

JUNE 29, 2025

# MYOCN PEW PALS



## The Feast of Sts Peter and Paul, the Holy Apostles

### WHO DO YOU SAY I AM

#### Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13–19

Jesus was walking with His disciples when He asked them, “Who do people say that I am?” The disciples answered, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” But then Jesus asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus was very pleased with Peter’s answer and said, “You are Peter, and on this rock I will build My Church.” Jesus promised that nothing could destroy His Church and gave Peter the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven.

#### Jesus is the Son of God, and He gives us a place in His Church.

Jesus praised Peter for having faith and understanding who He really is—not just a prophet, but the Son of God. This reminds us that knowing and following Jesus is the most important thing we can do. Jesus also shows us how important the Church is, and that we all belong to it like one big family.

### Family Homework

**Family Talk Walk:** Go for a walk and talk about how each family member can be bold in their faith.

**Build a Church Together :** Use blocks, Legos or cardboard to build a little “church”.

### Memory Verse

**“You are the Christ, the  
Son of the Living God.”  
Matthew 16:16**



## CRAFT - Rock of Faith

### MATERIALS:

Smooth, medium sized rock  
Acrylic paint or paint pens  
Paintbrushes  
Stickers & Decorations (optional)  
Permanent Markers  
Clear Mod Podge (optional sealant)



### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The name “Peter” means “rock” and Jesus built His Church on Peter’s strong faith.
2. Decorate one side of the rock with the words, “Faith in Jesus” or “Jesus is the Christ”
3. Decorate the other side of the rock with crosses, a church, hearts, etc.
4. Once dried you can use Mod Podge to seal and make it shiny (Optional Step)
5. As you paint your rock, remember how strong Peter’s faith was. Jesus wants our hearts to be strong like a rock too – firm in love, kindness and belief in Him!

## DISCUSSION PROMPT

**“Peter made mistakes, and Paul started out hurting Christians—yet God still chose them. What does that tell us about God’s love and how He uses us?”**

## SAINT STORIES

### COSMAS & DAMIAN THE HOLY UNMERCENARIES

Cosmas and Damian were twin brothers who loved Jesus very much. They lived a long time ago and became doctors. But unlike most doctors, they never took money for helping people—they gave medicine and care for free because they believed healing was a gift from God.

People called them the “Unmercenary Healers” because they gave everything and asked for nothing. Cosmas and Damian also prayed with their patients, and many people were healed through their prayers and faith in Christ. Because of their great love, many people began to believe in Jesus. Even when they were treated badly for being Christians, they stayed strong in their faith.

The Church remembers them as saints who used their gifts to serve others and glorify God.  
**Commemorated on July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

