

August 23, 2020 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mon., Aug. 24th No Mass on Monday (*St. Bartholomew*)
 Tues., Aug. 25th 9:00 am Weekday Mass
 Wed., Aug. 26th 9:00 am Weekday Mass
 Thurs., Aug. 27th 9:00 am Weekday Mass (*St. Monica*)
 Fri., Aug. 28th 9:00 am Weekday Mass (*St. Augustine*)
 Sat., Aug. 29th 5:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Day
 Sun., Aug. 30th Masses of the Lord's Day at 8:30 am & 10:30 am



"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church ..."
(Matthew 16:18)



Rev. Fr. Vladimir Chvets (1951-2020) Father Chvets died this past week on August 15th. He had been the Pastor of the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Transfiguration in the "East End" of Thunder Bay for 30 years. May he rest in peace.



Bishop Colli's Schedule August 24th to September 6th On vacation: Away from the Diocese



PRIEST ASSIGNMENTS IN THE DIOCESE: Effective on September 14, 2020

Bishop Colli recently announced the following clergy moves:

Fr. Gino Mathias (*Pastor of the Parishes of Holy Saviour in Marathon and Our Lady of Lourdes in Manitouwadge*) is now appointed Pastor of the Parishes of St. Mary in Fort Frances and Our Lady of Lourdes in Couchching.

Fr. Jerome Nnanna (*Pastor of the Parishes of St. Anne in the Fort William First Nation and Kitchitwa Kateri in Thunder Bay*) is now appointed Pastor of the Parishes of Holy Saviour in Marathon and Our Lady of Lourdes in Manitouwadge.

Fr. Gerry McDougall, S.J. (*Pastor of Parishes in the Diocese of Sault Ste Marie*) is now appointed Pastor of the Parishes of St. Anne in the Fort William First Nation and Kitchitwa Kateri in Thunder Bay.

Fr. Biju Mathew (*Temporary Administrator of the Parishes of St. Mary in Fort Frances and Our Lady of Lourdes in Couchching*) will resume his ministry as a "fill-in" priest, residing at the Cathedral Rectory.

Fr. Berchmans Francis ("fill-in" priest, residing at the Cathedral Rectory) will resume his ministry as a "fill-in" priest, but will now reside at St. Casimir's Parish Rectory in Thunder Bay.

LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION & DONATIONS

Last Sunday's Collection	\$ 3,843.90
Online Donations (<i>week of August 9-16</i>)	520.00
Catholic Missions Collection	763.00
Donations for Sacraments	400.00
Votive Candles	148.00
St. Anthony's Poor Donations	63.35



YOU WERE ASKING . . . by Msgr. P. Stilla

Q. In this Sunday's Gospel, why did Jesus change Simon's name to Peter but did not do the same for the other Apostles?

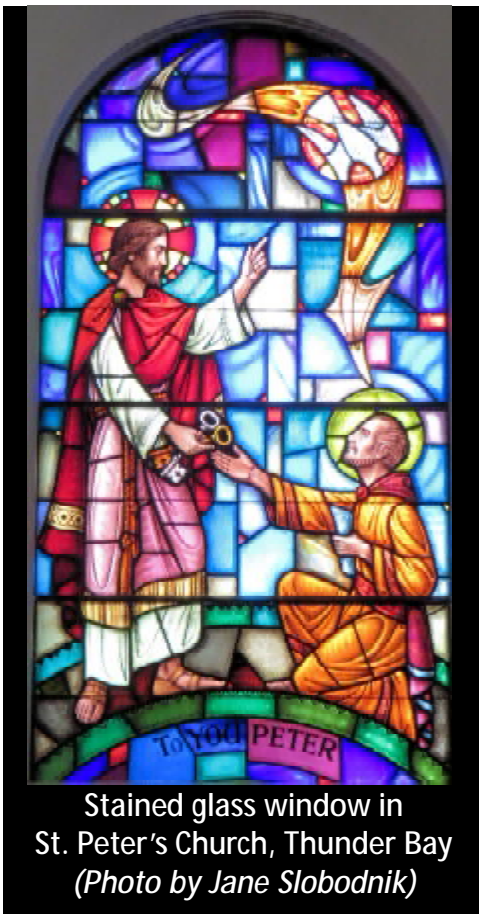
A. Jesus changed Simon's name because He planned to give to this one Apostle a mandate over and above the role of Apostle. The Change of Names in the Bible Though not considered very important in our culture, the change of one's name in the Jewish Faith and culture has always been significantly meaningful. The Bible tells us that in the salvation history of the Jews, whenever God changed one's name, it meant that He planned to mandate that person to a special leadership role, a role that was usually specified in the new name. For example, in the Book of Genesis (17:5), Yahweh changed Abram's name to 'Abraham', (*the Father of many nations*). Then, later on, in Genesis (35: 10), God changed

that chosen one for a new role of leadership in His Church. When He first met Simon, (*John 1:42*), Jesus changed his name to 'Peter', (*'rock'*), something that He did not do with anyone else, as you say. The "Keys" of the Kingdom Jesus then clearly specifies the mandate He wishes to give to Simon/Peter in this Sunday's

Gospel, when He says, "*You are Peter, and upon this rock (you), I will build my Church and I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven*". Jesus here is referring not to His Kingdom in the world to come but to His Kingdom here on earth, which he established by his birth, death and resurrection. The "keys", then, are symbolic of the mandate of leadership that Jesus

Abraham's grandson's name from 'Jacob' to 'Israel' (*Prince of God*). Jesus Continues the Tradition To know the Old Testament is to better understand the actions of Jesus in the New Testament. When He founded His Church on earth the Lord chose the 12 Apostles to continue to preach the Good News. By changing the name of one of them, He signalled His desire to mandate

gives to Peter 'in this new Kingdom on earth. Then, Jesus assures Peter that "*the gates of Hell (evil) will not prevail against it*", because the Lord will defend His Kingdom against the forces of evil. Finally, Jesus says, "*Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven*". Jesus' mandate to Peter is clearly apparent!



Stained glass window in St. Peter's Church, Thunder Bay (Photo by Jane Slobodnik)



Catholic Women's League

TALK SUMMARIES ONLINE
Presentation summaries from the recently announced "Summer Speakers Series", (A focus on Care for Our Common Home, Women in the Church, and the League of the Future), which took place this past week can now be accessed on this website. Click on the CWL/KC/Men's Group tab on our homepage. Next week, the full presentations will be uploaded to the National League Website for viewing. In the meantime please refer to the summaries. Watch for updates in the Parish bulletin. Surprises are coming ...!



Knights of Columbus



Spaghetti Take-out Thursday
August 27: 2:00 to 5:30pm
Columbus Centre: 623-3252.

REGISTRATION FOR R.C.I.A. 2021

This R.C.I.A. Process is for:

- ◆ non baptized adults;
- ◆ baptized adults of other Faiths who now wish to join the Catholic Church,
- ◆ adult Catholics who now wish to be Confirmed.

~ To register, call the Parish Office (622-5389).

A WARM WELCOME BACK TO THE SOCIETY OF JESUS!

Father Gerry McDougall, S.J. will be returning to Thunder Bay and the Jesuit presence here will again be restored!