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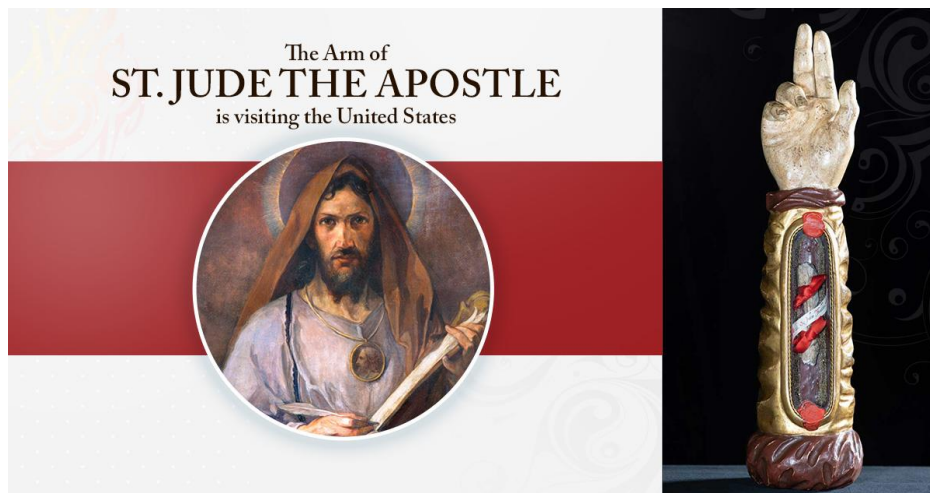
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## RELICS OF SAINT JUDE TO VISIT DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Relic will visit eight parishes across Long Island*



**ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NEW YORK – November 14, 2023** – From November 27 – December 5, 2023, the Diocese of Rockville Centre will host the Apostle of the Impossible: Tour of the Relics of Saint Jude the Apostle.

More details to follow. Here is the current schedule for the tour in the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

### **Monday, November 27, 2023**

#### **Saint Jude Church**

89 Overlook Drive, Mastic Beach, N.Y. 11951

Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.



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**Tuesday, November 28, 2023**

**Saint Anthony of Padua Church**

20 Cheshire Place, East Northport, N.Y. 11731

Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 29, 2023**

**Saint Patrick Church**

9 North Clinton Avenue, Bay Shore, N.Y. 11706

Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, November 30, 2023**

**Holy Family Church**

17 Fordham Avenue, Hicksville, N.Y. 11801

Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, December 1, 2023**

**Notre Dame Church**

45 Mayfair Road, New Hyde Park, N.Y. 11040

Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, December 2, 2023**

**Saint Patrick Church**

235 Glen St., Glen Cove, N.Y. 11542

Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, December 3, 2023**

**Holy Name of Jesus Church**

690 Woodbury Road, Woodbury, N.Y. 11797

Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude: 2:30 p.m.

Veneration immediately following Mass

Veneration ends at 9:00 p.m.



**Monday, December 4, 2023**

**Saint Agnes Cathedral**

29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, N.Y. 11570

Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 5, 2023**

**Saint Patrick Church**

400 Main Street, Huntington, N.Y. 11743

Veneration of Relic: 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Special Mass in honor of Saint Jude at 7:00 p.m.

**About the Saint**

As the son of Mary of Clopas (Cleophas), the sister of the Blessed Virgin Mary and one of the “three Marys” who stood by Jesus during His crucifixion, Jude is the Lord’s first cousin.

Saint Jude’s visit offers a unique opportunity to experience a connection with one of the most venerated figures in Christian history. “Regarded as the patron saint of lost causes and desperate situations, the visit provides an opportunity for individuals to experience intimacy with someone who dwells in Heaven and beholds God face-to-face,” said Father Carlos Martins, CC, a Custos Reliquiarum (ecclesiastically-appointed curate of relics) and director of Treasures of the Church. “It allows devotees to receive his blessing and entrust him with their petitions.”

**About the Relics**

Saint Jude’s body was buried in the place of his martyrdom but was transferred to Rome during the time of the Emperor Constantine. His tomb rests directly below the main altar of the left transept of Saint Peter’s Basilica. Several centuries ago, his arm was removed and placed in a simple wooden reliquary carved in the shape of a priestly arm, imparting a blessing. They reside within the same today.



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The tour that is coming to the Diocese of Rockville Centre is also stopping in numerous dioceses spanning most of the country, including Illinois, Minnesota, Kansas, Michigan, New York, Texas, Oregon and California.

### **Extraordinary Papal Plenary Indulgence**

Pilgrims will be able to receive an extraordinary Plenary Indulgence issued by Pope Francis and published by the Vatican's Apostolic Penitentiary.

Father Martins, who has been ministering with relics for almost 30 years, remarks, "God never disappoints but always "shows up" at an exposition. There are healings at each one. Thousands have been reported to me spectacular ones. Attendees have reported cancer, heart disease, tumors osteoporosis, physical deformities, etc. disappear immediately and completely."

Though a great number of miracles have been physical, he admits that the most spectacular is the healing of faith, where a new and deeper relationship with God and His saints form in the faithful. "It is wonderful to see a parish, school, or prison renewed after an exposition. That is the basis for this ministry's existence, and I cannot wait to see how Saint Jude will add to it," said Fr. Martins.

For more information on the visit of the relics of Saint Jude the Apostle, visit:

[www.ApostleOfTheImpossible.com](http://www.ApostleOfTheImpossible.com).

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### **About the Diocese of Rockville Centre - 2023**

The Diocese of Rockville Centre ([www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org)) was formed in 1957 and covers 1,198 square miles in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. The diocese serves approximately 1.3 million baptized Catholics\* (total population in both counties is approximately 2.5 million). There are 133 parishes plus 1 campus parish in 115 towns. The diocese is blessed with 328 priests (160 active diocesan priests), 667 religious women, 54 Brothers and 273 permanent deacons. In 2021, 8,553 baptisms, 9,402 confirmations, 9,422 First Holy Communions and 1,052 Catholic marriages took place in the diocese. There are 11,054 students enrolled in 35 Catholic elementary schools (31 parish or regional and 4 private); 10,093 students are enrolled in nine Catholic high schools (2 diocesan, 2 parish and 5 private) and 4,883 students enrolled one



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Catholic college (Molloy University, Rockville Centre). In 2021, there were 57,364 elementary and high school students in parish Faith Formation programs. In 2021, Catholic clergy and community provided consolation to families and loved ones of 12,544 deceased Catholics at 4 diocesan and 20 parish cemeteries. Catholic Health (CH) is an integrated system encompassing some of the region's finest health and human service agencies. With approximately 17,000 employees, CH consists of a network of six acute-care hospitals, three nursing homes, a home health service, hospice, a multiservice, community-based agency for persons with special needs and a network of physician practices. Catholic Charities of Long Island shares the love of Jesus by offering dignified and compassionate care to poor and over 1.3 million, face-to-face services to an average of 58,000 neighbors from 53 sites in Nassau and Suffolk counties. Catholic Faith Network (CFN), based in Uniondale broadcasts 24/7/365. The Office of Communications maintains robust Facebook, Twitter and Instagram social media platforms and produces a weekly E-Newsletter. The diocesan website [drvc.org](http://drvc.org) averages approximately 18,000 unique visitors each month. \*As of 2021