

# FEAST OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

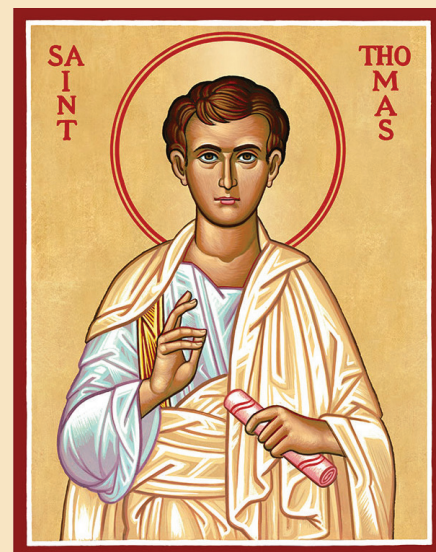
JULY 3

St. Thomas the Apostle was one of the 12 original disciples of Jesus Christ. Mostly known for his doubt of Christ's Resurrection, Thomas (also known as Didymus) represents the humanity we all share. Our faith is one of mystery, and we all have questions that we would like to ask Jesus. Once seeing the wounds on Christ's resurrected body, Thomas' faith was firmed and he became a missionary. Traveling outside of the Roman Empire, Thomas went East - eventually settling in India to preach the Good News. He was invited by the king to construct a palace, as Thomas was a skilled builder. But when Thomas distributed the payment from that project to the poor, it angered the king and got Thomas thrown in prison. He continued to preach the Gospel, causing disruption and anger amongst the establishment. Thomas was killed by a spear — a wound similar to that which he touched on Jesus.

Thomas was canonized a Saint for his martyrdom. His Feast Day is July 3 — also recognized as Indian Christians Day. St. Thomas the Apostle is also the Patron Saint of Architects.

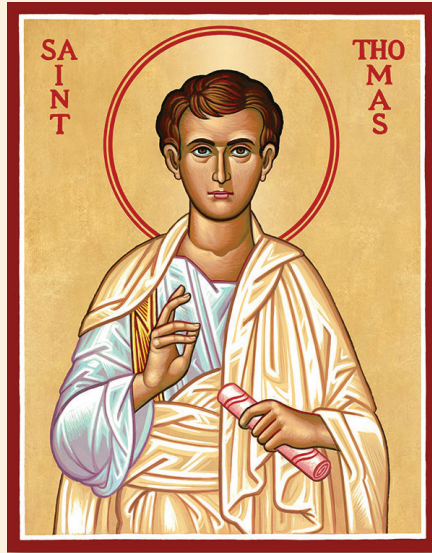
Our continued evangelization of all corners of the world grounds us in the story of St. Thomas the Apostle. We all doubt, we all question, and we all move forward in our faith to become deeper disciples of Christ.

As we celebrate the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, this faith community is reminded of our role in building the Kingdom of God. We are on a mission to bring Jesus to all; to be a builder of faith.



## PRAYER TO ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

*Almighty and ever living God,  
who strengthened your apostle  
Thomas  
with sure and certain faith in your  
Son's resurrection,  
Grant us so perfectly and without  
doubt to believe in Jesus Christ,  
our Lord and our God,  
that our faith may never be found  
wanting in your sight;  
through Him who lives and reigns  
with You in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.*



# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

## PATRON SAINT OF ARCHITECTS

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*An architect is one who is creative and skilled. Artist and engineer. A balance of design and development.*

*An architect stays with a project from concept to completion. From beginning to end. From idea to reality.*

*An architect is one person, with one plan. A community is needed to complete the venture.*

*An architect does not work alone.*

### **How are we architects of faith?**

#### **How has St. Thomas the Apostle built and shaped our understanding of God?**

This faith community of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish — founded in 1984 — has adopted the motto of “We Are St. Thomas.” We are the hands, feet and heart of Christ to the world. We are also the broken, skeptical, reflexive, determined, inspired, *human* traits of St. Thomas the Apostle.

As we continue to embody and share the Good News:

- How do you build up St. Thomas the Apostle parish?
- What builds you up at St. Thomas the Apostle parish?
- How can St. Thomas the Apostle parish continue to be built up?

Thank you to all persons in this St. Thomas the Apostle faith community.

Whether you have been here 3 months, 3 years, or 30+ years, **YOU** are a valued member of this place.

*“In Christ Jesus you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”  
(Ephesians 2:22 NABRE)*