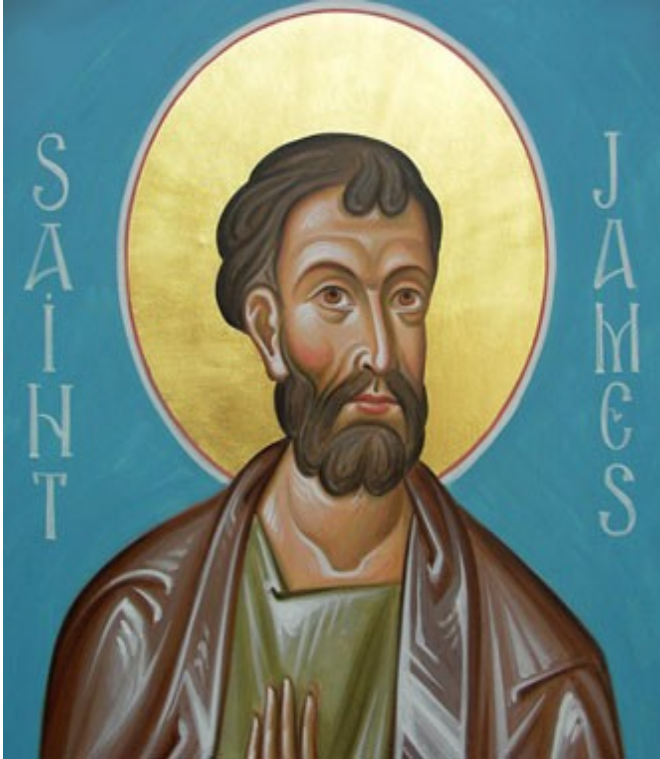


St. James the Apostle

Saint of the Month

June 2008

Feast Day – July 25



Patron Saint of : laborers, rheumatoid sufferers

Profile: Son of Zebedee and Salome, brother of St. John and may have been Jesus' cousin. He is called "the Greater" simply because he became an apostle before St. James the Lesser. Apparent disciple of St. John the Baptist. He was a fisherman. He left everything when Christ called him to be a fisher of men. First Apostle to be martyred.

Represented by: holding a book , holding a scroll, holding a sword.

Character Trait: Respect

Virtue: Love

Family Activity:

Discuss with family -

What symbols of faith would represent your life as a disciple?

He was chosen by Jesus to be one of the twelve apostles, given the mission to proclaim the good news, and authority to heal and cast out demons. To be named one of the twelve James must have had faith and commitment.

But even among the apostles he held a special place. When Jesus raised Jairus' daughter when all thought her dead, he only allowed James, John, and Peter to come with him. Even more important when he went up to the mountain to pray, he wanted James, John, and Peter to go with him. And it was there on the mountain they were privileged to witness what no one else had seen -Jesus transfigured in his glory, speaking to Moses and Elijah, as the voice of God spoke from a cloud.

He was put to death in 44AD during the reign of King Herod Agrippa

Prayer:

Saint James, pray for us that we may be willing to leave everything to follow Jesus as you did. Help us to become special friends of Jesus as you were. Amen