

## **21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Theme: Pope Francis**

### **Introduction**

**“You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church” we hear in today’s Gospel. The successor of St. Peter today is Pope Francis.**

**Pope Francis has captured the heart of the world Catholic and non-Catholic. His determination to allow the Church be “poor and messy” as he would say , has resulted in millions applauding his reaching out to the marginalized of our society. He is a man of firm and decisive action.**

### **Rio**

**Millions flocked the streets of Rio recently to see this dynamic pope. But who is Pope Francis .He is Jorge Mario Bergoglio an Argentinian with a wonderful smile and a huge heart. But the people did not line the streets to see Jorge Beroglio. No they came to see Pope Francis . Why are they determined to see Pope Francis? Because he is the pope.**

**He is the successor of St. Peter. He is our father on earth The people who line the streets during Papal visits and who fill the Piazza San Pedro for Sunday Blesings and weekly audiences all know it is not just the man they are honoring ; it is the office that the man holds they deeply respect.**

**During one his overseas trips a Baptist minister was heard to say "this man knows how to pope." AMEN.**