FEBRUARY 22, THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER

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In the ancient Roman traditions the Feast of St. Peter's Chair at Antioch was kept at Rome on this date; this custom remained unaltered down to the Sixteenth Century. The Chair of St. Peter became a symbol of the universal primacy which Peter and his successors exercised over the whole Church.

INTROIT Ecclesiasticus 45: 30 Státuit ei Dóminus testaméntum pacis, et príncipem fecit eum: ut sit illi sacerdótii dígnitas in ætérnum. (Ps. 131: 1) Meménto, Dómine, David: et omnis mansuetúdinis ejus. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sǽcula sæculórum. Amen. Státuit ei Dóminus testaméntum pacis, et príncipem fecit eum: ut sit illi sacerdótii dígnitas in ætérnum.	The Lord made to him a covenant of peace, and made him a prince: that the dignity of priesthood should be to him for ever. (Ps. 131: 1) O Lord, remember David: and all his meekness. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. The Lord made to him a covenant of peace, and made him a prince: that the dignity of priesthood should be to him for ever.
COLLECT Deus, qui beáto Petro Apóstolo tuo, collátis clávibus regni cæléstis, ligándi atque solvéndi pontifícium tradidísti: concéde; ut, intercessiónis ejus auxílio, a peccatórum nostrórum néxibus liberémur.	O God, Who, committing to blessed Peter, Thine Apostle, the keys of the heavenly kingdom, didst bestow on him the pontifical function of binding and loosing, grant that, by the help of his intercession, we may be delivered from the bonds of our sins.
(for St. Paul) Deus, qui multitúdinem géntium beáti Pauli Apóstoli prædicatióne docuísti: da nobis, quǽsumus; ut, cujus commemoratiónem cólimus, ejus apud te patrocínia sentiámus.	*(for St. Paul)* O God, Who by the preaching of the blessed Apostle Paul didst teach the multitude of the Gentiles, grant us, we pray Thee, that, honoring his commemoration, we may experience the benefit of his patronal influence with Thee.
Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sæculórum.	Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.
EPISTLE 1 Peter 1: 1-7 Petrus, Apóstolus Jesu Christi, eléctis ádvenis dispersiónis Ponti, Galátiæ, Cappadóciæ, Asiæ et Bithýniæ secúndum præsciéntiam Dei Patris, in sanctificatiónem Spíritus, in obediéntiam, et aspersiónem sánguinis Jesu Christi: grátia vobis et pax multiplicátus Benedíctus Deus et Pater Dómini nostri Jesu Christi, qui secúndum misericórdiam suam magnam regenerávit nos in spem vivam, per resurrectiónem Jesu Christi ex mórtuis, in hereditátem incorruptíbilem et incontaminátam et immarcescíbilem, conservátam in cælis in vobis, qui in virtúte Dei custodímini per fidem in salútem, parátam reveIári in témpore novíssimo. In quo exsultábitis, módicum nunc si opórtet contristári in váriis tentatiónibus: ut probátio vestræ fídei multo pretiósior auro quod per ignem probatur inveniátur in laudem et glóriam et honórem, in revelatióne Jesu Christi, Dómini nostri.	Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers dispersed through Pontus, Galatía, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, elect according to the fore-knowledge of God the Father, unto the sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience, and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ; grace unto you and peace be multiplied. Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who according to His great mercy hath regenerated us unto a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, unto an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that can not fade, reserved in heaven for you, who by the power of God are kept by faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time Wherein you shall greatly rejoice, if now you must be for a little time made sorrowful in divers temptations: that the trial of your faith, much more precious than gold (which is tried by the fire), may be found unto praise, and glory, and honour, at the appearing of Jesus Christ our Lord.
GRADUAL Psalms 106: 32, 31 Exáltent eum in Ecclésia plebis: et in cáthedra seniórum laudent eum. Confiteántur Dómino misericórdiæ ejus; et mirabília eius fíliis hóminum.	Let them exalt him in the church of the people; and praise him in the chair of the ancients. Let the mercies of the Lord give glory to him; and his wonderful works to the children of men.
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LESSER ALLELUIA Matthew 16: 18 Allelúja, allelúja. Tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram ædificábo Ecclésiam meam.Allelúja.	Alleluia, alleluia. Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church. Alleluia.
TRACT Matthew 16: 18-19 Tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram ædificábo Ecclésiam meam. Et portæ ínferi non prævalébunt advérsus eam: et tibi dabo claves regni cælórum. Quodcúmque ligáveris super terram, erit ligátum et in cælis. Et quodcúmque sólveris super terram, erit solútum et in cælis.	Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it; and I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of Heaven. Whatsoever thou shalt bind upon earth, it shall be bound also in Heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth, it shall be loosed also in Heaven.
GOSPEL Matthew 16: 13-19 In illo témpore: Venit Jesus in partes Cæsaréæ Philíppi, et interrogábat discípulos suos, dicens: Quem dicunt hómines esse Fílium hóminis? At illi dixérunt: Alii Joánnem Baptístam, alii autem Elíam, alii vero Jeremíam aut unum ex prophétis. Dicit illis Jesus: Vos autem quem me esse dícitis? Respóndens Simon Petrus, dixit: Tu es Christus, Fílius Dei vivi. Respóndens autem Jesus, dixit ei: Beátus es, Simon Bar Jona: quia caro et sanguis non revelávit tibi, sed Pater meus, qui in cælis est. Et ego dico tibi, quia tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram ædificábo Ecclésiam meam, et portæ ínferi non prævalébunt advérsus eam. Et tibi dabo claves regni cælórum. Et quodcúmque ligáveris super terram, erit ligátum et in cælis: et quodcúmque sólveris super terram, erit solútum et in cælis.	At that time, Jesus came into the quarters of Cæsarea Philippi, and He asked His disciples, Saying, Whom do men say that the Son of man is? But they said, Some, John the Baptist, and other some, Elias, and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. Jesus saith to them, But whom do you say that I am? Simon Peter answered, Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answering, said to him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jona, because flesh and blood hath not revealed it to thee, but My Father Who is in Heaven: and I say to thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it; and to thee I will give the keys of the kingdom of Heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt bind upon earth, it shall be bound also in Heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth, it shall be loosed also in Heaven.
OFFERTORY Matthew 16: 18-19 Tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram ædificábo Ecclésiam meam: et portæ inferi non prævalébunt advérsus eam: et tibi dabo claves regni cælórum.	Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it; and I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of Heaven.
SECRET Ecclésiæ tuæ, quǽsumus, Dómine, preces et hóstias beáti Petri Apóstoli comméndet orátio: ut, quod pro illíus glória celebrámus, nobis prosit ad véniam.	We beseech Thee, O Lord that the prayer of the blessed Apostle Peter may commend the sacrifices and supplications of Thy Church, so that the celebration we hold for his glory may profit for our pardon.
(for St. Paul) Apóstoli tui Pauli précibus, Dómine, plebis tuæ dona sanctífica: ut, quæ tibi tuo grata sunt institúto, gratióra fiant patrocínio supplicántis.	*for St. Paul)* Sanctify, O Lord, the offerings of Thy people by the prayer of Thine Apostle Paul, that those things which are pleasing to Thee by Thine own institution may become the more pleasing by the favor of his intercession.
Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sæculórum.	Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.
PREFACE OF THE APOSTLES Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, Te Dómine supplicíter exoráre, ut gregem Tuum pastor ætérne, non déseras: sed per beátos Apóstolos tuos contínua protectióne custódias. Ut iísdem rectóribus gubernétur, quos óperis Tui vicários eidem contulísti præésse pastóres. Et ídeo cum Ángelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et Dominatiónibus, cumque omni milítia cæléstis exércitus, hymnum glóriæ Tuæ cánimus sine fine dicéntes:	It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, to entreat Thee humbly, O Lord, that Thou wouldst not desert Thy flock, O everlasting Shepherd, but, through Thy blessed Apostles, wouldst keep it under Thy constant protection; that it may be governed by those same rulers, whom as vicars of Thy work, Thou didst set over it to be its pastors. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing the hymn of Thy glory, evermore saying:
COMMUNION Matthew 16: 18 Tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram ædificábo Ecclésiam meam.	Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church.
POSTCOMMUNION Lætíficet nos, Dómine, munus oblátum: ut, sicut in Apóstolo tuo Petro te mirábilem prædicámus; sic per illum tuæ sumámus indulgéntiæ largitátem.	Let the gift we offer bring us joy, O Lord, that, as we declare Thee wonderful in Thine Apostle Peter, so through him we may share the generosity of Thy forgiveness.
(for St. Paul) Sanctificáti, Dómine, salutári mystério: quǽsumus; ut nobis ejus non desit orátio, cujus nos donásti patrocínio gubernari.	*(for St. Paul)* Sanctified by the mystery of salvation, O Lord, we pray that his prayer may fail us not, by whose patronage Thou halt granted us to be governed.
Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sǽcula sæculórum.	Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.