

# THE APOSTLES in The Church -Blessed Mother Side

Do we notice the Apostles on the Ceiling – They were the first to be with Jesus and spread His Word and the Mass.

Pictures of the Apostles with their Symbol Below (Note: St. Simon is not on our ceiling).

Below are Apostles Ceiling Pictures - Blessed Mother Side -in order from Sanctuary to back of the Church.

## Picture

## Symbol

## Information

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### Description



St. Peter  
The crossed keys represent Peter's authority (given by Christ). At times he is pictured as a bald old man with flowing beard, clad in white mantle and blue tunic, holding Scripture.

St. Peter was also known as Simon or Cephas. He was the brother of Andrew. He became the leading Apostle after Pentecost until the Council of Jerusalem in 50 A.D.

Peter was crucified in Rome under Nero. An ancient historian records that he asked to be crucified upside down because he felt unworthy to be crucified as his Lord. The keys represent Jesus' saying, "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."

St. Peter's Day is June 29.



St. Jude (Thaddeus)  
Jude probably traveled by ship on his missionary journeys with Simon; he is variously represented with a club, staff, and carpenter's square (his trade).

Saint Jude, also known as Thaddeus, is reputed to have traveled with Simon. Manner of dying is unknown, but he and Simon were believed martyred together. St. Jude's Day is October 28.



St. Andrew  
According to tradition, Andrew was crucified on an X-shaped (saltire) cross; he is sometimes pictured as an old man with long white hair and beard, holding the Gospel and leaning on a saltire.

St. Andrew was the brother of Peter. He is said to have founded the church in Russia. He is the patron saint of both Russia and Scotland.

Tradition holds that Andrew was crucified in Greece on a cross saltire.

Saint Andrew's Day is November 30.

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St. James the Less (Son of Alphaeus)  
One Legend said that James the Lesser suffered a terrible martyrdom by being sawed apart; another symbol is the fuller's pole (struck in the head).

**Information**

St. James (called "The Less" or "The Just") was a son of Alphaeus. He worked in and near Jerusalem and was probably its first bishop.

An ancient historian claims that James was pushed from a pinnacle of the temple at the age of 96. Near death, he rose to ask forgiveness for his enemies, who then beat him with a fuller's bat and sawed his body in pieces.

Saint James' Day is May 1.



**St. Thomas**

The carpenter's square stands for the church  
Thomas is said to have built with his own hands in India; the spear or lance is a sign of the purported manner of his death.

St. Thomas was an evangelist in Persia and India. In India he is reported to have built a church with his own hands.

Thomas died when he was shot with arrows, stoned and left to die. A priest then ran a spear through him.

St. Thomas' Day is December 21.



**St. Matthias**

Matthias, chosen to take the place of Judas, is symbolized by a battle-ax, with which he was said to be beheaded, and an open Bible.

St. Matthias was the Apostle chosen by lot to take Judas' place as one of the twelve.

Tradition holds that he worked in Judea or Ethiopia. He is said to have been stoned and then beheaded.

St. Matthias' Day is February 24.

St. Matthias picture is located in the Choir Loft