

“But who do you say that I am?”

In this morning’s Gospel, Our Lord asks this question of His disciples. And in turn, he asks us this question as well.

Anything short of “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God,” given in response would imply that we are somehow ‘selling God short’ in what it is that He can be in our lives.

Today is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the patrons of the city of Rome.

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear Saint Peter say, “Now I know for certain that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me,” and in the second reading, Saint Paul states, “the Lord stood by me and gave me strength ... [He] will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly Kingdom.”

And in the responsorial Psalm, we said, “the angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him.”

This brings to mind Saint Paul’s answer to his own question near the end of the eighth chapter of Romans, “What will separate us from the love of Christ?” he asks. And a few lines later responds with “For I am convinced that [nothing] will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Let us go out from receiving the Spiritual nourishment at this altar with that idea firmly in our hearts as we begin our day consecrated to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.