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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time:
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Lead Story Headline:
Who Do You Say I Am?

"O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!"
Romans 11:33

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Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

"When Jesus and his disciples were in the area of Caesarea Philippi, he asked the disciples, "Who do the people think I am?" They said, "Some people say you are John the Baptist, and others think you are the prophet Elijah. But there are others who say you are Jeremiah or some other prophet." Jesus asked them, "And who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ. You are the Son of the Living God." Jesus said, "Simon, you are blessed. You did not learn that from any human being. No, God told you that. And I tell you, you will be called Peter, which means "rock." On this rock I will build my Church. It will be stronger than the gates of hell, and nothing will be able to destroy it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven so that what you decide on earth will be the same in heaven."

This is the Good News of the Lord.

"On this rock I will build my Church."  
Matthew 16:18

What Do You Think?

1. If Jesus were to ask you this question, "who do you say I am?" what would you answer?

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2. How can you show other people that you know who Jesus is?

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Check It Out:

In your Bible, read Philippians 2:5-11. What does Saint Paul say about Jesus here? What role does it seem Saint Paul thinks Jesus should and does play in our lives?


Activity: What's In a Name?

Think about these questions before you begin the activity. Why do you think names are important? Why do you think our parents give us names when we are born? What does a name provide for us and how do you think it gives us our own identity? Why do you think a title for Jesus is important? Why do you think he asked his apostles, and asks us, who we believe that he is? Why does it matter what we call him or what title we give him? What are some nicknames that people have given you? Why are these nicknames special or important to you? Brainstorm some answers to these questions and then write your name vertically down the left side of a piece of paper. You are going to create an acrostic poem with your name! For each letter of your name, write a word beginning with that letter that describes something about you (see the example below). Use a Thesaurus or Dictionary to find some more words! How do you think your name relates to the person that you are? Decorate the rest of your page with pictures and words of who you think you are. Who are you to yourself? Who are you to your parents? Who are you to your siblings or your friends? Why does your name tell others about you?

Acrostic Poem: Example

P assionate
E ager
T hankful
E ncouraging
R espectable

"For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever.
Amen."
Romans 11:36

Now Act:

Take a piece of paper and ask your family members who Jesus is to them. What role does Jesus play in their life? Then compare all the answers at the end and think about who Jesus is to you as well! How do all of your answers differ? What is similar about your answers? Think about who Jesus is to you!
Boredom Busters:

Try drawing your very own Church! Our Church today looks much different than the Church Jesus was talking about when he changed Simon’s name to Peter. What do you think their Church would have looked like at the time? What does your Church look like now? Draw a Church and cut it out! Colour and decorate it however you would like. You can also decorate the windows with tissue paper to create stained glass windows like many of our churches today have!

You will need:

- Paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Markers or Pencil Crayons
- Tissue Paper (optional)

"I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations."
Psalm 89:1