Dear Friends in Christ,

In the second reading for the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time of year A (Gospel from Saint Matthew), we hear Saint Paul in the letter to the Romans talk about the Wisdom and Knowledge of God. How deep and rich they are! “Who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been His counselor?”

God’s wisdom and knowledge go far beyond our understanding and imagination; they are above our knowing and searching. The creation: the universe (the big and small worlds), the human being (body, mind, and spirit), and His laws, commandments, and decrees tell us the wisdom of God.

In today’s gospel God’s wisdom is shown to us again through Jesus’ selecting Simon to be Peter (the rock), affirming upon this rock He will build His Church, and giving him the Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. Through the Gospel we know who Peter is and what he has said and done. He was an uneducated man—a fisherman; he misunderstood His Master’s teachings; he was weak or we could say he was a coward. He actually was not fit to be the Rock upon whom Jesus would build His Church, but here again; the Wisdom of God goes beyond our understanding!

Through centuries, the Church, under the leadership of Peter and his successors (now Pope Francis), especially under the guidance of God’s wisdom through the Holy Spirit, continues to stand firm and grow stronger to proclaim the goodness of the Lord, the truth of the Gospel and to bring the salvation to the world despite any challenges and difficulties coming from inside and outside.

God chose the weak and made them strong to do His works! God chose the ordinary men to do the extraordinary works! It is God’s wisdom. The Pope, Bishops, and Priests are ordinary men, but God chose them to do the extraordinary things for His Church. They have their own weaknesses and strengths, but the wisdom and the strength of God are with them.

Let us continue to pray for the Church and its shepherds. May God’s wisdom always be with the Church and its shepherds. And let us also show our fidelity to the Church no matter what happens for this is the Church that Jesus established and built on the Rock/Peter.

The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament is one of the evidences that He keeps His promise to be with His Church to the end and no power can destroy it. Remember the Boat/the Church will never be sunk under the water by the strong waves or wind, nor will it be broken for there is Jesus on the Boat or in the Church.

Keep your faith in Jesus Christ; be faithful to His Church; remain in His Church.

Peace in Christ,
Fr. Tien

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I plead with you – never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discourage. Be not afraid. ~Saint John-Paul II~
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**DAILY MASS**
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**SUNDAY MASS**
**Outside Mass in our upper parking lot (bring a chair)** or Live Stream from your home or your car in our parking lot.

**Our Sunday Mass is at 8:00 a.m. in English**
(For those viewing Mass in your car, our ushers will give you our password if you need it)

Our condolences are extended to the family of Natalie Bucki who passed away this week. May Natalie’s soul, along with all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in God’s loving peace.

Our Sanctuary Lamp this week is in memory of Deborah J. Swanson-Busby by Charlene Swanson Galbrecht.

There are still many boxes of offertory envelopes in the foyer of the church. You can pick them up after Mass on Sunday or in the church during the week from 10 am until 3 pm.

Never regret a day in your life: good days give happiness, bad days give experience, worst days give lessons, and the best days give memories.

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**What does love look like?** It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.

~ Saint Augustine ~

*Feast Day - August 28*