

Jude
Painted by
Georges de la Tour

Jude is so named by Luke and Acts. Matthew and Mark call him Thaddeus. He is not mentioned elsewhere in the Gospels, except of course where all the apostles are mentioned. Scholars

hold that he is not the author of the Letter of Jude. Jude had the same name as Judas Iscariot. Evidently because of the disgrace of that name, it was shortened to "Jude" in English.

Simon is mentioned on all four lists of the apostles. On two of them he is called "the Zealot." The Zealots were a Jewish sect that represented an extreme of Jewish nationalism. For them, the messianic promise of the Old Testament meant that the Jews were to be a free and independent nation. God alone was their king, and any payment of taxes to the Romans—the very domination of the Romans—was a blasphemy against God. No doubt some of the Zealots were the spiritual heirs of the Maccabees, carrying on their ideals of religion and independence. But many were the counterparts of modern terrorists. They raided and killed, attacking both foreigners and "collaborating" Jews. They were chiefly responsible for the rebellion against Rome which ended in the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70.

Franciscan Media

Reflection

As in the case of all the apostles except for Peter, James and John, we are faced with men who are really unknown, and we are struck by the fact that their holiness is simply taken to be a gift of Christ. He chose some unlikely people: a former Zealot, a former (crooked) tax collector, an impetuous fisherman, two "sons of thunder," and a man named Judas Iscariot.

It is a reminder that we cannot receive too often. Holiness does not depend on human merit, culture, personality, effort, or achievement. It is entirely God's creation and gift. God needs no Zealots to bring about the kingdom by force. Jude, like all the saints, is the saint of the impossible: Only God can create his divine life in human beings. And God wills to do so, for all of us.



Simon
Painted by
Jusepe de
Ribera

Saints of the Week

Tues 27	St Otteran, monk
Wed 28	SS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES
Thurs 29	St Colman, bishop
Sat 31	Bl. Dominic Collins, martyr

Most High, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart, and give me true faith, certain hope, and perfect charity, sense and knowledge, Lord, that I may carry out your holy and true command. Amen.

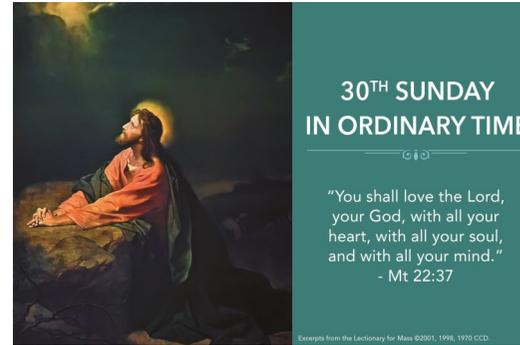
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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord,
your God, with all your
heart, with all your soul,
and with all your mind."
- Mt 22:37

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Recently deceased
Brian Byrne
Richard Morton
May they rest in peace



MASS INTENTIONS

6 pm Mass Saturday 24th Oct:-

Ryan Family (Anvs)
Mairead Scanlon (Anv)
Raymond Fleming (Anv)

11.30 am Mass Sunday 25th Oct:-

Breda O' Dwyer Months Mind
O' Keeffe Family (Anvs)
Fr. Edward, Miriam & Pam Fitzgerald (Anvs)

Frank & Breda O' Shaughnessy (Anvs)
Conal & Agnes Harvey (Anvs)

Frank Ward 1st Anniversary
Carmel O' Brien (Anv) Peter Newell (Anv)
Sean Mulligan (Anv) Kieran Dunphy (Anv)
Bernadette Nolan (Anv)
Julia Doyle 16th Anniversary

Other intentions:

Recently Deceased

Philip Fagan Ann O' Riordan
Matt Mc Cusker Andy Bacon

Fr. John Wall Months Mind

Joan & Donal Corcoran (Anvs)
Robert & Jane Collins (Anvs)
Amy Burke (Anv) Eileen Griffin (Anv)
Imelda Cronin 1st Anniversary
Pearly & Larry Curran (Anvs)
Eugene & Mary Monaghan (Anvs)
Betty Ryan (Anv)
Agnes Harvey 20th Anniversary



October 25, 2020
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We cannot be deaf to the world's pain. It is not about having, hoarding, accumulating, acquiring, securing, storing, protecting, owning, claiming, or any of the other human terms we use to distinguish mine from yours. We put so much power in these words and that power, even though we may not always realize it, can cause those words and the distinctions they carry to wound and hurt others. We have the whole order of things wrong, but we are so set on preserving this order that we are absolutely afraid to do it any other way. We go through hoops trying to convince ourselves why the perils of the person seeking a new place to call home are not our perils that we turn our back and justify closing our doors. It makes perfect sense to us. Yet, it makes no sense in terms of our faith. It doesn't square with any of the words found in Sacred Scripture or in any time-tested teaching of the church.

We have it all reversed. We know that we do because when Jesus speaks about such things and the words of the Old Testament prophets ring out again, we start to feel uncomfortable and anxious. What we do, directly or by omission, to one of the least of these little ones we do to God. It is quite possible that some of what we are doing personally, economically, politically, globally, and even religiously is doing more harm than good. Let's ponder that a bit.

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For some reason, it is easier to genuflect in reverence to the presence of Christ in the tabernacle of a church, than to genuflect in reverence to the same presence of Christ in another person's soul. We wrongly believe that God divides himself, placing himself in one place in preference to another. It doesn't work that way. Love of God and love of neighbour are intimately and inseparably connected because the essence and spark of God's very presence is in all creation. God's presence is just as real in the one who is good, as in the one who is bad, and the one who is just, and the one who is unjust.

Our brains get in the way of truly contemplating the awesomeness of this truth. We like to separate things into boxes, the sheep from the goats and the deserving from the undeserving. But, with God there are no distinctions such as this. Our human classifications, subdivisions, and definitions hold no power or have any weight in God's eyes. Sadly, we relate to God and to each other as if they do.

YCD Connected Group

The Young Church Dublin have started a connected group for Young Adults (20's 30's) to gather online. We meet every Wednesday, from 8.00-9.00pm. We will have time of catch up, reflection on Scripture, chat in small discussion groups and enjoy time in prayer together. It provides an opportunity to connect in with other young adults in a community of faith. If you would like to join us email: st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

The Lord said to Moses, Tell the sons of Israel this, " You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. (Ex 22:20-26)

PSALM

I love you Lord my strength,
 My rock, my fortress, my saviour.
 (Ps 17:2-4.47.51)

SECOND READING

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord. (1 Th 1:5-10)

GOSPEL

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together, and to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' (Mt 22:34-40)



Christ in the Wilderness
 By Briton Riviere
 (1840-1920)

themselves for 14 days during the Coronavirus pandemic. Others, particularly those who are living under lockdown, may also find it helpful. The suggestions on how to pray the retreat invite you to imagine yourself in different Gospel stories. Each day also includes a way of reviewing your day and how your heart has been moved during that day. This can be especially helpful if you find the time of isolation wearisome and dispiriting. Access this excellent resource at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week

"With Jesus in the Desert" is a guided online retreat prepared by the Australian Jesuits for people who have to isolate

Pope John Paul II Awards Online

The ability of many young people to complete the Pope John Paul II Awards commitment has been restricted with the government guidelines for the Covid-19 Pandemic. Some of our young people found very creative ways to keep up their parish and social engagement elements of the Awards but for most it was difficult or impossible. The Young Church Dublin Team, with the help of local JP II facilitators and coordinators is to offer a diocesan wide Alpha Youth Series online as a way to reach out to Pope John Paul II Award participants during this time. Alpha Youth Online will take place on Zoom on Monday's from 6:30—8.00pm beginning on November 9th. For more information email: st.pauls@dublindiocese.ie