

Bulletin: 21 Ord A 2014

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Our seminarian Kevin Klump will be at mass at Holy Rosary August 27, 2017. We put out the subsistence net at 5:30 am August 24 and caught eight Silvers in minutes, 10 feet from shore.
2. Funeral for JoAnn Armstrong is Monday at 1:00 PM, at Holy Rosary. Please join us for mass and reception downstairs after the burial in the Holy Rosary cemetery.
3. The priest annual retreat starts the first Tuesday in September. I will be in Anchorage that week.

HOMILY: Rock Solid

CATHOLIC ATTRACTION

When Eric Williams invited me to the Catholic Church, I eventually converted from Mormonism to Catholicism. The one thing that convinced me to convert was a line from the Gospel. Jesus said, "You are Peter, and upon this Rock I will build my church." When I found out that Peter's bones were buried in Saint Peters in Rome, it was a done deal.

CHURCH IS A ROCK

To me, the whole idea of a church being built on a Rock is a great analogy. If you look at a rock, it is a solid mass. Rocks represent stability and steadfastness. Large rocks are unmovable. Rocks are very durable and tough to crush and destroy. In the Gospel, Jesus called Peter a Rock.

ROCK CHARACTERISTICS

This rock reminds me that our church is solid, long lasting, and durable. It should remind us of Peter, whose faith was strong, steadfast, and constant. A rock signifies the foundation or our faith.

ROCK ANALOGY

A Person who builds their house on a rock has a strong foundation. Christ is our Rock.

ROCK PERSON ANALOGY

A Person who is a rock is an excellent listener. It is someone who is always there for you when you need a helping hand. It is someone who you can depend on to do what they say. A person who is stable, trusting, loving, approachable, and kind is considered a rock.

OUR ROCK

To have a strong and indestructible spiritual foundation, the bible tells us that we should build our house on a rock. Jesus is our rock.

ROCK REPRESENTATIONS

A large rock represents a stable and long-lasting tradition. That steady and unwavering tradition has numerous advantages for us. Every mass is virtually the same throughout the world. Having the Mass the same allows for fewer distractions. Fewer distractions allows for a more prayerful atmosphere. A prayerful atmosphere allows us to focus on praising and thanking God.

ROCKS FLAWED AND BEAUTIFUL

Peter was unreliable, impulsive, and quick to anger. In other words, rocks are not perfectly round: they have flaws. Rocks can be as beautiful as diamonds or turquoise. Peter was enthusiastic, had great self-confidence, showed initiative, and took action.

ROCKS HAVE GREAT FAITH

Jesus saw Peter as a Rock because Peter had great faith. Rocks are faithful. Peter became Jesus' rock because his great faith led him to recognize Jesus. He said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

HOPE FOR US

That should give us all hope. We can all become rocks for Christ. This week, be strong in faith, be stable in going to Mass, and be steadfast in your pursuit of the good. Be firm when standing up for your beliefs, rock steady in sharing your God given gifts with others, and firmly committed to being kind and generous to others (472 Words).

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant

Relying on god's unfailing promise, we pray for the Church and the world.

Deacon/Lector

That Church leaders and faithful believers practice charity and patience with one another, let us pray to the Lord.

That all leaders resist temptation and root out corruption, we pray to the Lord.

That this community be healed of every division, we pray to the Lord.

For those who have died (especially): that the Lord of all gentleness will welcome them into his peaceful presence, let us pray to the Lord.

In Silence let us now add our own intentions for our families, our community, our country, and the world....., We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant

Eternal God, hear the prayers of your servants and grant what we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

READINGS

Isaiah 22:19-23

I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiyah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family;

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given him anything that he may be repaid?" For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Mat 16:13-20

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. 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. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Messiah.