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### *Mission Statement*

The Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception is the only African-American Basilica in the United States and the cornerstone of Catholicism in Tidewater. Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people, regardless of race, language or culture. Nourished by the Eucharist, we seek to accomplish this by drawing on our rich African-American heritage of Spirit-filled worship, Christ-centered service, and fellowship that recalls our common Father.

This is our call. This is our mission.

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### *Mass Schedule*

#### **Saturday Vigil**

5:00 pm

#### **Sundays**

9:00 am and 12:00 Noon

#### **Tuesday-Friday**

12:10 pm

#### **Holy Days**

12:00 pm & 7:00 pm

### *Religious Education*

#### **Sundays**

September through May

10:45 am

### *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

#### **Saturdays**

4:15 pm or by appointment

### *Marriage*

Contact priest 6 months prior to proposed wedding date.

### *Ministry to Sick*

#### *and Homebound*

Please contact Church Office to arrange for communion, anointing of the sick or when someone is ill, in the hospital, or in need in any way.

### *Baptism*

Parents who present children to be baptized are expected to be registered members of the parish for 6 months. Parents must attend a baptismal preparation session prior to baptism 3rd Saturday of the month. Please contact the Church Office.

### *Interested in the*

#### *Catholic Faith?*

The RCIA process is for you. Please contact the Church Office.

### *The Ministry of Consolation*

meets on the last Saturday of each month in St. Joseph's Chapel at 3:00 pm. If this is your time of grief and pain because of the loss of a loved one, this ministry encourages you to join us at a meeting where you will meet others who have suffered a loss.



**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE****Sunday, October 25***Thirtieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

Ex 22:20-26  
 Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51  
 1 Thes 1:5c-10  
 Mt 22:34-40

**Monday, October 26***Weekday*

Eph 4:32—5:8  
 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6  
 Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday, October 27***Weekday*

Eph 5:21-33  
 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5  
 Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday, October 28***Memorial of Saints Simon  
and Jude, Apostles*

Eph 2:19-22  
 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5  
 Lk 6:12-16

**Thursday, October 29***Weekday*

Eph 6:10-20  
 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10  
 Lk 13:31-35

**Friday, October 30***Weekday*

Phil 1:1-11  
 Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
 Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday, October 31***Weekday*

Phil 1:18b-26  
 Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef  
 Lk 14:1,7-11

Access Daily Readings from  
 the New American Bible, Revised Edition  
 (NABRE) online at <https://bible.usccb.org>

**EMBRACING THE CHARGE AND MISSION***Reflection on Matthew 22:34-40*

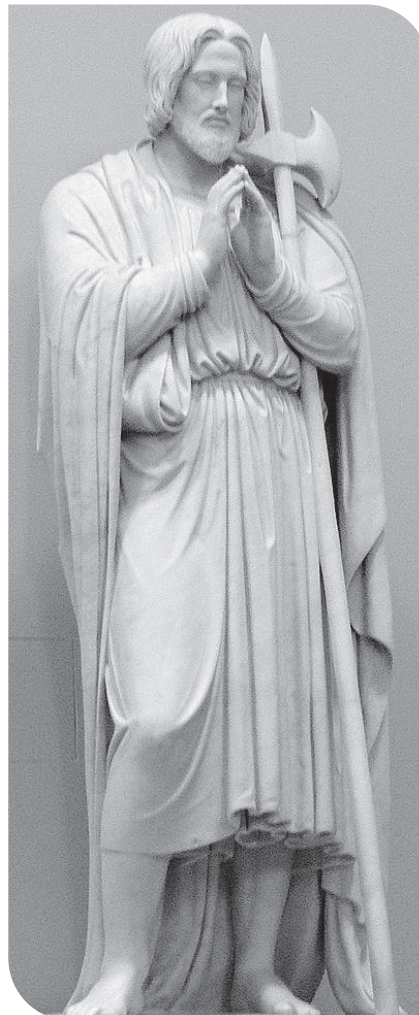
Some years ago I was sent to be the new pastor of a rather large parish. One of the first things I noticed was that the exit from the church parking lot to the busy street we bordered had three staggered signposts, each of which read: "Thou shalt not park here." I jokingly referred to these signs as "the eleventh commandment."

Parish life, in all its parts, forms and sends people as intentional disciples of Jesus. Our discipleship, according to scripture, is expressed in the infinite number of ways in which we follow today's Great Commandment – to love God with our whole being and to love others as ourselves – as well as creatively participate in the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 19-20) – to go/make/baptize/teach disciples. These are the "whole" that interprets the "parts."

As I continually and consistently shared this vision with staff, individuals, and groups within the parish, it was amazing to see and experience a transformation of parish culture. The Holy Spirit moved many to embrace the charge and mission rather than to consume the product. Parish life began to happen more off-grounds than on.

A few years into my term in this parish, staff members and other parish leaders confronted me about those signs at the exit. They wanted to know why we were giving such a negative message ("Thou Shalt NOT...") to folks as they were leaving the property. I was thrilled to follow-up on their suggestion that we replace "the eleventh commandment" with three new signs on these same posts. They now read, 'Love God,' 'Love Others,' 'Make Disciples.'

~ Fr. Jay

**SAINT JUDE THADDEUS,  
APOSTLE**

FEAST DAY OCTOBER 28  
 PATRON OF LOST CAUSES

Jude's father was a martyr, and his mother kindly stood at the cross and anointed Christ's body after His death. He was actually the nephew of Mary and Joseph, and it is said that he looked very much like his cousin Jesus. His patronage of impossible causes stems from confusion between him and Judas. Since early Christians prayed for Judas' help and not to Jude Thaddeus, devotion to Jude was "a lost cause." Jude was killed with a club and beheaded after his death in Persia during the first century. His relics were distributed in Rome and France.

**PRAYER TO ST. JUDE THADDEUS**

*Dearest cousin of Christ, St. Jude Thaddeus, in this desperate situation I ask for your prayers. It seems all is lost but I remain faithful in the Lord. Ask Him to hear my solemn prayer and provide the best outcome. Brave and honorable, St. Jude Thaddeus, I beseech your help in praying for this hopeless cause so that in the end, God's will is done. Amen.*

Philip Lief Group, Inc. (2004). *Saintly Advice: A Prayer for Every Problem*.  
 Capodanno, J. (Ed.). Kansas City, MO: Barnes and Noble





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