

Feast Day:
June 29

Patron Saint:
Fishermen, Net
Makers, and
Ship Builders

Saint Peter was a fisherman of Galilee, named Simon, and the son of John. His brother, Andrew, introduced him to Christ about whom they had probably heard from John the Baptist, and he became His disciple, ultimately giving up his family and possessions to follow Him. Christ changed his name to Peter (Rock) and made him the Rock on which His Church was to be built. After His Resurrection, Jesus conferred the primacy on Peter and he became the Vicar of Christ and the head of the Apostles, the first Pope.

The Gospels speak about Peter more than any other Apostle. He was honored on many occasions; several miracles were performed for his benefit; Christ stayed at his home, preached from his boat, sent him the first message of the Resurrection, and appeared to him personally. Often Peter acted as spokesman for the other Apostles. Finally, mention is made of his defects: his anger, imperfect faith, impetuosity, and his triple denial of Christ.



After the Ascension, Peter began his work as head of the Church. He directed the election of

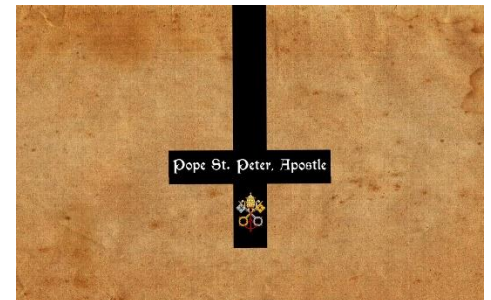
Matthias, delivered the first public Apostolic sermon, cure a man lame from birth, and received a Divine commission to receive Gentiles into the Church. After the execution of James, the brother of John, by Herod Agrippa, Peter was miraculously rescued from prison. He presided at the Apostolic Council of Jerusalem in the year 50, when it was officially declared that the Gentile converts to the Faith were not subject to the Jewish law of circumcision. Afterward, he went to Antioch, where it was decided that not even the Jews were bound to observe the Mosaic Law.

Saint Peter dwelt in Rome intermittently for 25 years as founder and first Bishop of the Church there. Finally, in the last year of Nero's reign, 67, he was crucified with his head downward, at his own request, not deeming himself worthy to die as did his Divine Master. Two Epistles of the New Testament are attributed to him and the Gospel of Saint Mark, who was his disciple, has been called "The Gospel of Peter."



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How to Pray the Chaplet of St. Peter



Opening Prayer on the Crucifix: O Holy Apostle, you are the Rock upon which Almighty God has built His Church. Obtain for me I pray you: lively faith, firm hope, and burning love, complete detachment from myself, contempt of the world, patience in adversity, humility in prosperity, recollection in prayer, purity of heart, a right intention in all my works, diligence in fulfilling the duties of my state of life, constancy in my resolutions, resignation to the will of God and perseverance in the grace of God even unto death; that so, by means of your intercession and your glorious merits, I may be made worthy to appear before the Chief and Eternal Shepherd of Souls, Jesus Christ, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns forever.

3 Sets of 3 Beads As Follows:

1. St. Peter, when Jesus told you and your brother to follow Him and become fishers of men, you dropped your nets at once and followed Him. Such was your zeal. Intercede on my behalf that I may follow Jesus promptly when He calls. *Our Father*
2. St. Peter, when Jesus asked who His disciples said that He was, you exclaimed that He was the Son of God, a bold proclamation of what was revealed to you by the Father. Such was your zeal. Intercede on my behalf that I may be bold in proclaiming the good news. *Our Father*
3. St. Peter, when Jesus walked on water to the boat bearing the disciples during a terrible storm, you made a bold request that Jesus call to you to walk out to Him on the giant waves. Such was your zeal. Intercede on my behalf that I may yearn to walk on deeper waters, relying on Jesus alone. *Our Father*

1. St. Peter, when Jesus went to wash your feet, you told Him that He would never wash your feet; you viewed Him as your Master and only servants wash feet. However, when He told you that you would have no inheritance with Him if He did not wash you, you asked that He wash all of you as well as your feet. Such was your zeal. Intercede on my behalf that I may not be embarrassed by the parts of me that are unclean but ask Jesus fervently to wash all of me clean. *Hail Mary*

2. St. Peter, when Jesus was placed on trial, you three times denied knowing Him, but after His Resurrection, when you heard He was at the shore, you were so eager to see Him, even though He would surely have known how you hurt Him, that you leapt from your boat and swam to Him. Such was your zeal. Intercede on my behalf that I may run to Jesus for reconciliation, no matter how much I have hurt Him by my actions. *Hail Mary*
3. St. Peter, when Jesus asked you if you loved Him with an “agape” (unconditional) love, knowing how you had denied Him, you responded that you loved Him with a “philia” (brotherly) love. Such was your humility. Intercede on my behalf that I may be honest with myself and with Jesus about how much I love Him, so that I may grow in love. *Hail Mary*

1. St. Peter, after the Holy Spirit descended on you at Pentecost, you went out to the streets to

proclaim the Gospel even though you knew it would most likely lead to your imprisonment and death. Such was your zeal. Intercede on my behalf that I may have the courage to speak and to act in accordance with God’s will. *Glory Be*

2. St. Peter, when you were imprisoned for preaching the Gospel, an angel led you out of the prison to the city gates. After your release, you continued preaching the Gospel. Such was your fortitude. Intercede on my behalf that I may be persistent in doing the work of God. *Glory Be*
3. St. Peter, when you were martyred by crucifixion, you said that you were not fit to die the same death as your Master and asked to be crucified upside down. Such was your zeal. Intercede on my behalf that I may have a fraction of the zeal to pursue God you had during your life on Earth. *Glory Be*

Closing Prayer on the Medal: O God, who has given unto Thy blessed Apostle Peter the keys to the kingdom of heaven, and the power to bind and loose: grant that we may be delivered, through the help of this intercession, from the slavery of all our sins: Who lives and reigns world without end. Amen.

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