, Nicole Fontenet, Barbara Forte', Ursula Gross, Jimmy Harris, Willie Mae Henderson, Brooke Joseph, Kennedy Family Members, Helen Kennison, JoAnn LaSane, Hazel Lewis, Laurenzia Lewis, Eugene Mallery, Cynthia Ann Malone, Shannon Martin, Willie Martin Jr., Dorothy Milstead, Donita Nelson, Vy. Rev. William L. Norvel, SSJ, Carolyn Ollison, Helen Foreman Orsort, Betty Patrick, Cynethia Pichon, William Pierre Sr., Sheryl Pratts, Marcelle Prevost, Carole Pryor, Sarah Pugh, Elise Richmond, Evelyn Roberts, Wilson Robertson, Oliver Rose, Simon Smith, Joyce Stagg, MacKenzie Swanks, Kennedi Swanks, Erma Taylor, Agnes Williams, Patricia Williams, Sharon Zenon Williams, and all the sick and shut-in in our parish family.

**Let us Know**

Please let us know when you and/or a family member are ill, in the hospital, or having a surgery, especially if the illness or surgery is serious. Call the Parish Office so that we can put the name on the sick list for prayers and/or visitation if needed. **After 30 days, please call the office to remain on the prayer list.**

**Lord, we pray for all our current military service members and first responders who put their own lives on the line every day in order to protect our families and our country.**

**Army:**

Barbara Baber, Sade Beck, Wadie Troy Butler, Shanta Charles, Josiah Charles, Patrick Clay Jr, Stephen Jones, LaTroy King, Gary Christian Robertson, Anthony Lamar Smith II, David Stagnoli, Jordan T. McCorkle, Essence L. Casteel

**Navy:**

Alvin Balthazar, Debreaanna Brown, Jermaine Ceaser, Kevin Crockett, Courtney Harris, Nia D. Hawkins, Randolph J. Navy III, Anthony N. Russell, Christian Johnson, Hope Bethany Johnson

**Air Force:**

Roderick Jones, Joffre Lander, Bena Sellers, Terrance J Valiare, Thomas Q Valiare II

**Marines**

Alyssa Dugar, Reginald Ward

**NEW OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday..... Closed**  
**Tuesday.....9:00am to 5:00pm**  
**Wednesday.... 9:00am to 5:00pm**  
**Thursday..... Closed**  
**Friday..... 9:00am to 3:00pm**

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"YOU ARE THE MESSIAH, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD."  
MATTHEW 16:16, NRSV



Jesus poses a question to his disciples today: "Who do you say that I am?" Throughout our lives we have learned about Jesus from parents and teachers, from the word of God

we hear proclaimed each week, from those in whom we see the face of Christ in our world. Peter's answer is that Jesus is the Christ (literally, the Messiah), the Son of the Living God. Let us contemplate our own answer as we listen to today's readings.

**READINGS**

**FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday – August 23**

*The 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Isaiah 29:19-23

Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

**Monday – August 24**

*Saint Bartholomew, Apostle*

Revelation 21:9-14

Psalms 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18

John 1:45-51

**Tuesday – August 25**

*Saint Louis,*

*Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest*

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, 14-17

Psalms 96:10, 11-12, 13

Matthew 23:23-26

**Wednesday – July 26**

2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18

Psalms 128:1-2, 4-5

Matthew 23:27-32

**Thursday – August 27**

*Saint Monica*

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Psalms 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

Matthew 24:42-51

**Friday – August 28**

*Saint Augustine, Bishop &*

*Doctor of the Church*

1 Corinthians 1:17-25

Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11

Matthew 25:1-13

**Saturday – August 29**

*The Passion of St. John the Baptist*

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Psalms 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21

Matthew 6:17-29





CCE Registration will begin on **August 31<sup>st</sup>**. Saturday Classes for Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade will start on **October 10<sup>th</sup>** and Monday Classes for 6<sup>th</sup> grade thru High School on **October 12<sup>th</sup>**. Any questions please call the CCE Dept at **(713) 731-2775** on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from 9:30am-3:00pm.



As the school year quickly approaches, St. Mary of the Purification has the following employment opportunities:

- 2 Full-time Teacher Aides in Pre-K 3 thru Kindergarten
- 4 Aftercare Workers

Interested candidates should send an Email to the principal, Mrs. Lois Goudeau,

[lgoudeau@stmaryshouston.school.org](mailto:lgoudeau@stmaryshouston.school.org).

## RCIA

The initiation of catechumens and candidates will be scheduled at an appropriate time before the year ends. Registration for the 2020-2021 Class is available on the Parish Website:

[www.sfxhouston.com](http://www.sfxhouston.com)



### FOOD DRIVE

On **August 29<sup>th</sup>**, from 10am-2pm, the Young Adult Christian Ministry is

helping the SVdP Food Pantry host a Food Drive at St. Francis Xavier Parish. At least six (6) volunteers are needed from every Parish organization to make the Food Drive successful (**Pastoral Council, Choir, Ushers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharist Ministers, KPC Ladies, KPC Knights, KPC Juniors, 55 Plus, CCE Teachers, and the Congregation**). Call the Parish Office or sign up in the vestibule of the Church and the Harris Center Lobby. Volunteers should arrive at 8:45am on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH FALL RAFFLE



### Grand Prize!

**NISSAN SENTRA SV 4DR SEDAN**

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**4th Prize.....\$400.00 Gas Card**

**5th Prize.\$300.00 Macy's Card**

Tickets are \$5.00 each or a book of 20 for \$100.00. Each household is asked to sell at least 2 books.

**Drawing: October 18, 2020 after the 10:00am Mass.**

**Winner Need Not Be Present**

### Did you know that Catholics can make an Act of Spiritual Communion?

When unable to receive Holy Communion, pray the prayer below:

**A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

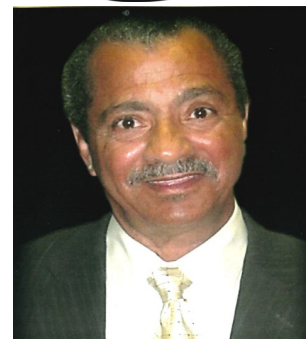
**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.**

**I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.**

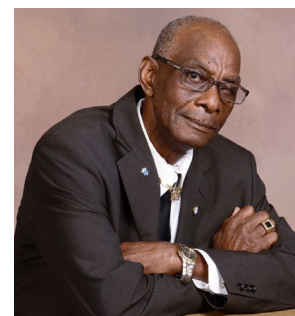
**Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

### Stewardship Reflection

That in gratitude for our gifts, we may grow them and give back with increase. "Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" Romans 11:35 St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything - God already owns it all. God made everything. All we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity! Through your generous sharing, you just may be the answer to someone's prayer.



**JOSEPH ALVIN FONTENET**  
1948-2020



**RONALD LEROY WALCOTT**  
1945-2020



**LAWRENCE L. DUPLECHAIN, SR**  
1933-2020

### PREPARE NOW TO VOTE



If you are 65 years old or older, or have a disability, you should have received a Mail-Ballot Request Form. All you have to do is mail in the form and you'll get your General Election ballot mailed to you. You can cast your vote for President, U.S. Senate, and other candidates without leaving your home. Your personal information and your vote will always be secret. Your ballot is anonymous, and no one will know how you vote. **NEW FOR 2020:** You now have the option of personally taking your ballot to the Clerk's office.



## Pastor's Reflection

### WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?

The New Testament has many sections that emphasize the preeminent position of Peter among the apostles. For example, Peter's position of leadership is clearly spelled out in John 21:15-19 where after his resurrection Jesus asked Peter to "Feed my Lambs, feed my sheep". Today's gospel also emphasizes Peter's importance among the apostles and underlines our belief that after Christ, the Pope is the chief shepherd and head of the Church. Peter's character vis-a-vis the leadership position entrusted to him by Jesus indicates that the Church's leaders do not always have to perfectly represent Christ but speaking from the position of authority, the Pope has the final word. The story of passing on the Keys by Jesus to Peter was recorded by Matthew about thirty (30) years after the death of Peter. The reason Mathew recorded this story in his gospel was not to show any favoritism Jesus had for Peter, but because the leadership position of Peter would remain as part of the structure of the community of believers in Christ.

Instead of reflecting on the structure of the Church, I invite us this week to ponder on the question that Jesus posed to the apostles and offer our own personal answer. How we answer the question determines our individual relationship with Jesus.

There was this young man who grew up poor. After grade school, he moved to be with family in the city. He joined a Church and was helpful, serving in various ministries in the Church. After earning the trust of the Church leadership, he was sent back to his village to begin an orphanage and vocational programs. The young man came home, took family land, promising to compensate his family and started building. After a while people began to trust and invested their hope in him. He would feed and pay those who came to worship with him. He exerted power. Pride as well as pomposity manifested itself in his life. It came to the point where he had but little to do with those in his program or village. Even water for drinking and bathing for him and his family were brought in from the city. He exploited the church and the village to make himself exorbitantly rich. With power and fame, he got himself involved in illegally getting travelling visas for those who could afford. Then, one day leaders from his Church Ministry and the government paid him an unannounced visit. He lost everything and being on the run died a pauper's death.

700 years before Christ, Shebna in our first reading was a powerful person during the reign of King Hezekiah in Judah. He rose to become next to the King, like vice-president. Power went into his head and he used his position to exploit the poor and the innocent to make himself rich. To him, the Prophet Isaiah was sent. His power was taken away from him and he lost it all.

Much as the story of Shebna and the gospel reading is connected by the symbol of authority i.e. Keys of the House of David and Heaven, they also reflect on the individual's response to the question of "who do you say that I am?"

Yes, Shebna was not directly asked that question but how he dealt with power invested in him by God dictated his behavior to the gifts God gave to him. Some of us look at Jesus as being too human to be God's Son and liking him to Elijah who also worked miracles and raised the dead (the widow's son). Some take a more objective approach to the question and liking Jesus to other prophets who called for conversion and taught with creative clarity that engaged the crowds. For such people Jesus is a motivational and holy teacher. He had a close relationship with God, but not divine.

If we answer that Jesus is a savior, or a messiah or Son of God, and even make reference to the Creed every time we profess it at Mass or say the Rosary, then how do our minds and hearts connect with Paul in our second reading from his Roman letter (Rom 11:33-36). The Prophets and apostles could tell us about God and Jesus and that is good. But we are asked to move beyond what others say to knowing Jesus on a personal level. This is the level that Jesus could say to us that it has not come from "flesh and blood, but by the heavenly father". To answer this question, we have to follow Peter's lead and spend time with God and with Jesus in prayer.

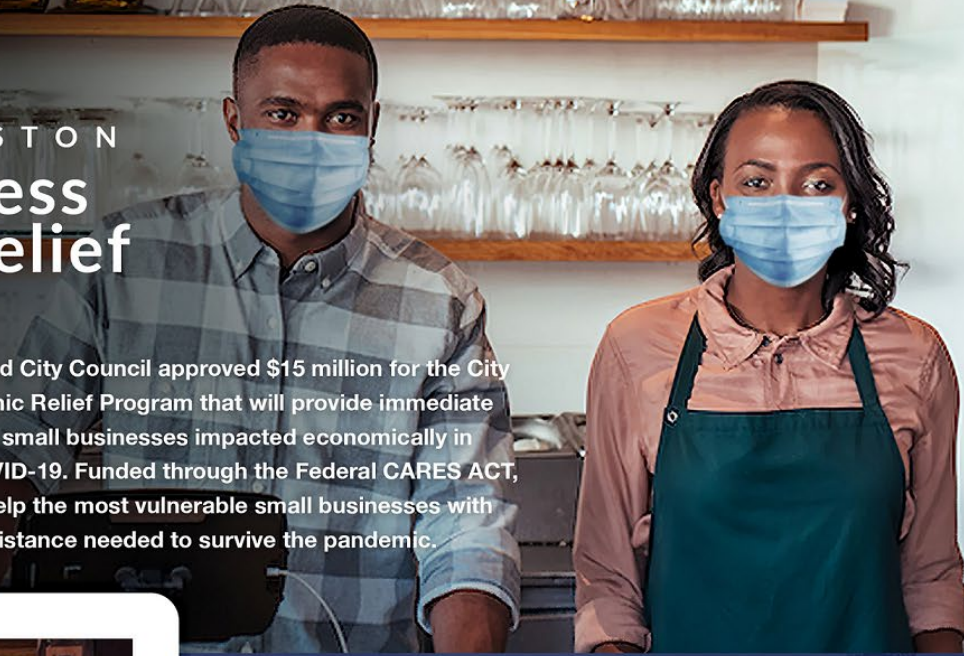




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# Small Business Economic Relief Program

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner and City Council approved \$15 million for the City of Houston Small Business Economic Relief Program that will provide immediate and short-term grant assistance to small businesses impacted economically in Houston's communities due to COVID-19. Funded through the Federal CARES ACT, the grant program is designed to help the most vulnerable small businesses with access to capital and technical assistance needed to survive the pandemic.



## Program Eligibility

The goal is to be a resource that businesses economically impacted by COVID-19 may leverage to sustain their operations during and after the pandemic.

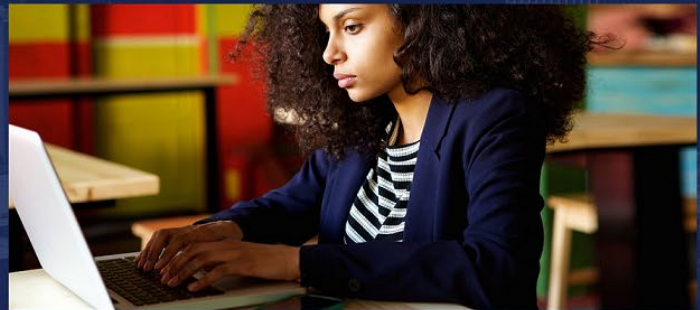
- Must be a for profit business operating within the city limits of Houston for at least one (1) year, prior to March 1, 2020.
- Must provide evidence of how business revenue has significantly decreased because of government restrictions or other challenges due to COVID-19.
- A business qualifies if it generated \$2 million or less in gross annual revenue pre-COVID-19.
- Must be in good standing regarding City requirements, e.g. property taxes, personal property, grounds for debarment, etc.
- Must commit to completing the technical assistance component of this program provided via Program Administrator.
- Local chambers of commerce operating within the city limits of Houston are eligible to apply.

## Small Business Grants up to \$50,000

**Online Application Portal Opens:**  
Wednesday, August 19, 2020 8:00 a.m.

**Online Application Portal Closes:**  
Friday, September 4, 2020 11:59 p.m.

*Applications must be submitted electronically through the online web portal.*



For details about application criteria & how to apply, visit:  
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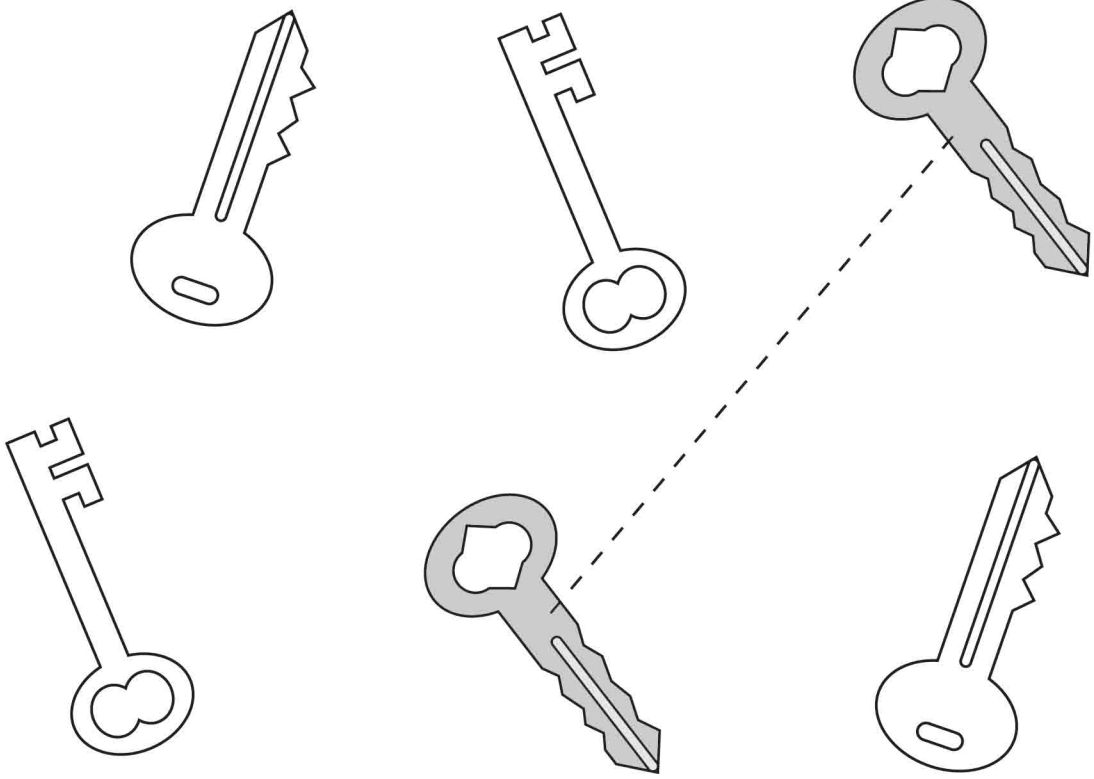


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Jesus said to Peter,  
"I will give you the keys to the kingdom."

Match the keys.



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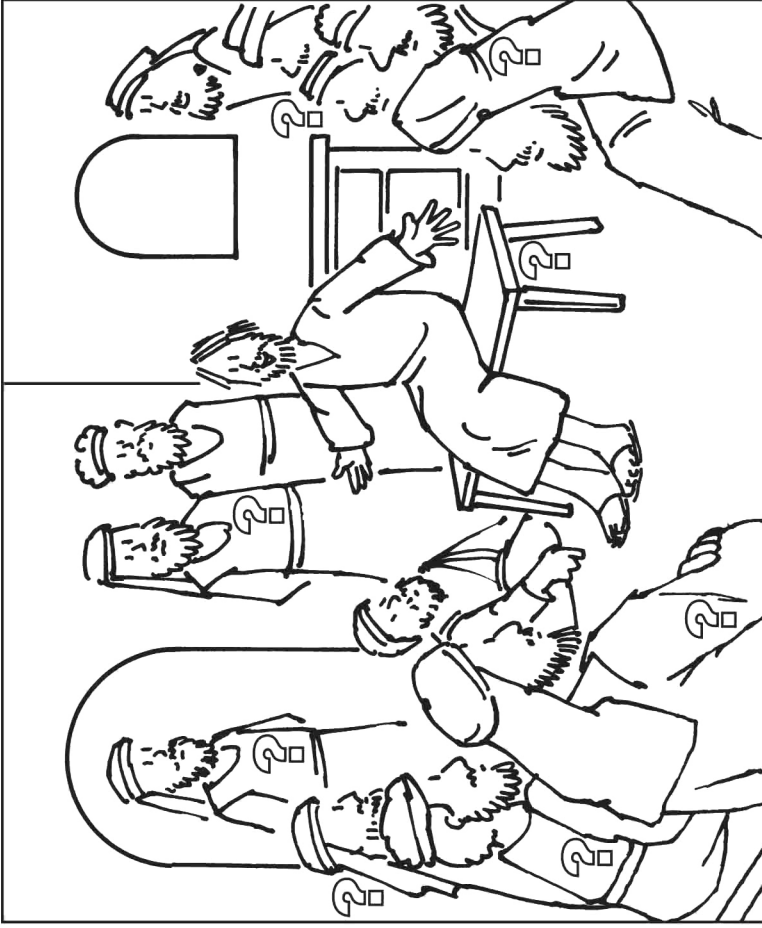
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"You Are the Christ"

Jesus asked His disciples a question.

Find and count the ?'s. 6, 7 or 8 ?



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What else did Jesus say to Peter?

Circle words in each row as directed.  
Use the remaining words to fill in the blanks.

2 foods

KEYSASPARAGUSPOTATOES

2 months

JULYKINGDOMHEAVENJUNE

2 animals

BIRDEARTHGIRAFFEBOUND

2 musical instruments

LOOSEFLUTEPIANOLOOSED

Jesus said, "I will give you the \_\_\_\_\_ of

the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ; whatever

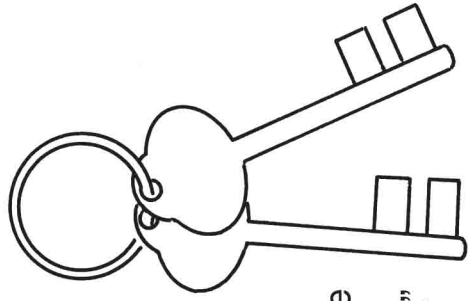
you bind on \_\_\_\_\_

will be \_\_\_\_\_ in

heaven, and whatever you

\_\_\_\_\_ on earth will be

\_\_\_\_\_ in heaven."



# Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 7+

August 23, 2020 • Matthew 16:13-20

"You Are the Christ"

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples a question. What did He ask?

Add and subtract letters to fill in the blanks.

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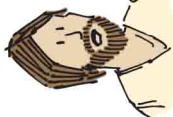
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 - can = \_\_\_\_\_

3.  - w +  - arn = \_\_\_\_\_

4.  - ck +  - ail = \_\_\_\_\_

5.  - sk +  - kife = \_\_\_\_\_

 "1) \_\_\_\_\_ do 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ the 4) \_\_\_\_\_ of 5) \_\_\_\_\_ is?"

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