

November 9th: Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Gospel text (*Jn 2:13-22*): Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."



Illustration: Pau Morales

Today we feel very close to the Bishop of Rome. We think sometimes that the Vatican is the "cathedral" of the Catholic Church, but it is not like that really! The Universal Church exists and is incarnated in the Particular Churches, that is, the dioceses. Above them the one of Rome stands out because "it presides over the charity". In any case, Jesus Christ -the true Temple of God- is in all those Particular Churches.

- Jesus entrusted Simon Peter to watch over the faith of the faithful. Peter established his See in Rome and, since then, all the Popes who succeed him carry out their mission from there, being his cathedral the Basilica of St. John Lateran.