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Daily Reflections



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THE CALL

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An Excerpt from Today's Gospel

*“Jesus went up to the mountain to pray,
and he spent the night in prayer to God.*

*When day came, he called his disciples to himself,
and from them he chose Twelve, whom he also named Apostles:
Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew,
James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew,
Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus,
Simon who was called a Zealot,
and Judas the son of James...”*

LUKE 6:12-16

Reflection

Today celebrates the Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles. While not as

well represented in scripture, they are celebrated as followers of Jesus, their significance to the founding of the early Church, and as martyrs. The saints are celebrated in tandem because it is thought that they were martyred together either in Syria or Persia.

No doubt St. Jude, also called Thaddeus, is the better recognized of the two saints. Known as the saint of the desperate and lost causes, many hospitals are named after him. Perhaps you have prayed for St. Jude's intercession during challenging times.

St. Simon is named a Zealot in the book of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. In the popular drama, "The Chosen," Simon is portrayed somewhat as a martial arts fighter, expert in the use of a knife, and wreaking havoc on and under suspicion by the Roman occupiers. While a dramatic interpretation of the Gospel, the idea of a violent mercenary being welcomed as one of the chosen -- among other diverse personalities who are less than perfect -- offers a glimpse of the diversity of Jesus' followers and the broad reach of his invitation to "come follow me." (Matthew 4:19) Happy Feast Day!



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For Pondering

- Who is your favorite disciple of Jesus?

- What are the qualities you admire about your favorite disciple that inspire you?
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For Prayer

Prayer to Saints Simon and Jude

*O God, Who, through Your blessed Apostles Simon and Jude,
have brought us to the knowledge of Your name,
grant that we may celebrate their everlasting glory
by advancing in good works we may celebrate their glory.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with You,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
world without end.*

Amen.

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