

THE TWELVE APOSTLES OF JESUS

Jesus chose twelve Apostles to accompany Him, learn from Him, and eventually proclaim the Gospel to the nations. The number twelve recalls the twelve tribes of Israel, showing the continuity between God's covenant with Israel and the Church established by Christ. "He appointed twelve, to be with Him, and to be sent out to preach." (Mk 3:14)

ST. PETER

Originally named Simon, Peter was a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Peter, meaning rock. Christ entrusted him with a unique pastoral role: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build My Church." (Mt. 16:18) Catholics recognize Peter as the first Pope.

ST. ANDREW

Andrew was Peter's brother. He was among the first disciples called by Jesus. Tradition holds that Andrew preached the Gospel widely and was martyred by crucifixion. He is particularly honoured as the patron saint of Scotland.

ST. JAMES THE GREAT

James was one of the three Apostles who witnessed the Transfiguration of Jesus. He was the first of the Twelve to suffer martyrdom, being put to death by Herod Agrippa I.

ST. JOHN

John was one of the three Apostles closest to Jesus. He is traditionally associated with the Fourth Gospel, three letters, and Revelation. At the foot of the Cross, Jesus entrusted His Mother to John: "Behold, your mother." (Jn 19:27)

ST. PHILIP

Philip came from Bethsaida, the same town as Peter and Andrew. He brought Nathanael to Jesus and later asked Jesus to show the disciples the Father. Jesus answered: "He who has seen Me has seen the Father." (Jn 14:9)

ST. BARTHOLOMEW

Bartholomew is traditionally identified with Nathanael, whom Philip brought to Jesus. Jesus praised him as a man without deceit: "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no guile!" (John 1:47). Tradition holds that Bartholomew preached the Gospel in distant lands and died as a martyr.

ST. MATTHEW

Matthew was a tax collector before Jesus called him. His calling demonstrates the transforming mercy of Christ: Jesus did not see only Matthew's past but called him to become His disciple.

ST. THOMAS

Thomas is sometimes remembered for initially doubting the Resurrection. Yet when he encountered the risen Christ, he made one of the clearest professions of faith in the Gospel: "My Lord and my God!" (Jn 20:28). Tradition associates Thomas with missionary work in India.

ST. JAMES THE LESS

He is traditionally identified with James, the son of Alphaeus, although some details about his life remain uncertain. He is also distinguished from James the brother of John.

ST. THADDAEUS

Also called Jude, Thaddeus asked Jesus why He would reveal Himself to the disciples but not to the world. He is widely invoked as the patron of difficult or desperate situations.

ST. SIMON THE ZEALOT

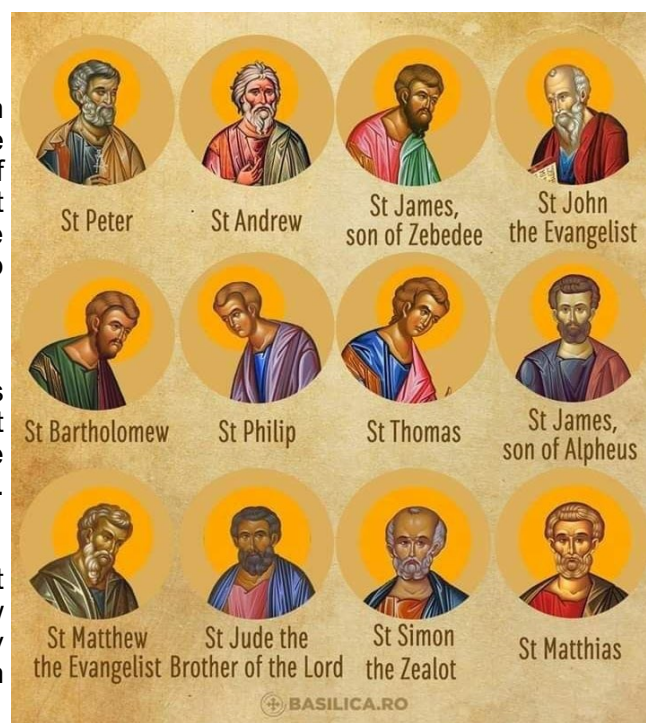
Very little is recorded about him in Scripture, but tradition holds that he preached the Gospel and eventually suffered martyrdom. His life reminds us that even those whose stories are scarcely recorded can make an enormous contribution to the mission of Christ.

ST. MATTHIAS

Matthias was not one of the original Twelve chosen during Jesus' earthly ministry. After Judas Iscariot's death, the Apostles prayed and selected Matthias to take Judas' place. He, therefore became one of the Twelve Apostles after the Resurrection and Ascension.

FROM TWELVE FISHERMEN TO THE WHOLE WORLD...

These men were not chosen because they were perfect. They had weaknesses, fears, doubts, and failures. Yet Christ transformed them and sent them to proclaim the Gospel. The Church continues to understand her bishops as successors of the Apostles, preserving and handing on the apostolic faith. The mission that began with the Apostles continues today: Go. Proclaim Christ. Make disciples. Live the Gospel. Holy Apostles, pray for us.



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MASSES SCHEDULE

Weekdays

8:15am—Monday—Friday

Saturday

8:00am—Italian

4:30pm—Spanish (Ant Sunday Mass)

6:00pm—English (Ant Sunday Mass)

Sundays

9:00am—English

10:30am—Italian

6:00pm—English

3:00pm—Albanian—2nd Sun

3:00pm—Filipino—3rd Sun

Baptism—11:45am—Sunday

Confession—8:30-9:00am—Saturday

Adoration—7:00pm—Saturday

He turned us gifted and sent people



According to St. Thomas, the God, who instituted the Sacraments, is not bound by his own Sacraments. However, he did not mean to say that the Sacraments are unimportant, but that God, who is rich in mercy, can go out of the ordinary to exercise His mercy and charity.

God is boundless love and mercy, and we are witnesses to that reality. We feed ourselves daily, and clean ourselves daily, yet have we realized that it is God who went out of His "usual", so that

water does not only clean but also give rebirth, that bread and wine become the food that satisfies the soul. We are recipients of that boundless love of God, who willingly stooped down to us, became like us, and even died for our sake.

Today, we are challenged how we are going to go out our own comfort zones, our desires for exclusivity, to reach out to many people who are hungry and in need of God. Why is the Catholic Church the largest Christian group in the world? It is because we are universal or "catholic"! A church that welcomes everyone and adapts itself for the evangelization of the peoples is a sign of vitality.

On the other hand, wonder why many Church organizations and initiatives fail? Wonder why some devotions do not last beyond the lifetimes of their promoters? It is because it is easy for some in the Church to become an "exclusive, invitation-only club" that does not open itself, but rather enjoy their own closed-mindedness.

Let us pray that we will not be tempted to imprison ourselves by our closed-mindedness. Let us remember that we must be open to where God sends us, because we were once rejected, despised, and worthless nobodies, that God has turned into his beloved, gifted, and sent people.



"Jesus Christ is the one who abides the heights of heaven, who walks on the wings of the wind and whose eyes measure the earth. He is God. But he is almost afraid to show it and seems intent to show only his humanity so as to make his clemency known."

John B. Scalabrini, Pastoral Letter, 16.2.1878

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1st Reading — Is 56: 1, 6-7

From the book of the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

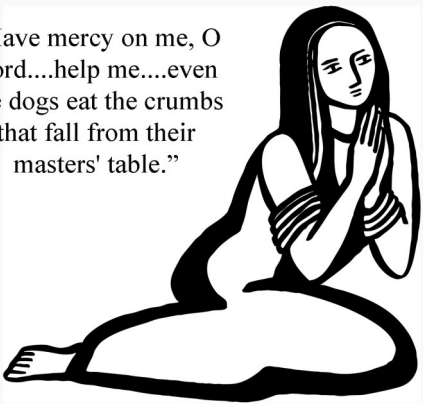
R: O God, let all the nations praise you.

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.
R.

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. R.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. R.

“Have mercy on me, O Lord....help me....even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.”



Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.”

2nd Reading — Rom 11: 13-15, 29-32

From the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The Word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who are sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel — Mt 15: 21-28

From the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, ‘Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.’ But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. ‘Give her what she wants,’ they said ‘because she is shouting after us.’ He said in reply, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.’ But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. ‘Lord,’ she said ‘help me.’ He replied, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the house-dogs.’ She retorted, ‘Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master’s table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.’ And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Blessing of Milestone Wedding Anniversaries
Sunday 20 September 2026

Celebrations for milestone wedding anniversaries in the archdiocese will be held in local parish communities to recognise couples in their life-long commitment. The archdiocese will provide parishes with digital resources via email. In addition to the resources, there is a digital form for parishes to nominate married couples celebrating significant anniversaries (e.g. 10, 20, 30 . . . to receive a certificate for presentation in their parish. Nominations will close strictly on 4 Sept 2026. Unfortunately, certificates cannot be prepared for nominations received after this date.

Safeguarding Essentials Training

If you are a parish volunteer and have not completed the Safeguarding Essentials Training, you can attend the Training Sessions run by the Archdiocese at the:

Adelaide Cathedral Hall

39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide

Thursday August 20, 2026, 10am-12noon.

All volunteers must complete the following:

Working with Children Check

Safeguarding Essentials Course

Volunteer Induction (Code of Conduct & WHS Agreement)

PARISH NOTICE

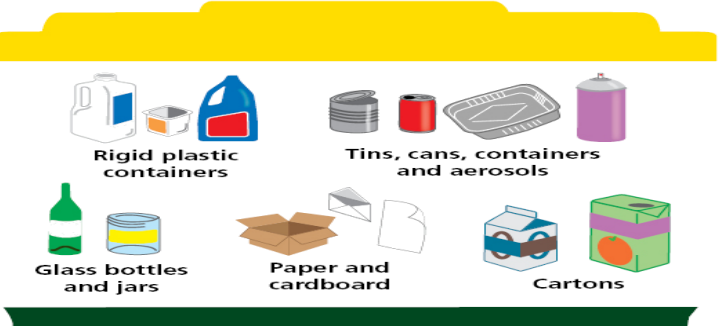
Annual Feast in honour
of Pope Pius X

La prossima domenica 23 agosto l'Associazione Trevisani nel Mondo di Adelaide ricorderà il proprio santo patrono, il Papa San Pio X, durante la S. Messa delle 10.30am. Alla Messa farà seguito il Pranzo nella sala parrocchiale. Per prenotare un posto telefonare a Guido 0438 873 091.



MAINTENANCE OF THE PARISH

It is everybody’s responsibility to maintain the church and the grounds as clean as possible.
In case you like to pick “some herbs/vegies/flowers/fruits from the garden”, kindly ask first.
Use blue, green & yellow bins in the proper way.



PARISH CALENDAR

Sat 15/08	4:30 PM	Mass in Spanish
	6:00 PM	Peter Giles
Sun 16/08	9:00 AM	Nikoll Ducaj, Immaculada Postrano
	10:30 AM	Maristella, Domenico Antonio Tassone, Cosimo, Ilario, Anna Aloj Gustavo Baggio, Giovanni Placanica, Francesco Leonforte, Caterina Acitino
	3:00 PM	Filipino Mass
	6:00 PM	English Mass
Mon 17/08	8:15 AM	English Mass
	7:00 PM	Mass in Spanish
Tue 18/08	8:15 AM	Italian Mass
Wed 19/08	8:15 AM	English Mass
Thu 20/08	8:15 AM	Guido Di Fabio
Fri 21/08	8:15 AM	St Pius X, pope
	7:00 PM	Memorial Mass (Domenico Russo)
Sat 22/08	8:00 AM	Guidolin DFM (The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

MINISTRY ROSTERS

Aug 16, 2026	Lectors	EOCM
6:00pm (Sat)	Reanne Macalincag Maria Scarsella	Tomas Jimenea Rossa Mazzone
9:00am	Maria Boccaccio Lucita Cabangal	Francesca Buffo Rosa Brunello
10:30am Italian	Pina Deguisa Nila Santo	Cecilia Mazzone Giovanni & Luisa F.
6:00pm	Marigold Miane Teresa Bunting	Ludwina Tan John Scarfo

Aug 23, 2026	Lectors	EOCM
6:00pm (Sat)	Leila Veras Niniane Ortiz	Jenny DeGennaro Phil Della-Pietra
9:00am	Elaine George Loel Ojerio	Charles Zammit Frank Ienari
10:30am Italian	Albina Perre Vito Zerella	Tonin Pecaj, Nella S Franca Colangelo
6:00pm	Precious Galgo Angela Ocares	Rosemary Velardo Mimma Adami

COLLECTION (09/08/26)

1st Collection	2nd Collection	Special Collection	Total
\$2,174.00	\$2,129.00		\$4,303.00