

SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 28

Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

St. Simon is also known as Simon the Zealot or Simeon. Not much is known about him. It is thought that he and St. Jude traveled to Persia to preach the gospel there. He is the patron saint of leather craftsmen and tanners.

St. Jude is called the saint of lost causes. He gained this patronage because his name was similar to Judas Iscariot, the betrayer of Jesus, so few people asked for his intercession. He is called Jude in the Gospel of Luke. In the Gospels of Matthew and Mark he is called Thaddeus. He is the author of the Epistle of Jude.

Both of these saints were eventually martyred.

To learn more about Saint Jude Thaddeus, visit: <https://the-shrine.org/>.

A candle can only give light if it lets itself be consumed by the flame. It would remain useless if its wax failed to nourish the fire. Allow Christ to burn in you, even at the cost of sacrifice and renunciation. (Pope Benedict XVI)

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

We are blessed to have you worship with us as we nurture each other in faith. While visiting our community, we humbly ask you to consider investing in our parish offeratory and Diocesan Appeal to help ensure our parish and Diocese can be one of your partners in faith. Thank you!

DIOCESAN APPEAL

As you plan your budget, consider a pledge. Use your bank's Bill Pay feature to set up automatic payments or use envelopes on the back table (Please change date to 23-24).

<https://thediocesanappeal.org/>



A STUDENT'S PRAYER TO ST. JUDE THADDEUS

St. Jude, stay with me. Though the journey of learning is long and often difficult, your quiet presence gives me courage.

Sustain my trust in myself, my teachers, and fellow students. Help me to let go of my fears and believe in the growth that is happening, even though I may not see it right away.

As I embark again on this mission of study, I ask for the grace to be wise in mind and word, compassionate at heart, and full of energy and zeal as I seek to learn the ways of God's world and come to understand how my gifts may serve their best purpose. Amen.

AWAKEN THE SPIRIT: Individual Virtual Retreat with Dan Schutte

Choose a retreat in September, October, or November; at your own pace, time, schedule

- 20 video reflections, music videos
- a downloadable digital workbook/journal
- opportunity for live Zoom conversation with Dan and others

For more information, visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/awakenschutte>



OCTOBER 22, 2023

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Psalms 96

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Matthew 22:15-21

MISSION SUNDAY (Special collection)

Both love and power are necessary building blocks of God's peaceful realm on earth. Love utterly redefines the nature of power. Power without love is mere brutality (even in the church), and love without power is only the sentimentality of individual lives disconnected from the Whole. The gospel in its fullness holds love and power together, creating new hope and healing for the world. [1]

Power assumes that life is lived from the top down and from the outside in. It draws its strength from elites and enforcement. As such it is efficient, clean, practical, and works well on many short-term goals. The gospel offers us the inefficient, not-so-clean, multi-layered, long-haul way of love. Love is lived much more from the bottom up and from the inside out. It's easy to see why even churches don't believe in it. It does not give ego or institution any sense of control. Often it doesn't even "work."

Perhaps one way of stating the "spiritual emergency" that Christianity faces is that many clergy and church membership were trained from the top down and the outside in. Love was the message, but power/control was the method. Holiness was in great part defined as respect for outer mediating structures: the authorities that "knew," the rituals that were automatic, the laws that kept you if you kept them, the Tradition that was supposed to be the unbroken consensus of many centuries and cultures. I am convinced that the best top-down Christianity can do is get us off to a good start and keep us inside the ballpark, which isn't bad! But it is not close to satisfactory for the great struggles of faith that people today face in family, morality, and society.

The very depth and truth of the gospel has led people to a more daring and necessary conclusion: Human life is best lived from the inside out and the bottom up. Now love is both the message and the method. Somehow our experiences, our mistakes, our dead ends are not abhorrent to God but the very stuff of salvation. There is no other way to make sense of the Bible or of every human life. Are we secure enough now to admit that there is just as much truth, maybe even more, inside our own journeys and for those living on the margins? So-called "tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you" (Matthew 21:31). Mature Christianity is perhaps when the inside meets the outside and the bottom is allowed to teach the top.

Authentic power is the ability to act from the fullness of who I am, the capacity to establish and maintain a relationship with people and things, and the freedom to give myself away. Sounds like pure gospel to me. [2]

[1] Adapted from Richard Rohr, preface to *Near Occasions of Grace* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1993), xvi.

[2] Adapted from Richard Rohr, "Mending the Breach: Love and Power," in *Grace in Action*, ed. Terry Carney and Christina Spahn (New York: Crossroad Publishing, 1994), 18-19.
from: <https://email.cac.org/t/d-e-vikxhl-idtrlydhr-w/>

SUPPORT FATHER CHRIS

Fr. Chris is going to need someone to pick him up from St. Mary's to bring him to Mass on Sundays and someone to take him back to St. Mary's after mass. Please See Kerry after Mass to sign up for one Sunday a month.

For Reflection

- ★ Do I see my possessions, time, and gifts as belonging to myself or to God? How does this perspective shape my actions?
- ★ Am I quick to take sides in conflicts or disputes? How do I relate to those on the "other side" and find common ground??

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MISSION

To care for the poor, abandoned, and the marginalized.

SCHEDULE

Mass: Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word: Tuesday, 10 a.m.

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Parish Leader

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Trustees

Michael Stensland (607) 783-2764

Richard Meyers (607) 263-5588

Parish Council Chair

Kerry L. Mess (607) 386-1951

Parish Council Members

Dana Mochovciak, Jenna Turner, Carol Tyson, Marguerite Webster

Liturgical Ministry

Marguerite Webster (607) 263-5478

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Daphne Thompson (607) 263-2410

Ministry to the Homebound

Matthew Tabone (360) 559-4098

Jenn Spivey (207) 539-5094



OCTOBER 22, 2023

Celebrant

Rev. Chris Welch

Lector: Becky Barringer

Eucharistic Minister: Diane Turner

Mass Intention

For Father Chris Welch

If you would like to request an intention for a mass, simply call the office to schedule: (607) 263-5143.

Pray for

- ✕ the deceased members of our parish and their families and friends
- ✕ the sick, their caregivers, and all who have asked for our prayers, especially Sr. Theresa Ahern MSBT, Amy O'Brien, John O'Brien, Jo Franklin, Aggi Huff, Lynn Joy, Michelle Lee, Teresa Meyers, Clara Murphy, Diane Neczesny, Maria Papendrea and sister Camella, Karina Tabone and (welcome to) new baby Thomas Tabone, Joe and Carol Tyson, Lorraine Tyson, Fr. Chris Welch, John Zaleski
- ✕ all the men and women of our parish family serving in the military and all first responders and emergency personnel: Ryan Barry, Jim Barry, Meghan Barringer

PRAYER OF THE SYNOD

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Pope Francis's intention for October: For the Synod, may the church adopt listening and dialogue at every level, and accept guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Engage in Living Community

HOLY CROSS PARISH

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Sunday, October 22, after mass-3 p.m.

AGENDA

Opening Prayer

Lectio Divina (John 15:9-17)

Lunch

Reflection on The Crocus Prayer & discussion

Joy Filled Cards & Labyrinth

Sharing of the Day

BLESSING OF MISSIONARIES

So often we think of missionaries as those people from Protestant churches that go to other countries to spread the good news. Do you realize that the United States is considered a "mission country" because we need more priests and sisters than we produce? Let us ask God's blessing on those men and women from other countries who are in our midst as priests, brothers, and sisters. And when we pray, let us also ask God to change our hearts so that we will again produce a society that brings forth more vocations.

Let us pray: God of every nation, you commissioned us to go and make disciples of all nations. When we take up your commission, we become missionaries of your Gospel. Bless all missionaries in our communities with your love that surpasses all understanding. Change our hearts so that we become the missionaries you expect us to be. We ask this through Jesus, the first missionary of your Gospel. Amen.

Upcoming Events

10/22: Special collection
Women's Retreat, after mass-3 p.m.

10/24: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

10/26: Community Prayer, 11 a.m.
(parish/villages/state/country/world)

10/27-28: Charismatic Renewal-Life in the Spirit, Church of St. Mary's, Clifton Heights, NY 6:30 p.m. / 8:30 a.m.
Register by Thursday, October 28!

10/31: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

11/02: Community Prayer, 11 a.m.
(parish/villages/state/country/world)

11/03-04: Charismatic Renewal-Life in the Spirit (see above for details)
Register by Thursday, October 28!

11/05: Parish Council meeting, after mass; Sunday school

11/07: Liturgy of the Word, 10 a.m.

11/09: Community Prayer, 11 a.m.
(parish/villages/state/country/world)

11/11: Saint Agnes/Saint John's Holiday-Bazaar, 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m., Afton Town Hall

11/12: Coffee Hour after mass to honor our veterans

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

Mass Attendance: 53

Collection: \$806.50