

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2020

FAITH @ HOME

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First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23
Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 138:1-3, 6, 8
Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

[Full Readings can be found here!](#)

1. HEAR

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading.
Do not have one? No worries you can [find the text here.](#)

2. PRAY

Find a quiet place to reflect on the question in today's Gospel that Jesus posed to Simon Peter: "who do you say that I am?" It is possibly the most important question to consider and meditate upon— who Jesus is. Pray these verses where Jesus shares with us who he is.

- "I am the living bread that came down from heaven" (John 6:51).
- "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).
- "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved" (John 10:9).

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- "I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep" (John 10:14-15).
- "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25).
- "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6-7).
- "I am the vine, you are the branches" (John 15:5).

3. TALK

Discussion questions:

- How do we answer the question "who do you say that I am"?
- Do we identify Jesus as Lord and Savior?
- Do we proclaim who Jesus is to us without shame?
- Do we allow the Holy Spirit to work through us to be channels of the peace of Christ to those around us?

