



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Cycle A - XI Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 19, a 2-6^a; Psalm 99; Romans 5, 6-11; Matthew 9, 36—10, 8

The Harvest is Abundant, but the Laborers are Few.

At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon from Cana, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him. Jesus sent out these twelve after instructing them thus, "Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."

Reflection:

Jesus was moved with pity for His people because they were like sheep without a shepherd, lost and hungry. Why were they without a shepherd? (The pastors, or leaders of their faith, the Pharisees, did not have God in their hearts and did not show them the way to Him.) **Then Jesus compares His people to a field that needed harvesting, but with few laborers available to harvest it. What does Jesus ask His apostles to do?** (Ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.) **Who is the master of the harvest?** (God) **Who were the first laborers?** (The 12 apostles) **What does Jesus want them to do?** (To spread the Gospel, the Good News of God's love to all.) **Jesus gave the apostles special powers to help them convert hearts. What were they?** (The power to expel impure spirits and to cure sicknesses.) **How do you think the people that the apostles freely healed felt?** (Very grateful and ready to listen to them teach about Jesus.) **Our priests continue the work of the apostles taking the Gospel to everyone. How can we help Jesus in this work?** Share.

Activity:

Do activity of the 12 apostles and learn a little about each. Read how our priests continue the work of our priests. Color and talk about how we can help Jesus to take the Gospel to all.

Prayer:

Jesus, thank you for loving us so much that you worry when we are lost. Help me to always stay close to you and to always share your love so we may attract more souls to you. I pray for all our priests, that they may always glorify you. Amen.

Song: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus, Lifetree Kids, <https://youtu.be/sEL0WpeH088>

PPT: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1xiVGwLiwp4llrD-7oBinPx2tfP0jR3Er/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true





The Original 12 Apostles

Make accordion book: Cut in color or black & white then color. Fold in half placing a colored paper inbetween leaving a ¼" above. Tape all 4 together, then fold one way then the other. Or make separate cards for each.



St. Peter



St. Andrew



James the Greater



St. John, Evangelist

St. Peter

Called Simon, but Jesus changed his name to Peter which means "rock" and gave him the keys of the Kingdom. He was the first Pope. He was the first to declare that Jesus is the Messiah. His brother was St. Andrew, the apostle.

St. Andrew

Andrew is Simon Peter's brother and a fisherman also. He was a follower of St. John the Baptist. He was the first apostle to follow Jesus and ran to tell his brother. Jesus converted them into fisher of men.

St. James the Greater

Brother of St. John the apostle and son of Zebedee and Salome. He and his brother were fishermen. Jesus called them "Sons of Thunder" because of their passion in taking Jesus' message to others.

St. John, Evangelist

Brother of James the Greater and a fisherman. Jesus called them "Sons of Thunder". He wrote one of the four Gospels symbolized by an eagle because of His description of Jesus' divine nature. John called himself "the beloved apostle" because he deeply felt Jesus' love for him.



San Judas Tadeo

St. Judas Thaddeus

He was Jesus' cousin, and brother of James the Lesser. Also, son of Cleophas and Mary (related to the Virgin Mary, and accompanied her at the foot of the cross). He was not the Judas that turned Jesus in.



Sto. Santiago el Menor

St. James the Lesser

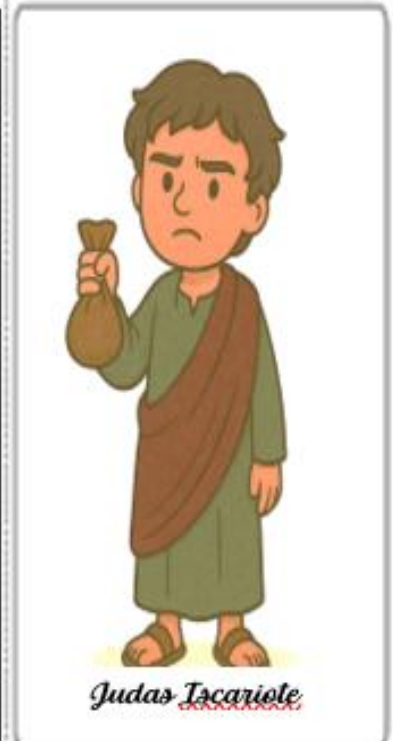
He was Jesus' cousin, and brother of Judas Thaddeus. He is the author of the New Testament Letter of James and was the first Bishop of Jerusalem. He was martyred with a club, so he is often pictured with a club.



Simón el Zelote

St. Simon the Zealot

Before meeting Jesus, he was part of a group that wanted Jesus to use his power to overthrow the Roman government. He put down his weapons to follow Jesus and proclaim the Gospel.



Judas Iscariote

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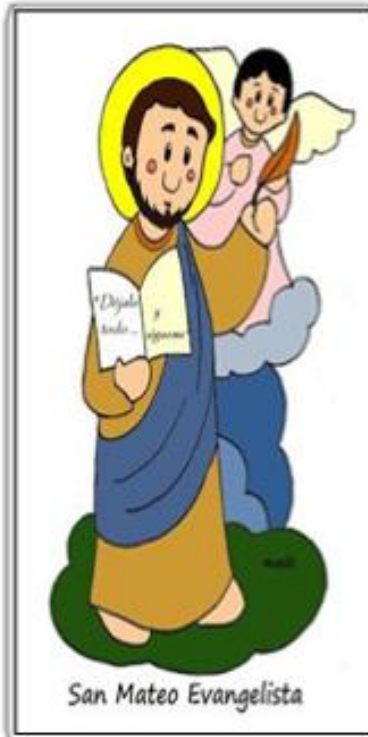
He was the apostle that turned Jesus in to the temple guards in exchange for 30 silver coins. He was replaced as an apostle in Acts by Saint Matthias who had been with Jesus since Jesus' Baptism.



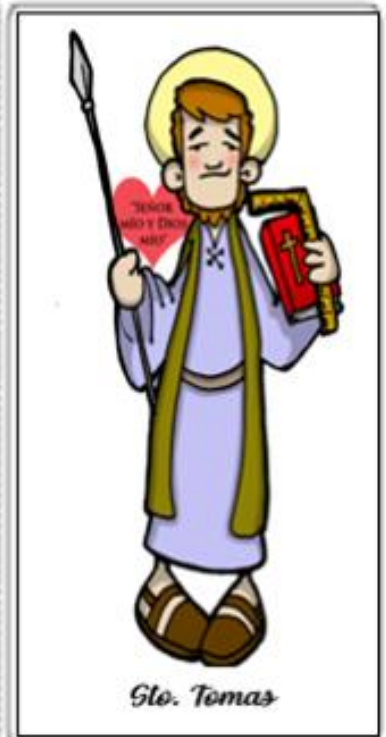
San Felipe Apóstol



San Bartolome



San Mateo Evangelista



Sto. Tomas

St. Philip

He was from the same town as Andrew and Peter, the fishing village of Bethsaida. Once Jesus called him, he ran to find his friend Bartholomew (Nathaniel) to tell him about Jesus. He and Andrew helped Jesus in the multiplication of the loaves and fish.

St. Bartholomew (Nathaniel)

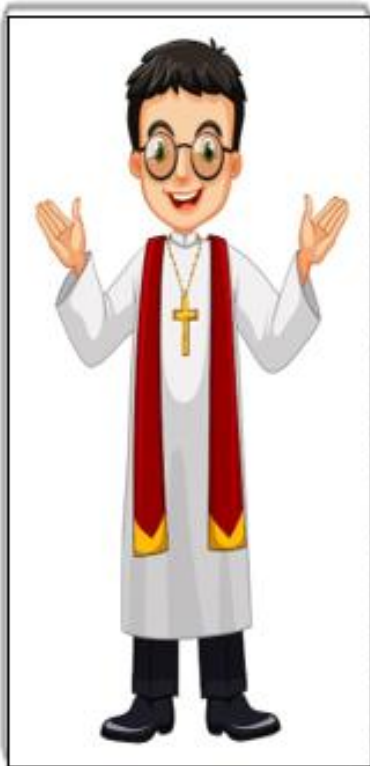
When he met Jesus, Jesus revealed that He had seen him praying “under the fig tree” before Philip had called him. As a result, he immediately recognizes that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus told him “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

St. Matthew the Evangelist

Matthew was a tax collector when Jesus called him and was hated by the Jews. He was the first to write one of the four Gospels. His gospel is sometimes symbolized with coins because of his former profession. It is also symbolized by an angel or winged man due to his focus on the Son of Man from Heaven.

St. Thomas

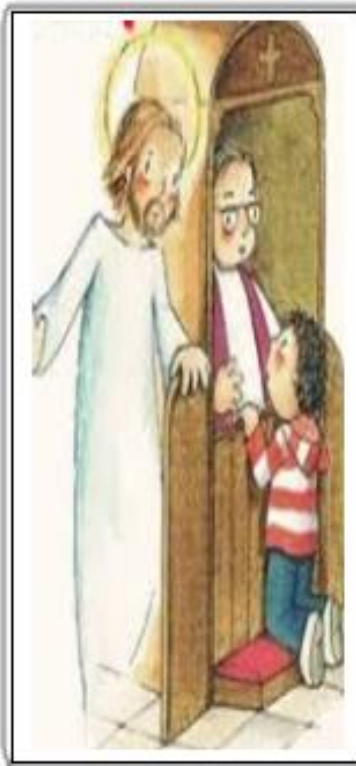
Nicknamed “Doubting Thomas” He was not present when Jesus first appeared after His Resurrection and he didn’t believe the others. He said he needed to see and touch His wounds to believe. Jesus showed him his wounds and said: “Blessed are those who believe without seeing.”



Our Priests continue the work of the apostles taking the Gospel, to everyone. During the Mass, they proclaim the “the Good News” of what Jesus did for us because He loves us so much.



Also, during the Mass, they act in the person of Jesus, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, perform the great miracle, transforming the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus. Jesus wants to stay with us.



During the Sacrament of Confession, priests act in the person of Christ, and the Holy Spirit forgives our sins through them so we can regain our peace and joy.



During the Sacraments, our priests bring forth God’s Grace (His Life) to us in key moments of our life to help us get to Heaven.



WE CAN GIVE LOVE

GIVING A PRESENT



OBEYING THE
WORD OF
GOD



SHARING THE
GOSPEL



CONSOLING THE SAD



HELPING THOSE IN NEED



GIVING HUGS



Jesus, help me to love as you love. This week I want to love and help my neighbor by doing the following: _____

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