



SAINT OF THE MONTH: NOVEMBER 2008

Saint Andrew

*Apostle, Missionary, Martyr,
Patron of Scotland*

FEAST DAY: November 30

St. Andrew, pray that we live up to the name

INTERESTING FACT: The name “Andrew” is a Greek name meaning “courageous” or “manly”. St Andrew lived up to his name by dying as a martyr for Christ. Tradition holds that in Patras, Greece, St. Andrew was tied to a cross shaped like the letter “X”. The saltire cross is one of St. Andrew’s

St. Andrew was the brother of Simon Peter, the fisherman. He became a disciple of the great St. John the Baptist, but when John pointed to Jesus and said, “Behold the Lamb of God!”, Andrew understood that Jesus was greater. At once he left John to follow the Divine Master. After Andrew had stayed with Jesus and had learned much from him, he did not keep this treasure to himself, but hastened to share it with his brother Peter. Notice what Andrew said to him: “We have found the Messiah, that is to say, the Christ.” Notice how his words reveal what he has learned in so short a time. They show the power of the master who has convinced them of this truth. Andrew’s words reveal a soul waiting with the utmost longing for the coming of the Messiah, looking forward to his appearing from heaven, rejoicing when he does appear, and hastening to announce so great an event to others. To support one another in the things of the spirit is a true sign of good will between brothers, loving kinship and sincere affection. As one of the twelve, Andrew was admitted to the closest familiarity with Our Lord during His public life; he was present at the Last Supper; beheld the risen Lord; witnessed the Ascension; shared in the graces and gifts of the first Pentecost; and helped, amid threats and persecution, to establish the Church in Palestine.



THEOLOGICAL VIRTUE:

FORTITUDE, LOVE

CHARACTER TRAIT:

TRUSTWORTHINESS

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Who do you tell “We have found the Messiah?” What could you do to help someone else to come to know Jesus?
