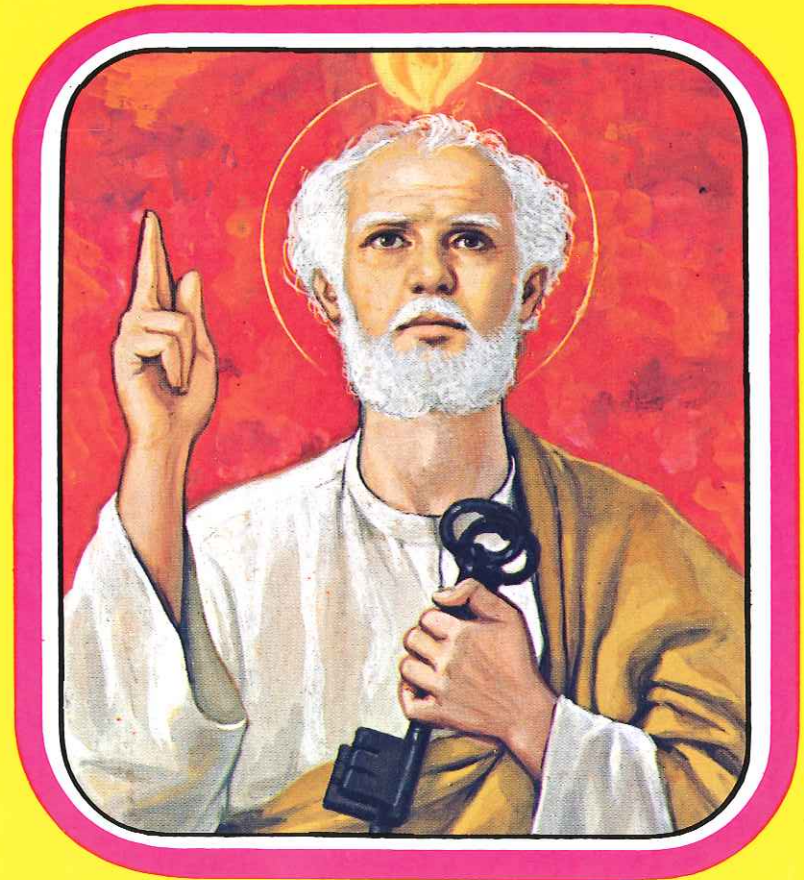


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# SAINT PETER the Apostle



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## PETER IS CALLED TO BE AN APOSTLE

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**O**NE day when John the Baptist was with two of his disciples, Jesus passed by. John said: "Look, there is the Lamb of God."

The two disciples left their master standing there and followed Jesus at a distance. Jesus turned and saw them following. "What do you want?" He asked.

They said: "Master, where do You live?"

"Come and see," He replied. So they went and saw where He lived, and stayed with Him the rest of that day

One of the two men who visited Jesus that day was named Andrew, and he had a brother named Simon.

Early the next morning, Andrew said to Simon: "We have found the Messiah." And he brought Simon to Jesus.



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## PETER RECEIVES A NEW NAME

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**S**IMON is more often called Peter, or Simon Peter. That is because Jesus, when He first met Simon, gave him a new name. He told him: "You shall be called Peter."

Jesus used the word "Cephas," which meant "rock" in the language spoken in the Holy Land in those times.

Peter, Andrew, and John all lived in Bethsaida, a village on the Sea of Galilee.

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## THE GREAT CATCH OF FISH

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**O**NCE Peter, James, and John had fished all night and caught nothing. Jesus told Peter to let down his nets once again.

This time they caught so many fish that the nets almost broke. Peter was afraid and knelt before Jesus.

Jesus said to him: "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." Jesus meant that Simon would bring many people into the Church.

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## PETER PAYS THE TEMPLE TAX

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**S**OME people asked Jesus to pay the temple tax that everyone had to pay in God's honor. As Son of God, Jesus did not have to pay it, but He wanted to give an example.

He told Peter to go to the lake and let down his hook. The first fish to be caught would have a silver coin in its mouth.

Peter did as Jesus said and found the coin. Filled with joy, he came back and showed the coin to Jesus. Then he paid the temple tax.

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