

Holy apostles, pray for us!



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"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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The free gift of God

Have you ever felt stuck at something? Maybe you were trying to make something, and you couldn't figure out how to do it. Or maybe you were actually physically stuck—like in a bunch of mud! How would you get out?



Sometimes we might feel stuck in our habits too. We get so used to acting a certain way that we think we have to be like that for the rest of our lives! Maybe we're always mean to somebody. Or maybe we talk back to our parents. Maybe we goof off in church. Maybe we won't say we're sorry. We know the right way, but how do we change?

In the epistle today, Saint Paul says sometimes we can be "slaves to sin." In other words, we feel stuck, just like we are when we can't move our feet in a pile of mud! We might want to get out and we might want to do the right thing, but how do we do that?

God always gives us a way out. Saint Paul tells us that we get freedom with God. "The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." We can always choose to do the right thing. Ask God to help you break these bad habits, and you won't be stuck. God will give you that "free gift" when we ask for His help.

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- Apostles
- Baptize
- Church
- Command
- Eternal
- Feasting
- Gift
- Habits
- Salvation
- Twelve

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“GO OUT INTO ALL THE WORLD”

THE 12 HOLY APOSTLES

Do you listen when somebody tells you to do something? If your parents told you to get up from a game and go brush your teeth, would you do it? Sometimes we might listen for the little things, but you’d listen for big things, wouldn’t you?



On Tuesday, we celebrate the 12 holy apostles. These were Jesus’s friends who followed Jesus not just when He was here on earth. They also followed the Lord after He died and rose and went to heaven. Christ told them, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

Jesus told them to go and spread the good news everywhere they could go. And they did! Saint Peter went to Rome and Antioch. St. Matthew went to Ethiopia. Saint James went to Spain. St. Thomas went to India. All the apostles went somewhere, and all the apostles spread the good news of Christ’s resurrection.

This week, let’s celebrate the holy apostles. And let’s follow their examples too as much as we can. We can show people the joy of Christ and the love He gives to all of us.

We remember the apostles on Tuesday, June 30th (OC: July 13th).

WHAT’S IN THE ICON?

Here are Saints Peter and Paul. We celebrate these amazing saints tomorrow.

Do you see what they are holding up?
They are holding a church, because we remember how they helped build up the whole Christian Church!

