

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK****For Adults:**

If you were asked, how would you explain Jesus to a person who had not heard of him?

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When on the night before he was betrayed, Jesus was at table with the twelve. "Then He took some bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body...He did the same with the cup after supper, and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood which will be poured out for you." (Lk 22:19-20). Because of who Jesus is, the Eternal Word of God made flesh. What He says is! The bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Body of Jesus while retaining their external appearance. His Flesh is real food and His Blood is real drink.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Rev. William Rosario

**Pope Francis Quotes**

"Faith is not a light which scatters all our darkness, but a lamp which guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey. To those who suffer, God does not provide arguments which explain everything; rather, his response is that of an accompanying presence, a history of goodness which touches every story of suffering and opens up a ray of light." ("Lumen Fidei," June 29, 2013).



"Let us protect Christ in our lives, so that we can protect creation! It means protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the lest we think about (March 19, 2013)

**For Children:**

Who do you tell people Jesus is?

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Words can change us and words spoken with authority can change reality. We use words to communicate ideas, to express our feelings and to motivate and move people's actions and behaviors. As we use words in our day-to-day life, they come alive depending on how we make use of them.

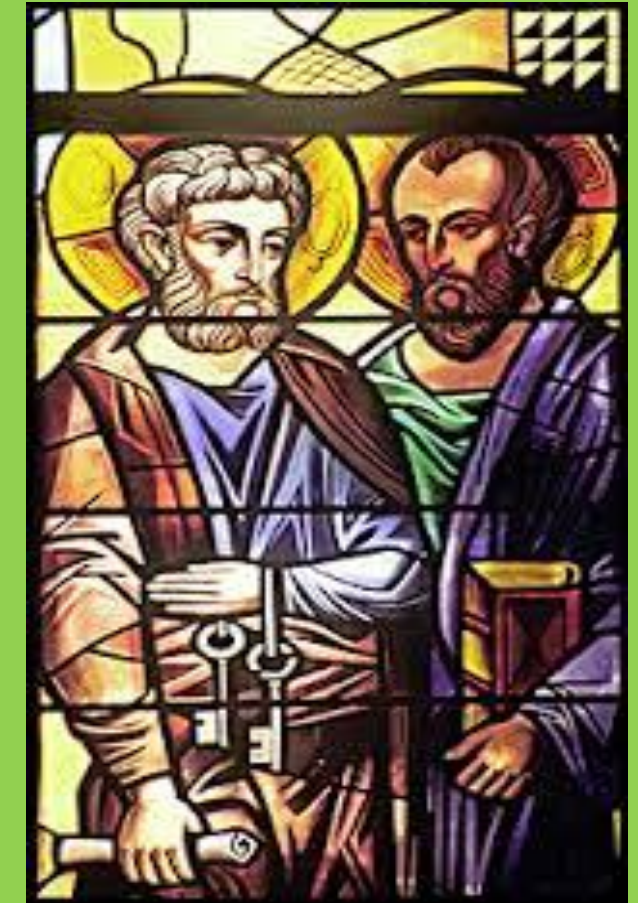
It's also our day-to-day experience that words spoken with authority have the power to change reality. Such words bring about a change in relationships, in situations and they govern our lives. Take for example teens and children who attend summer camps and training programs to hone their athletic skills hoping to secure a place on a basketball or baseball team. At the end of the training season, the coach turns to them and says, "You're in". They're in whether their team members like it or not. The word of the coach spoken with authority has the power to change reality.

In a game of baseball the umpire says, "You're out!" You are out – even when many others see it as a bad call. The umpire is the rightful authority and his words change the outcome of the game. Or when a police officer pulls you over and says, "You are under arrest", you are under arrest. His words change reality for you for he is the competent authority.

If human words have the power to change reality, then how much more power lies hidden in God's Word. We read in Genesis 1:3, "And God said, "Let there be light". And there was light". God's Word always changes reality. In Genesis 1:9, "God said, "Let the waters under heaven come together into a single mass, and let dry land appear". And it was so. God's Word does not just suggest; it affects what it was sent to do. "The Word that goes from My mouth does not return to Me empty, without carrying out My will and succeeding in what it was sent to do." (Is 55:11)

Jesus is the Word of God made flesh (Jn 1:14). "Through Him all things came to be; not one thing had its being but through Him" (Jn 1:3). It's no surprise then that when Jesus said to the man who had been lying at the Sheep Pool in Jerusalem for thirty-eight years, "Get up, pick up your sleeping-mat and walk", "the man was cured at once, and he picked up his mat and walked away" (Jn 5:8-9). The Word of God always accomplishes what it is sent out to do. Similarly, when Jesus stands at the tomb of Lazarus and cries out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" we read that "the dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff" Jn 11:43. The Word of God always changes reality. It cannot be any other way.

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**Weekly Worship Schedule**

Saturday Vigil  
5:00 p.m.

Sunday Eucharist  
8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Weekday Eucharist M, Tu, Th, F 8:30 a.m.  
Communion Service Wed 8:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Saturday 4 p.m.

**Upcoming Baptism Class and Baptisms**

St. Augustine's next Baptism class is scheduled for Tuesday, July 22 from 7 PM - 9 PM. Parents and God-parents who are in need of a class can avail themselves of this opportunity. The Baptisms are scheduled for the week of August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact Fr. William Rosario at (510) 653-8631 to make an appointment.

**Practica in July**

Please join us in welcoming our 2 Music Director finalists; one who will be leading the choir at the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, July 6th, and the other on Sunday, July 13th.

**Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:**

*Mary Flynn, Madeleine Shannon, Jerome Jacob, Matilda Maes, Mary Pavao, Lakey Zerihun, Gloria Bautista, Ruth Johnson, Patty Wiesner, Claudia Johnson, Matthew Laubach, Mary Lou Ihrig, Jannet Johnson, Frances Landeza, Carmon Woodyard, Hortense Atkins, and Roseanne Johnson,*

**And those who have died in past year:** Albert Donabedian, Jerome Mitchell, Paul Sagan, Eugene Alan Merlin, Cristóbal Kauffman, Michelle Arnsdorf-Fie Vivian Breen Manka, Fr. Tom Edwards, Rose Camberos, Adella Rose, James Jacob, and Lee Weathersby III

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 5:00 p.m.

**Parishioners and Benefactors**

Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

**Stewardship – Weekly Offering**

June 22, 2014: \$3,851 (includes EFT)

St. Vincent de Paul Stewardship: \$67.91

**St. Vincent de Paul Society, Parish Conference:**

Accepts Donations of Non-perishable Food, Bottled Water. Leave donations in the SVdP basket in vestibule. Thank you.

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**Please join members of the Social Justice Ministry** to pray "Rosary for Peace" on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays of the month. Rosary for Peace begins at 9:15 AM, on following days in 2014: July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, and December 7.

**Almsgiving Opportunities**

The opportunity to make Christ more widely known through our financial gifts does not end with the coming of Easter Season. Envelopes (with information flyers) are available in the vestibule.

- Bishop's Appeal 2014
- Parish Scanlon Music Fund
- St. Vincent de Paul Society "5th Sunday of the Month" Collection
- Water.org



New! Post-Abortion Healing Group 8 weeks beginning July 21. Christine (415)260-4406, [Christine4faith@gmail.com](mailto:Christine4faith@gmail.com)  
Has an abortion left you with a broken heart? Join our next Post-Abortion Healing group which offers hope, help, and healing for the soul in a loving supportive environment, and results in life-changing transformations. To register or find out more, contact [www.afterthechoice.org](http://www.afterthechoice.org) to download flyers.

**Dates to Remember**

Saturday, July 26, Rawn Harbor's Farewell Party

Sunday, July 27, Jim Gilman's Farewell Party

Sunday, August 24, St. Augustine Feast Day

**The Kingdom is Coming July 13****New Message Series**

The World as it should be - God's Reign -

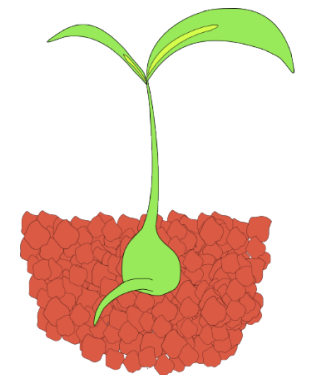
The Upside-Down Kingdom - Jesus Big Idea

**It was Jesus' favorite topic and the focus of his mission and ministry.** Helping bring it about is the mission of all disciples. But how well do we all understand it?

**Sunday, July 20 at 2:00 PM**

**LOVE LETTERS**

See the insert for more information.



**Living the Kingdom**