



LITURGICAL LIVING



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Biblical Figures

The 2nd reading read on the 1st Sunday of Lent is taken from the 1st Letter of **St Peter**. Peter, whose birth name was Simon, was a native of Bethsaida, near Lake Tiberias, and was the son of Jonah. He and his brother Andrew were fishermen on Lake Gennesareth. After being called to be an Apostle and follow Jesus, Simon was given a new name – Peter, and Jesus told him that he would be the rock on which he would build his Church. During Jesus' passion, Peter denied Jesus 3 times but, after his Resurrection, Jesus also asked Peter 3 times to 'feed his sheep/lambs'. Peter was the 1st Bishop of Rome and thus the 1st Pope. He died in Rome and is the author of 2 New Testament Letters.

Did you know?

1. On February 22 we celebrate the feast of the 'Chair of St Peter'. This feast celebrates both an actual, physical, very old chair housed at the back of St Peter's Basilica *and* the spiritual authority that the chair represents, passed down through apostolic succession from St Peter to our current Holy Father. The visible chair is very fancy and baroque and was build around the original plain oak armchair. We know for sure that the inner chair is very old, but it is not certain that it dates to apostolic times or that St Peter actually sat in it.
2. Pope Francis is the 266th Pope of the Catholic Church. His name is Jorge Mario Bergoglio and was born in Buenos Aires on December 17, 1936. He earned a chemical technician's diploma from his high school and became a Jesuit priest in 1969. Pope St John Paul II appointed him as a Bishop in 1992 and created him a Cardinal in 2001. On March 13, 2013 he became the first Pope of the Americas after being elected at the age of 76 and took the name of Francis (he is the 1st Pope to have taken that name) Here is a link to an excellent biography: <https://www.amazon.com/Great-Reformer-Francis-Making-Radical/dp/1250074991>

Tip of the week!

The Sunday Liturgy is always very important, but during Lent it helps us embark upon a journey that can help us answer the call we received on Ash Wednesday to 'repent and believe in the Good News'. This is an excellent website for children: <https://bekids.mt/temptation/> whereas these websites are more suitable for adults: <https://www.laikos.org/Randan.htm> and: <https://liturgy.slu.edu/1LentB022121/main.html>
Here is also a link to this weekend's Pastoral Letter: <https://knisja.mt/nibnu-socjeta-ta-ghozza-u-solidarjeta/>