# Peter and Paul

**Born: 1 AD**

**Died: 64AD**

**Feast Day:**

**29 June**

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These two saints were both martyred
for the faith.
Their Feast is celebrated together.

In the early Church, altars were built over the graves of the martyrs. They often became the place where the Eucharist was celebrated.

Peter, who was also known as Simon Peter or Cephas, is considered the first Pope.

Despite his papacy, Peter had humble beginnings and became one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. Peter was instrumental in bringing the Gospel to the Gentiles.

He travelled to Antioch, Corinth, and
eventually Rome.
It is believed that Peter died in Rome and that his martyrdom came during the reign of Emperor Nero, believed to be in 64 AD.

The Apostle Paul suffered martyrdom at the hands of Roman authorities between 65 and 67 A.D.

The book of Acts (22, 21) tells us that Paul's apostolic mission was to be sent "far away to the gentiles."

Acts records three journeys

He was buried by the Christian faithful. About 250 years later the Emperor Constantine built a Basilica built over his tomb.

Likewise, Constantine built a large basilica over the site of Peter's burial.

St. Paul and St. Peter are patron saints of the Eternal City