

Today is the Feast of Ss. Simon and Jude, both Apostles, both martyrs. Very little is known about them, and Scripture even is vague on who's who as there are some contradicting names.

By tradition, Simon was known as Simon the Zealot in the West, and Simon of Cana in the East. The Hebrew word for Zealot sounds an awful lot like Canaanite. Some authors postulate that Simon was the groom at the Wedding at Cana, and on seeing the miracle Jesus did there, left his new wife and followed Him.

Jude is commonly called upon as the patron of lost causes ... the hopeless and despaired ... and of the impossible. The performer Danny Thomas made St. Jude famous when he used his fortune to fund the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The readings for Apostles usually have some element of the call of the Twelve, and today we heard that in the Gospel.

As we approach this altar to receive the Sacred Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, let us be attentive to God's call for us ... both the "big" call of our vocation ... and the "little" calls that come up throughout the day.