

**SA1175991**

## Gerrit Van Honthorst (After), Saint Peter In Penitence, 18th-Century Oil Painting

Price

**Sold****Item Reference: SA1175991****Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 112 cm (44.1")

Width = 93 cm (36.6")

Depth = 3 cm (1.2")

## Description

This skilfully rendered mid-18th-century Swedish oil painting depicts the biblical figure of Saint Peter in penitence. "Regrets, I've had a few", explained Frank Sinatra, and indeed so did Saint Peter. Upon the arrest of Jesus, Peter was questioned by those who recognised him as a follower. Despite his earlier declarations, he declined knowing Christ on three occasions when threatened by his inquisitors. Guilt and personal suffering inevitably followed. Jesus had foreseen this, stating "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times" (Luke 22:34). After his third denial, following the crow of the aforementioned rooster, he broke down and wept. Yet, Peter's story is also a tale of remorse and forgiveness, as he was later restored by Christ and became the first pope. His tomb rests under Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. Depicted here with hands clasped in prayer, sullen eyes staring forlornly towards the heavens, this image represents the overwhelming desire to turn back the clock. A brief moment of understandable fear, leading to a permanent state of inner wretchedness. The painting is a copy, produced in 1760, after the orig...

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