

Saint Andrew
(Apostle)
30 November



About Saint Andrew

Saint Andrew was born in Bethsaida, in Galilee, and worked as a fisherman. He may have been a disciple of Saint John the Baptist. Saint Andrew became one of the first to follow Jesus and he introduced his brother, Simon Peter, to him.

As one of the twelve Apostles, Saint Andrew was widely venerated in ancient times and became the patron of Scotland because according to legend some of his bones were brought there and buried at the place where town of Saint Andrews now stands.

Saint Andrew is mentioned several times in the Gospels, including when he introduced some Gentiles to Jesus (John 12:20). He is remembered as one of the twelve who witnessed to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

It is said that he may have preached the Gospel in parts of Asia Minor and Greece before being crucified on an X-shaped cross. This is the cross of Saint Andrew which is on the flag of Scotland.

What can we learn from Saint Andrew's life?

Like most of the Apostles, we do not know a great deal about Saint Andrew. However, we do know that he left his life of fishing behind to follow Christ. We too, often must leave other activities, pursuits, hobbies and/or interests behind to follow Christ. It is not always convenient to **do so, but we must persevere in our faith and be faithful to Christ.** The Collect of today's Mass mentions Saint Andrew as a preacher and pastor. We might consider these two attributes to be the exclusive domain of the ordained clergy. That is certainly true of the liturgy. However, when **we are dismissed we are called to "glorify the Lord by our life".** In this way, we must ask ourselves what do I need to leave behind in order to follow Christ during the week after leaving Sunday Mass? We are not only called to pray more, but also pray for the needs of others and also look for opportunities to serve God by serving our neighbour. In this way too, like Saint Andrew we will be preachers and pastors by the way we live our lives and in the sincere and humble way we give glory to God by our deeds and words.

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Collect

We humbly implore your majesty, O Lord,
that, just as the blessed Apostle Andrew
was for your Church a preacher and pastor,
so he may be for us a constant intercessor before you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

'I will make you fishers of men'

Matthew 4:18-22

As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee,
he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter,
and his brother Andrew;
they were making a cast in the lake with their net,
for they were fishermen.
And he said to them,
'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.'
And they left their nets at once and followed him.
Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers,
James son of Zebedee and his brother John;
they were in their boat with their father Zebedee,
mending their nets, and he called them.
At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

Antiphon

Andrew told his brother Simon:
We have found the Messiah, the Christ, and he brought him to Jesus.

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Hymn for the Feast of Saint Andrew

In Galilee, Saint Andrew,
for fish your nets you cast.
There Jesus came to find you,
to follow Him he asked.
You were one of the first to
respond to His great call,
to leave your nets behind you
and give to Him your all.

A witness to Christ Jesus,
you preached His Name each day.
You knew Him as Messiah
and followed in His Way.
You brought others to know Him,
His followers increased,
on earth the Gospel spread wide,
to greatest and to least.

O Lord, like Andrew may we
respond to you each day,
with courage and conviction
so others know Your Way.
May we seek those who have not
heard of Your love so great,
that we may preach Your Gospel
and spread the Christian Faith.

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Other Music Suggestions:

[Pescador de Hombres](#)

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