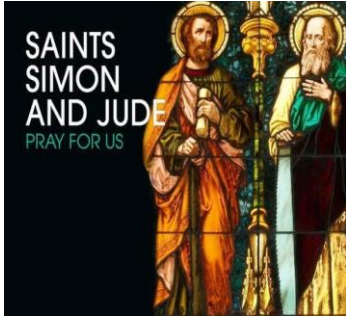




Saints Simon & Jude—Apostles/Martyrs—October 28

Some Apostles, like Peter, James and John, get major New Testament press. Some, like Andrew, are held up for “best supporting Apostle.” Some, like Bartholomew and Matthew, are mentioned for the account of their calling. Finally some, like Simon and Jude, are named in the apostolic catalogue without anything else really said about them. Jude at least is also the name of a short epistle in the New Testament; Simon otherwise seems to disappear. We have tradition and legend associated with each.

Indeed, both Apostles have identity problems. In Biblical times, a name is a sign of one’s deepest identity, which is why names often included *bar X*, “son of X,” to make clear familial roots. That’s why, when Jesus acknowledges St. Peter’s confession of faith, he speaks to him by his given name, “Simon, son of Jonah” (Matthew 16:17). In Biblical times, to change one’s name is to change one’s identity profoundly, which is why only God does it. Abram becomes Abraham, Jacob becomes Israel. And “Simon, son of Jonah,” becomes Peter, the ecclesiastical rock (Matthew 16:18).

But before Jesus names him Peter, Peter was Simon. Which is why, to distinguish the head of the Apostles from the “other” Simon, today’s saint often appears in the Apostolic lists as either “Simon the Zealot” (Luke 6:15) or “Simon the Canaanite” (Mark 3:18). Beyond that, the New Testament is Simon-silent. There are all sorts of traditions about where he preached, though Persia seems to be most commonplace. For much of Christian Tradition, it was said that he sawed into pieces: Christian iconography usually represents him holding a bucksaw, today usually used to cut firewood but also meat — including, apparently, human flesh.

If Simon suffers from silence, Jude suffers from confusion. St. Jude is known as the “patron of hopeless causes and things despaired of.” Just as Simon is distinguished as the “Zealot” or “Canaanite” to mark him off from Peter, so Jude is distinguished from Judas Iscariot by also being referred to as “Thaddeus” (great-hearted) (Mark 3:18), the “son of James” or “son of Alpheus,” (Luke 6:16), or simply “Judas (not Iscariot),” (John 14:22). The Johannine reference is to a question Jude posed at the Last Supper, why Jesus was revealing himself to the Apostles and not the world. That question becomes an opportunity for Jesus to expand on the role of the coming to the Apostles of the Holy Spirit, the “Paraclete,” by whose power they would reveal him to the world.

Like Simon, we know little about Jude’s subsequent activities. Two matters associated with tradition have influenced his iconography. One is a tradition that says Abgar, King of Edessa in today’s Turkey, was seriously ill. He sent for Jesus to come to him, but Our Lord pressed his face to a cloth on which his image was imprinted, and sent this veil with Jude to Abgar, who was healed. That is why Jude is often depicted with a medallion bearing the image of Jesus either in his hand or around his neck. He is often also shown holding a halberd, a battle axe on a long pike, because that is often cited as the means of his martyrdom in Persia around AD 65. One tradition holds that Simon and Jude opposed idol worship in Persia and so were killed by the priests of the pagan cult. Because Jude is the “patron of hopeless cases,” he is often attired in green, the color of hope and life.

Financial Position—YTD

Church Operation
(September 30, 2026)

Total Income - \$122,029.54

Total Expense - \$147,762.46

NET LOSS - (-\$25,732.92)



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October 25, 2026

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Holy Family - Admiral, SK

Immaculate Conception – Climax, SK

St. Patrick - Eastend, SK



Masses This Week

Mon, Oct. 26, 9:10 a.m.—Mass with CTK Gr. 6/7
Special Intentions by A Parishioner

Tues, Oct. 27, 9:00 a.m.
Special Intentions by Marcel/Linda Ruest

Wed, Oct. 28, 9:00 a.m.
Intentions of Grandchildren by Francois/Jocelyn Hammond

Thurs, Oct. 29, 9:00 a.m.
Thanksgiving by Bertha Tinant

Fri, Oct. 30, 9:00 a.m.
+Kida Nakamura by His Family

Sat, Oct. 31
Eastend—5:00 p.m.—Pro populo
Admiral—7:00 p.m.
+Deceased Relatives by Dan/Gina Ruest

Sun, Nov. 1
Climax—9:00 a.m.
+Crisanta Retreta by Felix/Salve Purpora
Shaunavon—11:00 a.m.
+Phyllis Haubrich by Judy Knelsen

Fr. Ronald Andree
Pastor

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½ hour before daily Mass and
Saturdays 11 a.m. to Noon

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OCTOBER 25

Alan Ruetz
Brent Michelson
Matthew Fahlman

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Elizabeth Christensen
Norman Querijero
Joan Girodat

ALTAR SERVERS

OCTOBER 25

Jack
Levi
Ella

NOVEMBER 1

Reggie
Josiah
Kamilah

USHERS/ GREETERS

OCTOBER 25

Murray and Ben

NOVEMBER 1

Greg and Crystal

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

OCTOBER 25

Teacher – Kamilah
Helper – Karen

NOVEMBER 1

Teacher – Lexi
Helpers – Claire/Cece

MEETINGS

- Sacramental Preparation following 11:00 a.m. Mass,
Sunday, November 1

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2026

Sunday, October 25

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that the greatest commandments are to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbour as ourselves. These two commandments are deeply connected—our love for God is revealed through the way we care for and respond to the people around us. The readings remind us that faith is not only something we believe; it is something we live.

In Exodus, God calls His people to show compassion and care for those who are vulnerable.

In his letter to the Thessalonians, St. Paul celebrates a community whose faith was made visible through their actions and their example.

As we reflect on these readings, we are invited to consider how our own lives can become a reflection of God's love. Through simple acts of kindness, generosity, and compassion, we help make Christ's love present in the world.



SHAUNAVON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 25**

4 PM -7 PM

**ADULTS - \$25.00
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**CHRIST THE KING PARISH HALL
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*Please note change in price for adults



As we prepare to remember the souls of our deceased family and friends, we welcome you to bring a picture of those you want to remember and pray for, and pin it on our foyer bulletin board. For the month of November, the bulletin board will be used for this special memorial.