

St. John the Baptist CATHOLIC CHURCH

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and Hamlet Streets*

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**Msgr. Frank P. Lane,
Parochial Administrator**

*(National Italian Parish ~
Est. 1896)*

MASSES/MESSE:

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist

Monday & Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. at St. John the Baptist

WEEKDAYS AND HOLY DAYS:

(See Mass Schedule inside Bulletin)

PARISH OFFICE/STAFF:

Aggie Howard, Bookkeeper, ahoward@sjbitaliana.org

Victoria Scruggs, Secretary, St. John the Baptist

Office Hours, St. John the Baptist:

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Administration of both parishes is done through the office at St. John the Baptist – 168 E. Lincoln Street. Requests for copies of sacramental records, scheduling of Masses and other sacramental celebrations, hall rental and other non-emergency needs should be made during regular office hours or email info@sjbitaliana.org. Please notify the Parish Office of any changes, such as address or telephone, etc., by calling during regular hours or email info@sjbitaliana.org.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Announcements must be submitted in writing by Tuesday at noon.

MUSIC MINISTRY:

Gina M. Bishop, Music Director

John C. Huffman, Organist

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

We welcome you into our Parish Families.

Membership in the parish consists of two parts:

Registration: Please fill out form and return to Office.

Participation: As a member of the Church, you are accepting the responsibility of weekly worship as well as supporting God's work here through giving of yourself, your time and talents, and a worthy Sunday offering to show your love for God and your gratitude for His many favors.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONE:

One half-hour prior to weekend Mass or by request/appointment.

BAPTISM/BATTESIMO:

Preparation is required for the reception of the sacrament.

Parents are encouraged to call the Rectory and set up an appointment before the birth of their child.

MATRIMONY/MATRIMONIO:

Arrangements should be made at least six or more months in advance. A marriage preparation program is required.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/INFIRMI:

In cases of emergencies, please call anytime. Please notify the Parish Office for Communion calls to the sick, shut-ins. Due to privacy laws, if parishioners wish to be visited in the hospital, they should contact the Parish Office directly and give the information regarding the hospitalization. **If you are scheduled for surgeries or other medical procedures**, please contact the Parish Office in advance so that a priest can administer Anointing of the Sick prior to the procedure.

A Night in Verona

Dinner and Dance

Monday, October 2, 2023

Additional information inside this bulletin



COLUMBUS ITALIAN FESTIVAL

Friday, **October 6**, 5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Saturday, **October 7**, 12:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Sunday, **October 8**, 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Web Site: www.columbusitalianfestival.com

Adam Montemarano – Executive Director

Festival Information: 614-BY ITALY (614-294-8259)

ITALIAN FESTIVAL 2023

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST Italian Catholic Church

Dear Parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church,

We've just experienced another successful **Italian Festival** even with a little complication from the weather. We have also been engaged in several other activities that have drawn great participation and support from all our fellow members of **St. John**. I'd like to let you know of some other activities and innovations at **St. John**.

This year, we made a religious education program for children available to the parish. This will take some time to get up and running, but we are working on it. We have also established an **RCIA** program for adult faith formation that began on **October 11th**. **Italian Language** classes are underway after the **9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass** and there is organizational work to start an **Italian Cooking Class**. We also are planning for an outreach to elderly and homebound parishioners. The doors are open to many other possibilities as well. **St. John the Baptist Italian Catholic Parish** is alive and well.

To maintain this momentum, we need a collective effort to participate in and to financially support our parish. The ideal for any parish is to have the weekly offertory cover the ordinary expenses of running the day-to-day operations of the parish. While we are not in financial difficulty, our weekly collection falls short of covering the operational costs of the parish. Utilities have skyrocketed, administrative costs have risen, and maintenance is a constant challenge. Our facility is in great shape, but it needs constant attention without depleting the principle of our investments which we use for special projects and major capital needs. We can do this. If each of us were to reconsider the amount we contribute to the parish and find a way to increase it to, at least, cover the inflation rate of around **4%**, we would be able to operate within our means and ensure the continuing stability and vibrant communal life of our parish.

This is not an emergency, but it is a need and I ask all of us to step up and respond to that need. I am grateful for all you do for **St. John** and am confident that we will continue to work together to for our parish and our **Church**.

Thank you and many Blessings!
Msgr. Frank Lane

P.S. OCIA classes are now being offered for both **Sacred Heart** and **St. John the Baptist** parishes. **Mass** is scheduled at **St. John's** at **6:00 p.m.**, followed by **OCIA class** at **7:00 p.m.** in the parish library located on the **second** floor. This class is required for anyone who wants to enter the **Catholic Church**, for those baptized **Catholic** but did not complete the Initiation **Sacraments**, as well as those who simply desire to deepen their understanding of **Catholicism**. **Questions? Contact Sharon Curtin at 614-563-8405, or SCurtin@sjbitaliana.org.**

Confessions Heard before Mass
Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR KNOWN ILL AND ELDERLY IN YOUR PRAYERS**

If you know of any additions or corrections, please call the parish office. Due to privacy laws, we depend on your input. For **Vienna D'Alberto who is residing at the **Worthington Christian Village**. Also, keep in your prayers, **Laura Williams, Guy Williams, and John Contino**.

Mass Time Change: Mass times at Sacred Heart are **Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.** and **St. John the Baptist** are **Mondays, Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m.** and **Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.** with **RCIA** following at **7:00 p.m.** at **St. John the Baptist Parish Library** on the **second floor**.

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sunday 10/22	9:30 a.m.	+ Joseph Cua Jr. by Michael Cua
Monday 10/23	9:00 a.m.	+ Mary Lou Palma by Louise Masdea
Tuesday 10/24	9:00 a.m.	+ Jack Butterfield by McCallum Family
Wednesday 10/25	6:00 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of Sacred Heart & St. John's
Sunday 10/29	9:30 a.m.	+ Gerardo Cugini by the Cugini Family
Monday 10/30	9:00 a.m.	+ Cory Hays by McCallum Family
Tuesday 10/31	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. Padre Pio	+ Anna Monaco by Cirola Family Living & Deceased Members of St. John's
Wednesday 11/1	6:00 p.m.	+ Lauretta Glick by Vince Militello

MASS INTENTIONS

Please consider your **Mass Intention** for your loved ones for our weekday **Masses, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays** as **Sunday Mass Intentions** are all booked. Thank you!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday	Sunday, October 22, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Gretchen Heining, Kurt Heining
Eucharistic Minister 1 & 2:	Margi Baker, Antonio D'Alberto,
Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:	Al Iosue, Andrea Myers, Pat Rossetti
Sunday	Sunday, October 29, 2023, 9:30 a.m.
Lector 1 & 2:	Antonio D'Alberto, Nick D'Alberto
Eucharistic Minister 1 & 2:	Sharon D'Alberto, Al Iosue,
Eucharistic Minister 3, 4, 5:	Andrea Myers, Margaret Panico-Harn, AnnMarie Pastore

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: **Joyce Tisone**
by Carl Tisone

Blessed Sacrament: **Antonio Polletta**
by Andrea & Roger Myers

The Rosary before Mass on Sunday: We begin the **Rosary** around **9:00-9:05 a.m.**, and it takes about **15-20** minutes to pray the Rosary. If you would like information on how to lead the Rosary, please contact **Kevin Koesters at 937-902-7446 or via email at k.koesters32@gmail.com**. Leaders for **October and November** are:

October 22 Gary Bosco
October 29 Gary Bosco
November 5 Gary Bosco



Office Hours: Parish office hours are **Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION: Growing in faith means living a life centered on **Christ**, through active participation in **Sunday** liturgy (**Mass**), the Sacraments, and generous service to others. Children with strong faith and values make for happier homes and have proven to do better in school.

Our Parish School of Religion is held every **Sunday** at **St. John the Baptist** following the **9:30 a.m. Mass** in the Parish Library on the second floor. Everyone is welcome, including non-**Catholic** children. Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact **Sharon Curtin** at 614-563-8405, or SCurtin@sjbitaliana.org.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

10/22 Sunday	SJB Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane 9:30 a.m.
	SJB Parish School of Religion – after 9:30 a.m. Mass 2nd Floor Library
	SJB Italian Language Class – Marrapese Hall 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
	KCC – Religious Education Class – Italian Classroom 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
	KCC Mass – Fr. Francisco Kim – Meeting in Sala Hall after Mass 12:00-3:00 p.m.
10/23 Monday	SJB – Mass Msgr. Lane 9:00 a.m.
10/24 Tuesday	SJB – Mass Msgr. Lane 9:00 a.m. Chesterton Academy of St. Benedict – Marrapese Hall 6:30-8:00 p.m.
10/25 Wednesday	SJB – Mass – Msgr. Frank Lane 6:00 p.m. SJB RCIA Class – Library 7:00-8:30 p.m.
10/26 Thursday	Young Adult Formation Group – Marrapese Hall 6:30-10:00 p.m.
10/27 Friday	KCC Mass – Fr. Francisco Kim 7:00 p.m.
	Altar Guild Reminder – Every 2nd Sunday of the Month – Marrapese Hall at 10:45 a.m.
	Le Donne Group – Meetings are the last Sunday of each month after Mass in Marrapese Hall. There are no meetings in June or July.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S
October 15, 2023
Number of Envelopes used Sunday 36

Env:	\$ 2,125.00
Loose:	\$ 143.00
Total	\$ 2,268.00
Less Diocesan 8% Assessment	\$ -(181.44)
	\$ 2,086.56
Votives	\$ 30.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 32.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 82.00

HOW IS ST. JOHN'S DOING? \$? \$?

Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/23-6/30/24)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)
This Wk.:	\$3,000.04	\$2,268.00	-\$732.04
FYTD:	\$48,000.64	\$49,123.32	\$1,122.68

Income and Expenses from August 1, through August 31, 2023.

Income:	\$ 20,180.34
Expense:	\$ 44,301.81
Difference:	-\$ 24,121.47

DONATE QR CODE AND WEBSITE INFORMATION



Please help St. John the Baptist maintain this beautiful 125-year-old building with a donation by using the QR code to donate. Thank you!



50/50 Winner: Congratulations to **Ms. Margaret Harn**, winner for **September 2023, 50/50 Drawing**. Thank you for your support!

SJB Collection Counters for Monday, October 23, 2023

David Ross and Aggie Howard

SJB Collection Counters for Monday October 30, 2023

Nick Persichetti and Aggie Howard



CONGRATULATIONS! To **Michele Robert Auddino and Maria Rachel Frissora** who entered in the **Sacrament of Holy Matrimony** on **October 21, 2023**.

PAVERS: The front **Pavilion** of **St. John's Church** is covered with **Pavers**. These **Pavers** are available for purchase and engraving in remembrance of family members and loved ones. For more information, please call the office of **St. John** at **614-294-5319**.

Abruzzi Club Chili Cook-Off and Bingo: Friday night **October 27** for a chili cook-off and Bingo. Bring a pot of chili to share or just enjoy everyone else's. All you care to eat chili, with salad and dessert is just \$10.00. If you bring a pot of chili to share, your dinner is at no cost. The winner will receive two free dinners at a future Bingo night. All profits from the dinner will be split with **St. John**. You can play bingo for \$10.00 or \$15.00, and all money collected goes back out in prize money. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. and Bingo at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to **Scott** at 614-562-3652 or info@abruzzo.club.

AROUND US

Liturgical Calendar: **October** falls during the liturgical season known as **Ordinary Time**, which is represented by the liturgical color green. Green is a symbol of hope, as it is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. The month of **October** is dedicated to the **Holy Rosary**. The **Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary** is celebrated on **October 7**.



CHESTERTON ACADEMY
OF ST. BENEDICT

Coming to Columbus in Fall 2024: A classical high school in the **Catholic** tradition – **Chesterton**

Academy of St. Benedict (Grades 9-12). Learn about the school and meet the founding team at an information session, **Tuesday, October 24, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** in **St. John the Baptist Marrapese Hall**. For additional details and to RSVP, visit www.chestertonacademystbenedict.org.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of October 2023: *We pray for the Church that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.*



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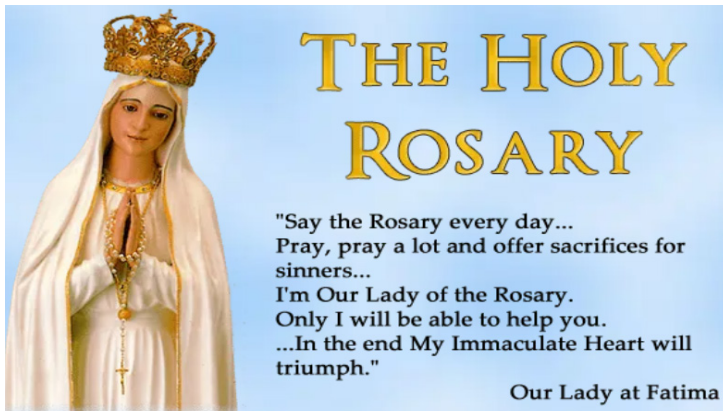
For more information, and ways you can help, visit www.bottomsup.life.

Did You Know – Childcare for Those in

Need: Most childcare centers require parents to provide a day's supply of disposable diapers. Without diapers, babies cannot be placed in childcare facilities participate in early childhood education programs. Without childcare, parents cannot go to work. For

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023

– **SPEAKER FATHER PeterClaver Kasasa Kiviiri.** Join us **Friday, November 3** at **St. Patrick Church** in downtown **Columbus** for a luncheon featuring a talk by **Father PeterClaver Kasasa Kiviiri, Parochial Vicar at St. Matthew the Apostle Parish**, who was ordained earlier this year by **Bishop Fernandes. Fr. Kiviiri** will share his vocation story and observations from his first months as a priest. If you are interested in sponsoring this or another luncheon, please contact **Pat Foley** at foley513@gmail.com. **Holy Mass** (optional) begins at **11:45 a.m.** followed by lunch at **12:10 p.m.** and **Fr. Kiviiri's** presentation. No reservations are necessary. **\$12.00** covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend!



Diocese of Columbus Vocal Training Program: The diocesan **Vocal Training Program** is being developed to strengthen the vocal skills of our parish singers and to introduce chant singing in a way that everyone can understand and appreciate. **Dr. Richard K. Fitzgerald, Director of Music of the Diocese of Columbus** and **Dawn Beckman, Head Instructor of the Diocesan Vocal Training Program** will offer training workshops in **October** and **November 2023**. The first workshop will be held on **October 28** from **10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon** at **The Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption in Lancaster, Ohio**. The second workshop will be hosted by **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Marysville, Ohio** on **November 4**, also from **10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon**. We invite parishes to join a workshop close to them, and we hope to welcome everyone from the diocese by the end of the season. Please register for this free workshop by emailing **Dawn** at rtbdb@aol.com. We hope to see you there!

Relic of St. Jude: A relic of **St. Jude the Apostle**, known as the patron saint of hope and impossible causes, will be displayed at three sites in the **Columbus** area on three consecutive days. The relic will be in **Westerville** at **St. Paul Church, 313 N. State Street**, on **Monday, October 30**; the **Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Avenue**, on **Tuesday, October 31**; and the **New Albany Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road**, on **Wednesday, November 1**. The **Veneration of the Relic** at all three places will be from **1:00 to 10:00 p.m.**

October 31 Adoration: First Called, **St. Andrew's Youth Group**, is planning an **ADORATION NIGHT** on **October 31** from **6:00-9:00 p.m.** with **Jesus** being the best **TREAT** we have in our lives. **October 31** is also the **EVE** of **ALL Saints** and for many **High Schoolers** it could be a night to pray with their **Confirmation Saints**, too. First Called has partnered with **Bishop Watterson High School** to attract as many **YOUTHS** as possible and invites all parishes in the diocese to reach out to their youth to participate. Contact **Maria Moore, St. Andrew Youth Minister**, for more information.

12TH ANNUAL SACRED HEART CONGRESS
NOVEMBER 4, 2023 | 8:00am - Noon
ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CHURCH

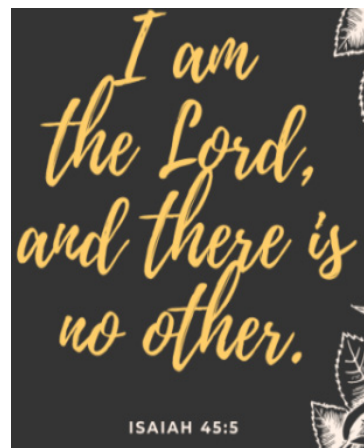
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Today's Gospel: The **Gospel** is from **Matthew 22:15-21**. **God's** plan for man on earth was that he should live in the society of his fellow men. Society must be governed, there must be authority which will direct the actions of the component members toward the common good, which common good is principally, though not exclusively, the material welfare of the members. As his ultimate end, however, is man's spiritual welfare. This dual citizenship of man and the dual obligations that arise from it are made explicit in today's answer, given by **Christ** to the **Pharisees**, "**Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.**" We have duties to **God** and duties to our country and the fulfillment of the latter is part of the fulfillment of the former. We **Christians** have no doubts as to our obligations under these two headings. We fulfill our duties to **God** by being faithful, loyal, active members of the spiritual kingdom, the **Church**, which **Christ** established on earth to lead us to our eternal kingdom. We fulfill our duties to our country by loyally obeying the just laws of the **State**, by paying all lawful taxes, and by contributing our share, whenever called on, toward the common good.

Excerpted from **The Sunday Readings**
by **Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.**

"Dear young people, never get tired of being instruments of peace and joy among your peers!" @Pontifex



Prayer:
Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to Yours and serve Your majesty in sincerity of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

Sunday, Oct 22, 2023

Hearts on fire, feet on the move

Goal-setting is a normal part of life. We set a particular horizon in our education and profession, in domestic budgeting and in relationships. Pope Francis reminds us on this World Mission Sunday that sharing the Good News is the horizon for all church activity. Our aim isn't just to save our souls but to share in the rescue of the world God so loves. "Everyone has the right to receive the gospel. Christians have the duty to announce it without excluding anyone ... as one who shares a joy, signals a beautiful horizon, offers a desirable banquet" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 14). Embrace the mission!

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b; Matthew 22:15-21 (145). "I am the LORD, there is no other."

Monday, Oct 23, 2023

Break new ground

When most people think of the Catholic Worker Movement, started by Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin in 1933, its "Houses of Hospitality" that help the urban poor often come to mind. But the movement also started farms that follow a similar model of communal living in voluntary poverty—and they are experiencing a resurgence throughout the country (see if there's one near you). Many Catholics, in parishes and lay or religious communities, make tilling the earth on farms or in community gardens a spiritual practice and are leading the way in sustainable living. Pitch in and help them bring forth bounty!

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF CAPISTRANO, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 4:20-25; Luke 12:13-21 (473). "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Tuesday, Oct 24, 2023

Live your vocation inspired by Mary

When Saint Anthony Mary Claret was appointed archbishop to Cuba in 1849, he initiated practical changes to help the working poor: He taught effective farming methods so families could feed themselves while making a living, began credit unions, and set up vocational training for disadvantaged youth. All of this angered wealthy land owners, who expected cheap labor to help them plunder the land for sugar as a lucrative cash crop. Remember Anthony during October's observance of Free Trade Month, supporting supply chains that honor workers instead of corruption and greed. But also remember Anthony this month as we honor Mary. His prayer: "O Heart of Mary, furnace and instrument of love, enkindle me with love of God and my neighbor."

MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY MARY CLARET, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Luke 12:35-38 (474). "Be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks."

Wednesday, Oct 25, 2023

Stay a while

Chapter 1 of the Book of Ruth recaps the tragic decade that Naomi endured: A famine chased her from her home; her husband died; her sons died. She was alone—or so it seemed, until her daughter-in-law Ruth promises to stay with her. Little by little, with

Ruth at her side, Naomi can dig out of what must have felt like a living hell. Who has been like Ruth for you? When have you been like Ruth for someone? This week, as we celebrate Pastoral Care Week, we give thanks for the people who provide spiritual care to those struggling with grief, trauma, and other difficult situations. Learn more at the Pastoral Care Week website.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 6:12-18; Luke 12:39-48 (475). "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much."

Thursday, Oct 26, 2023

All creation divinely sings

We're entering the cold season in the North, and nature's show has become more subtle. But the natural world is an ongoing expression of God that anyone can embrace simply by paying close attention. The work of poet Mary Oliver celebrates this. She writes: "Why do people keep asking to see God's identity papers when the darkness opening into morning is more than enough?" Look around. Listen. How is God showing up in your natural surroundings right now?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 6:19-23; Luke 12:49-53 (476). "Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!'"

Friday, Oct 27, 2023

Breathe in the blessing

Being human is a gift, but sometimes it can feel like a curse. As humans, we are *imago dei*, made in the image and likeness of God. This includes having free will, which oddly enough, we can use to hide or deny our *imago dei*. When we struggle, we might pause and pray with Saint Augustine: "Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy."

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 7:18-25a; Luke 12:54-59 (477). "For I do not do the good I want, but I do the evil I do not want."

Saturday, Oct 28, 2023

Help is at hand

The gospels do not elaborate on the life of Saint Jude, but he must have had a reputation for a sunny disposition to later come to be known as the saint of hopeless causes and desperate situations. Which, in a sense, makes him the saint of us all. The human condition, prone to illness, aging, and death, would be fairly desperate if it were not for redemption. Saint Jude is worthy of a daily "thank you" for being there when the chips are down.

FEAST OF SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16 (666). "He called his disciples to himself, and from them he chose Twelve."

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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