

# Saint Jude

Saint of the Month.. October 2008

Feast Day: October 28



**PATRON SAINT of:** desperate situations and hospitals

**Apostle:** who left all to follow Jesus

**Character Trait:** Fairness

**Virtue:** Fortitude

Jude followed Jesus. He lived with Jesus, fled from Him during His Passion and rejoined Jesus at the resurrection. At Pentecost Jude was filled with the Holy Spirit and burned with a desire to spread the Good News to all.

St. Jude probably preached the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, and Libya. He is reported as suffering martyrdom together with Simon the Zealot in Persia.

Jude has been pictured with a club, the instrument of his death, and with a flame over his head to show the Spirits coming upon him at Pentecost. He carried an image of Christ which he reportedly did in curing an official.

Traditionally, St. Jude the apostle is identified as the author of the “Letter of Jude” in the New Testament. He is known as the saint of hopeless cases. He is mentioned in Eucharistic Prayer I.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

- ☞ Pray to Saint Jude for someone who is suffering greatly.
- ☞ Read the Letter of Jude. Find a passage that appeals to you. Discuss it with friends or family.
- ☞ Research: St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

