



# ST MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Sunday, August 23, 2026– Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**



## 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16

## 21° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Luego les preguntó: "Y ustedes, ¿quién dicen que soy yo?"  
Simón Pedro tomó la palabra y le dijo: "Tú eres el Mesías,  
el Hijo de Dios vivo". - Mt 16, 15-16

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## **Mission Statement**

St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church, Anderson SC was founded in 1943 by the Franciscans of the Holy Name Province, New York. The intention then and today, was and is to, in the spirit of Jesus Christ and St. Francis, minister in and with the African American Catholic community and to reach out to the African Americans of Anderson County. Furthermore, all who come to St. Mary's from whatever background and ethnicity with a desire for Christian family will be regarded as brothers and sisters to us. We also see ourselves as called to live in Gospel relationship to the alienated and the poor of this community.

# The Holy Father's prayer intention for the month of August 2026

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

## Mass Schedule

**Sunday:** 9:00 am (English) 12:30 pm (Español)

**Monday:** No Mass

**Tuesday:** 4:00 pm (English)

**Wednesday-Friday:** 8:00 am (English)

**Wednesday & Friday:** 7:00 pm (Español)

**Saturday:** 4:00 pm (English)

**Confessions:** 1/2 hour before each Mass.

**Holy Adoration:** Thursdays after morning Mass until 10 am, Fridays 6-7 pm

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## Food Pantry

Drop off any non-perishable food items in the church or parish hall bin. The following are food supplies we need to restock:

- Boxes of Oatmeal Packets
- Plastic Jars of Peanut Butter
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Boxes Saltine Crackers

## THANK YOU

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## Parish Chorus Practice

**Thursdays at 6:00 pm**

**HeatherJCHiley@gmail.com**

**Heather Brown**

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## Prayer Warriors:

We are a group of parishioners who pray for you, your family, and / or friends.

To join our faith filled ministry or to request prayer, please contact Judy Hanson at 434-944-2636

## Prayer Intentions for this week:

Kenneth Monroe  
Joe Inglema  
L. C. Davis  
Pennye and Jerry Rose  
Steve Hughes  
Susan Wiker  
Babies Beckett and Francesca  
Scarlet, Jessica, Ashley, George, and Mark  
Kris LeCompte  
Linda Firnero  
Renee Reid  
Randy Kolb  
Lynette Casey  
Lori Prine  
Roy Mack  
Gloria Morris  
Larry Binninger  
Betty Mann  
Brigitte Weitzig  
Agapita Pena Martinez  
Father John  
Family members of Maria Fritz devastated by the Columbia earthquake and all those affected.

## Weekly Collections

**August 15-16, 2026**

**Operating: \$ 6,296**

**Buildings and Grounds: \$ 20**

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## Knights of Columbus

We are a Catholic men's organization serving our parish and community through time and support of charitable organizations

Anyone interested in finding out more can call Mike Massey at 864-314-3622.

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## Hispanic Ministry / Ministerio Hispano

Serves the growing Hispanic/Latino population by providing culturally and linguistically appropriate pastoral care, fostering their engagement and leadership in the Church, and welcoming them into the broader Catholic community. Meetings are once a month on a Thursday.

Meeting dates will be announced.

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## Women's Council

**3rd Monday of the month - 5:30 P.M. Parish Hall**

St. Mary of the Angels Women's Council call all Catholic women to come together to lead and serve with a united voice in matters affecting the Catholic welfare, communication, and spiritual growth. We encourage personal talents and support new membership for the benefit of all.

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## Men's Club

**1st Wednesday of the month - 5:30 P.M. Parish Hall**

The Men's Club was organized as a fellowship for the men in the parish. All men in the church are welcome.

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## Safe Environment:

**Safe Environment/Virtus Program:** St. Mary of the Angels Parish is committed to ensuring a safe environment for our children and vulnerable adults and for upholding the "National Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People."

**All Volunteers who serve at Masses (Ushers, Lectors, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir) and all parish office, Food Pantry and religious education volunteers must undergo a background screening and complete VIRTUS online training. The parish must receive clearance notification from the Diocese of Charleston prior to a volunteer beginning service.**

**Parish Safe Environment Coordinator:** Patricia Binninger, (703-403-5573), or pbinninger@charlestdiocese.org

**Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services:** Jennifer Medina, (843) 225-8136

**Diocesan Victim Assistance:** Mary Nicole Cook (843) 856-0748 or (800) 921-8122 or mcook@charlestdiocese.org

**For confidential email:** VAC@charlestdiocese.org

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder;  
when he opens, no one shall shut,  
when he shuts, no one shall open. (Is 22:22)

### Psalm:

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands. (Ps 138)

### Second Reading:

For from him and through him and for him are all things.  
To him be glory forever. Amen. (Rom 11:36)

### Gospel:

"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." (Mt 16:19)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks his apostles. Peter is the first to answer. He knows who Jesus is. Do we? In everything we do and everything we are, let us say together with Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

## Observances for the week of August 23, 2026

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|---------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday:</b>      | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time                   |
| <b>Monday:</b>      | St. Bartholomew, Apostle                       |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>     | St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest         |
| <b>Thursday:</b>    | St. Monica                                     |
| <b>Friday:</b>      | St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church |
| <b>Saturday:</b>    | The Passion of St. John the Baptist            |
| <b>Next Sunday:</b> | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time                   |



## Virtues, Explained!

Though valor itself is not a cardinal or theological virtue, as a Latin-based word that means "strength," we associate it with the gift of fortitude. It conjures an image of fortitude on the battlefield — of fidelity to the good fight, regardless of the coming attack.

## Prayer for the Pope

Dear God,  
Be with Our Holy Father in his ministry. Bless, anoint, and protect him in his comings and goings. Inspire his words, direct his interactions, guide his prayer. Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of August 23, 2026

### Sunday:

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/  
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

### Monday:

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/  
Jn 1:45-51

### Tuesday:

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/  
Mt 23:23-26

### Wednesday:

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/  
Mt 23:27-32

### Thursday:

1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Mt 24:42-51

### Friday:

1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/  
Mt 25:1-13

### Saturday:

1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/  
Mk 6:17-29

### Next Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/  
Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The first time I stood inside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, its majesty overwhelmed me. The sheer beauty of Michelangelo's dome seemed to lift my soul right out of my body. Later, I joined the Scavi tour that winds below the basilica, down into the ancient pagan cemetery where Peter was buried. There, in the dim light and narrow passageways, I found myself looking at the bones of a murdered Jewish fisherman, his feet cut off so his crucified body could be taken down more easily.

What a paradox. Above me, the most glorious church ever built. Beneath me, the remains of a backwater fisherman. But this man dared to answer Jesus' question, "**Who do you say that I am?**" And crowning that immense dome above his tomb are the words from today's Gospel, "**You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.**"

Within you and me is the drama of the lowest and the highest. Every time we confess Christ, humbly, imperfectly, maybe even trembling, we enter that same mystery. The dust of our humanity, touched by the splendor of heaven. God's presence and our dry bones together. Humility and glory. May our lives embrace both the lowest and the highest, like that great basilica, as we profess Jesus.

— Father John Muir

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### Only Peter Has the Answer

"What do you think of the Pope?"

After the election of Pope Leo XIV in 2025, all my non-Catholic friends texted me this question. The result of the papal conclave was dominating the news cycle, and everyone was curious about this man who would now be so prominent on the world stage, making me temporarily popular with people who apparently need more (and better) Catholics in their lives.

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus entrust Peter and his heirs with the stewardship of the kingdom here on earth, creating an unbroken line of authority which stretches through the millennia all the way to our current Pope — whoever he is at the time you are reading this.

I don't know if you like the Pope. The same goes for your local bishop and your pastor. If a friend texted you, "What do you think of him?" I have no idea how you would respond.

All I know is this: it doesn't really matter. What really matters is what we would say if a friend texted us the same question about Jesus Christ: "What do you think of him, and why?"

In today's Gospel, Jesus doesn't ask his disciples to take an IQ test. He doesn't try to find out which one is the nicest, the hardest worker, the most humble, or even the holiest.

He asks a very simple question: "Who do you say that I am?"

Peter has the answer.

I am not Catholic because I like the Pope. I am not Catholic because the human representatives of the Church have anything to offer me (they often do, but this is beside the point).

I am Catholic because only Peter has the answer.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

In Sunday school, the students are studying the Ten Commandments. I know that kids are important in the eyes of God, so I'm just wondering why there isn't a commandment about honoring children.

#### Answer:

Commandments provide EOO-Equal Opportunity for Observance! They are meant for everyone, children as well as adults. There are several assumptions that would make such a commandment a bit redundant. One, children are entrusted to the care of their parents. So, respect, love, and care — as well as teaching them — are assumed to be part of the responsibility of parents. They are the first teachers in the ways of faith and, as such, participate in God's work of loving and creating. The child has the obligation and responsibility towards their parents. Only when they are adults will they make decisions on their own.

In Biblical times, and in many societies today, children are responsible for caring for elderly parents, providing for their needs. In our culture today, too often kids have more rights than responsibilities, and oftentimes long before they are able to handle them. If we follow the Commandment of Jesus to love others and treat them as we would want to be treated, everyone is included, children too.

## Prayer

Jesus, now I can tell everyone that you are Christ, our Savior.

## Mission for the Week

I will share my favorite Bible verse about Jesus with a friend.

## Sharing the Gospel

In this Gospel, Jesus asked his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ, the Messiah, the Savior. It is hard to keep a secret. When you are told a secret, the first thing you want to do is tell everyone you meet. If you were blind and Jesus made you see, it would be difficult to keep it a secret. You would probably run here and there telling everyone.

Now color the picture! →

Which picture name **begins** with this letter?  
Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

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# VIA FIDELIS:

## THE FAITHFUL WAY

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### Catechesis

Grow deeper in the knowledge  
of our Church's teachings.

# 2026

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This month's *Via Fidelis* activity is to "Look on an apologetics website, such as *Catholic Answers*, to be able to respond to questions you are commonly asked about our faith." I want to explain what "apologetics" is and how it can be an important tool to understand and share the faith with others.

In English, the word "apology" has taken on a very different meaning since the 1500s. Today, when we apologize, we are admitting wrongdoing and asking for forgiveness from someone we have hurt or mistreated. The original meaning, stemming from the Greek word *apologia*, is to formally defend a position or belief. As Catholic Christians, we are called to apologize in both senses of the word. It is an extension of the Great Commission to baptize and share the Good News with those around us.

First, learning how to defend our faith deepens our understanding of what we believe. This involves doing in-depth research of *why* the Church teaches what it has for the past 2,000 years. As Catholics, we have the great gift of the writings of the saints and Fathers of the Church who have defended Christ throughout history. Instead of "reinventing the wheel" and attempting to justify the *why* on our own, let us remember that the wisdom of the Church has been passed down through an unbroken series of St. Peter's successors. This takes the pressure off us to make any final argument, and we are never alone.

Second, as a tool to share with others, apologetics relies on the reality of Jesus' ministry. He was prefigured throughout the Old Testament and continues to dwell among us in society and in tabernacles around the world. Christ himself stressed the urgency of sharing the Gospel message in parables, such as in the Sermon on the Mount, where he said, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father" (Mt 5:14-16).

Finally, I want to emphasize that sometimes the most effective way to defend our faith is to live it out in our own families and in society. When we bear the love of Christ Jesus to the world, he will call those who are searching for the truth to ask us questions about the Catholic Church. So, as you share this faith with those who do not believe or who are longing to "come home" to the Church, begin with a prayer in your hearts to the Holy Spirit to guide you in charity and humility. All good work, especially evangelization and witness to truth, should be credited to God alone who speaks through us.



## UNDERSTAND THE FAITH YEAR 2 STUDY GUIDES

*Monthly study guides can be used in personal prayer and for small group reflection.*

# AUGUST 2026

### SCRIPTURE

Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17

### REFLECT:

1. In this passage, Paul urges Timothy to persevere in the faith, even amid difficulty and persecution. What can help us persevere in difficult times in our lives?
2. Paul asks Timothy to hold on to what he has been taught, especially in difficulty. How has the faith that you have been taught proven to be beneficial to you at various times in your life?
3. In this passage that would become part of Christian Scripture itself, Paul highlights the divine inspiration of Scripture and how it can be useful for the Christian life. Where do you encounter and engage in Scripture in your own life?

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### READ: A selection from *Via Fidelis* — Catechetics in the Parish (pg. 28)

In our intellectual tradition, St. Jerome was a translator of the Bible from Greek and Hebrew to the Latin Vulgate. He did this because the majority of believers spoke Latin, and the Church wanted the faithful to hear and understand the Word of God. In his work, the saint-scholar said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

We cannot know who Jesus Christ is, or follow his way, or discern his will if we are not well-versed in the Scriptures that contain the prophecies and promises of his arrival, the sacred institutions that paved his way, the account of his life and teachings and the proclamation of his Paschal mystery by which we are saved. We can have no confidence in our knowledge of the Lord Jesus without the inspired Word of God. As followers of the Lord, we need to read, study and pray over the sacred Scriptures.

It is a sad observation that we Catholic Christians have a stigma of not reading the Bible outside of the context of the Mass. Our Protestant neighbors have many of the Lord's words, and the words of St. Paul about him, memorized by heart. We can learn from their example.

Our lack of exposure to the Bible can be effectively diminished by attending daily Mass, which is always highly recommended by the Church. For most people, however, daily Mass is not possible because of work and family commitments. For many believers, the best time to study the Bible is at home or in their parish.

### REFLECT:

1. In this selection we encounter St. Jerome's famous axiom: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." What do you think this means?
2. What are some concrete ways to engage with Scripture on a regular basis?
3. If you regularly read the Bible, what difference has this made in your life? If you have not had much experience with Scripture, what difference do you think it could make?



## STATEWIDE



96 parishes



20 missions



32 schools



30 seminarians



109 diocesan  
priests



16 campus  
ministries



85 youth ministry  
programs



246 permanent  
deacons



8 Catholic Charities  
of SC locations

## OPTIONS FOR GIVING

Each family is asked to prayerfully consider a contribution in one of the following ways:

- A ONE-TIME GIFT
- A PLEDGE that is payable over 10 months
- An AUTOMATICALLY RECURRING GIFT that continues until you elect otherwise (*must be fulfilled electronically*).

SCAN QR CODE TO DONATE



To make a donation using stocks or mutual funds, please visit our website for instruction: [charlestondiocese.org/catholic-appeal](http://charlestondiocese.org/catholic-appeal)

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(Based on 10-month pledge)

| Daily Sacrifice | Monthly Sacrifice | Total Gift |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------|
| \$32.68         | \$1,000           | \$10,000   |
| \$16.34         | \$500             | \$5,000    |
| \$8.17          | \$250             | \$2,500    |
| \$5.00          | \$150             | \$1,500    |
| \$2.50          | \$75              | \$750      |
| \$1.67          | \$50              | \$500      |
| 83¢             | \$25              | \$250      |

NOTE: A 10% down payment is encouraged but not required.

## His Garden Society

His Garden Society, offers a special way to join the Bishop as he leads the flock. Members of His Garden Society take a leadership role in supporting the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina with an annual gift of \$1,500 or more, or with a recurring monthly gift.

## HIS GARDEN SOCIETY GIVING LEVELS

| St. Francis Circle | Any monthly recurring gifts |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Camellia Circle    | \$1,500 - \$4,499           |
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# YOUTH GROUP

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BIBLE TALK

AGES 13-17

WEDNESDAY  
6:30P-8:00P

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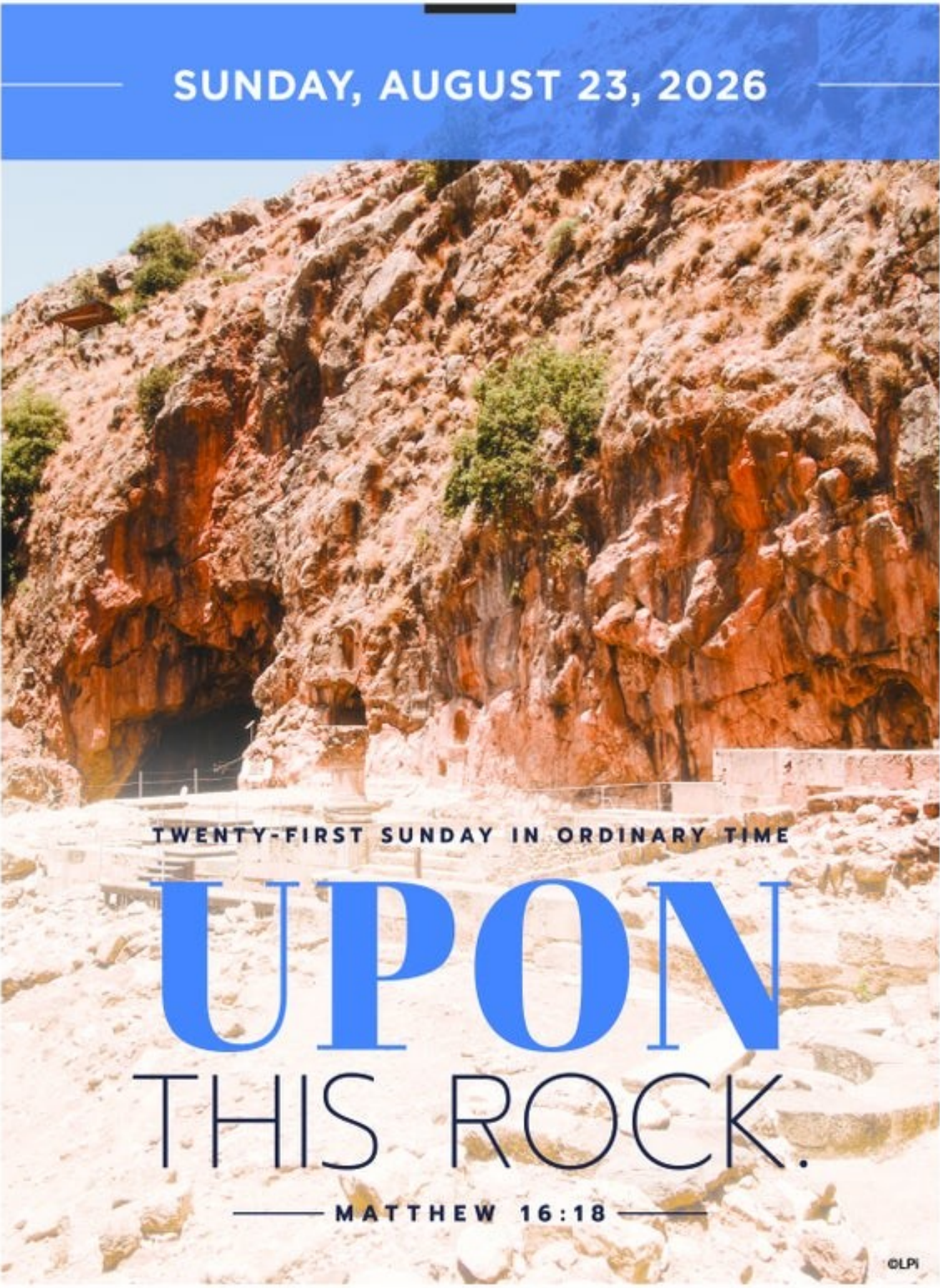
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# UPON THIS ROCK.

MATTHEW 16:18