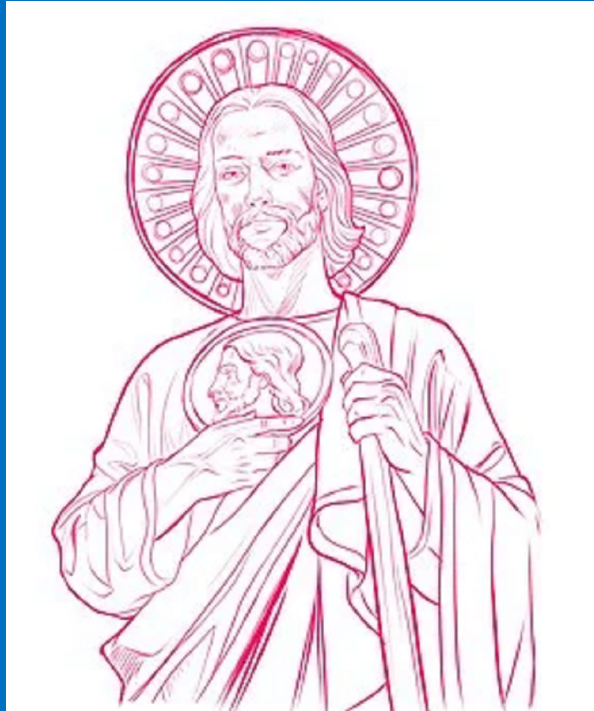


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Saint Jude, also known as Thaddeus, is portrayed as a fisherman or a farmer, healer, exorcist, as well as the founder of the Church in Armenia, but he's also known as the “saint of lost causes” and “the patron saint of hopeless cases.” He is also considered to be the protector of money earned and the patron saint of hospital workers and hospitals.

Several of these descriptions above lead us to the realization that Saint Jude is also the patron of Sister Madeleine Saint-Michel's mission to help the sick and the aged who are mostly confined to their homes. After all, it was at Saint Jude parish in Ahuntsic that SASMAD/PHC first took root, with Father Claude Fournier as parish priest. The presbytery of Saint Jude parish was home to the team of SASMAD/PHC coordinators, as well as les Amis de Jeanne Mance, for several years. As witnessed by widespread devotion and by the numerous pilgrims who come to pray to him, Saint Jude continues to care for the sick, for health workers, for difficult and desperate causes, as well as for financial gain that is earned honestly and used wisely.