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Saints

What is a saint? A person acknowledged as holy or virtuous and typically regarded as being in heaven after death.

Who are saints? A **saint** is a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness or likeness or closeness to God. Depending on the religion, **saints** are recognized either by official ecclesiastical declaration, as in the Catholic faith, or by popular acclamation.

Why do we pray to saints? We pray to saints to intercede on our behalf to God. Saints have a knowledge in ways that we do not; above our comprehension.

Communion of Saints — a term which describes the spiritual bond that exists between all the members of the Church: the saints in Heaven, the souls in purgatory, and the faithful still living on earth. According to Catholic teaching, all are united with Christ and with one another in grace, prayer, and good work.

Have you ever wondered how the Church determines on what day a saint's feast day is? The vast majority of saint's are remembered on the anniversary of the day they died. This is a sort of birthday because it is the first day of their new life in Heaven with God. The saints participate in Christ's passage from life on earth, through death, to a new life. Christ's passage is called the Paschal Mystery. When we celebrate the life of a saint, we affirm our belief in this mystery. This practice also reminds us that they remain alive and offer us their friendship. —St. Mary's Press



Mass Times for All Saints Day 11/1/18:

8:30 am @ St. Vincent's

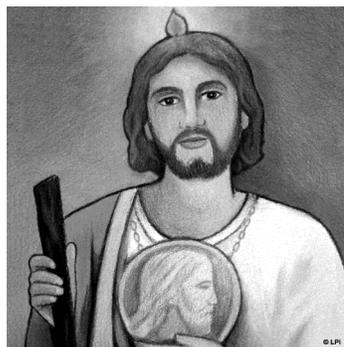
12:10 pm @ St. Columba

7:00 pm @ St. Mary's

*A saint is
one who
exaggerates
what the
world
neglects.*

—G. K. Chesterton

Nothing is impossible for the patron of lost causes, St. Jude. Jude was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus. In Scripture he is called Thaddaeus and is also known as Jude Thaddaeus. In icons, St. Jude is often shown with tongues of fire around his head, representing the receiving of the Holy Spirit, along with the other apostles, on Pentecost. After the death of Jesus, Jude preached the Gospel and served the poor. He is believed to have been martyred in A.D. 65, and his feast day is Oct. 28. Call upon St. Jude today for an answer to what seems unanswerable in your life. "Saint Jude, Hope of the Hopeless, Pray for me."



Do you have a saint you find yourself talking to frequently? Do your kids have favorite saint? Talk to them about this, teach them that not only do they have a guardian angel, but they have a whole team of saints ready and willing to intercede on their behalf!