

*Jesus Gives Peter the Keys of the Kingdom  
Jesus Gives Luisa the Key of His Divine Will  
Gospel Reading for February 22, 2017  
With Divine Will Truths*

*Matt 16: 13-19*

*When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'*

***III. The Mysteries of Jesus' Public Life  
"The Keys of the Kingdom"***

*552 Simon Peter holds the first place in the college of the Twelve;283 Jesus entrusted a unique mission to him. Through a revelation from the Father, Peter had confessed: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Our Lord then declared to him: "You are Peter, and on this Rock I will build My Church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it."284 Christ, the "Living Stone,"285 thus assures his Church, built on Peter, of Victory over the powers of death. Because of the faith he confessed Peter will remain the unshakeable Rock of the Church. His mission will be to keep this faith from every lapse and to strengthen his brothers in it.286*

*553 Jesus entrusted a specific authority to Peter: "I will give you the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven."287 The "Power of the Keys" designates authority to govern the House of God, which is the Church. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, confirmed this mandate after His Resurrection: "Feed My sheep."288 The power to "bind and loose" connotes the authority to absolve sins, to pronounce doctrinal judgments, and to make disciplinary decisions in the Church. Jesus entrusted this authority to the Church through the ministry of the*

*apostles289 and in particular through the ministry of Peter, the only one to whom He specifically Entrusted the Keys of the Kingdom.*

***From the Book of Heaven***

***V6 – Mar. 2, 1905*** - *Continuing in my usual state, I found myself outside of myself, and I found myself with a Key in my hand; and even though I was covering a long way and sometimes I would get distracted, yet, as soon as I would think about the Key, I would always find it in my hand. Now, I could see that this Key served to Open a Palace, and inside of it there was Baby Jesus, sleeping; but I could see everything from afar, and I was all in haste – in a hurry to go there and Open It, for fear that He might wake up, that He might Cry, and would not find me near Him. So I hastened more and more, but when I got there, just about to go up, I found myself inside myself, and I remained concerned. However, afterwards, when Blessed Jesus came, He told me: “My daughter, the Key that you always found in your hand is the Key of My Will which I have placed in your hands; and one who has an object in his hand can do with it whatever he wants.”*

***V7 – Jul. 17, 1907*** - *This morning I saw blessed Jesus with a Key in His Hand, and He said to me: “My daughter, this Key is the Key of My Will. It befits one who Lives in My Will to have the Key in order to Open and close as she pleases, and to take whatever she likes of My Treasures. In fact, by Living of My Will, she will look after My Treasures more than if they were her own, because all that is Mine is hers, and she will not spoil them; rather, she will give them to others, or will take for herself whatever can give Me more Honor and Glory. Therefore, behold, I deliver the Key to you – look after My Treasures.”*

***FIAT!***