

## This Week's Readings

### First Reading: Acts 12: 1-11.

Peter is released from prison by the power of God.

### Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 8, 17-18.

Paul recognizes that the power he has been exercising has been  
Christ's, not his own.

### Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-19.

Peter identifies Jesus as the Christ, but not of himself. It is the power  
of God speaking through him. And he is given by Jesus the keys to  
the kingdom of heaven.

## Points for Reflection

When confronted with the task of trying to bring justice, sanity, peace and order into the world we live in, anyone of us will feel terrified by his inadequacy, his weakness.

The task facing Peter and Paul may well have seemed beyond human resources – to persuade the people of the over-ripe civilization of the Roman Empire that God himself had come among them to show them the power of Love.

Peter was a poor fisherman; Paul suffered from some physical disability; how were they to spread the Good News in the face of so many difficulties? Both recognized the impossibility of it in human terms, but trusted that in the power of Christ they could do it. They acknowledged that they were poor tools only, but allowed themselves to be wielded by the hand of God.

God will show his power through us, too, if we, in the imitation of Saints Peter and Paul, do not allow fear, pusillanimity, cowardice or pride to hold us back.

This, of course, is not power as the world understands it, but the power of a Love that can renew our lives, and, through us, can renew the whole world.

*“Father, we thank you for the love you have shown us,  
and ask that you will use us as your messengers”.*



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## Announcements for the summer



1. The 6:00 pm Saturday evening Mass in English will be discontinued during the summer months of July and August, as many of our English-speaking parishioners will be leaving Hong Kong for the summer holiday. The Mass will resume again on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September.
  
2. On Tuesdays from 16<sup>th</sup> September to 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008, our parish will hold the *Alpha Course* in English with Cantonese subtitles. The course is a great way to get to know other parishioners, and to explore your faith in a relaxed environment. There will be 12 Tuesday evening sessions and one half-day Saturday retreat. Each session includes a shared meal, a talk and a small-group discussion. If you are interested in learning more about how you can register to attend (and/or invite your friends to register and attend), please contact Mrs Carla Basto Clark at 9861 0453; or Mrs Anna Boon on 64920590 or by e-mail at [sacredheart.hk@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheart.hk@gmail.com)
  
3. We are currently looking for Cantonese-speaking volunteers who are willing and able to help with the running of the Alpha Course. If you are interested, please look for Ms Carla Basto Clark after Mass or contact her by phone or by e-mail (see details above).

