

Monday, February 22, 2021

FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE

From the *ORDO*:

“Today’s feast, attested as early as the mid-fourth century (in the *Depositio martyrum*), may have its roots as a Christian substitute for the pagan commemoration of dead relatives and friends (*Parentalia*), celebrated in Rome between 13-22 Feb. At this commemoration, a chair (*cathedra*) was left empty for particular deceased persons. Since the actual date of Peter’s death was unknown, it came to be commemorated on 22 Feb., eventually celebrating his taking pastoral responsibility of the Church of Rome.”

God Love You!

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