



# Sts. Simon & Jude Church

## Mission Statement

*Based on our shared values, we declare the following Mission Statement:*

"We are Catholic disciples of Jesus Christ, celebrating Eucharist and welcoming and serving all God's people in the spirit of our brother Francis of Assisi."

- "We are..."  
*At our best we are a community of faith. We do not walk our journey of faith alone.*
- "Catholic..."  
*We live out our faith in communion with the Bishop of Rome and the Bishop of Orange.*
- "disciples of Jesus Christ..."  
*Jesus called us to follow him. So we must not just believe Jesus, we must do what Jesus did.*
- "celebrating Eucharist..."  
*We gather around the Lord's table in praise and thanksgiving for the Sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf and for his continued presence In our midst in the Body of Christ.*
- "and welcoming..."  
*Our community offers hospitality and loving friendship to each other, to those who visit us and to those who inquire about joining us.*
- "and serving..."  
*We reach out to each other in fidelity to the command of Jesus, not just by sharing the Eucharist but also by "washing each other's feet" in loving service.*
- "all God's people..."  
*God is God for all people. Jesus is Savior for all people. As disciples of Jesus, we too must be for all people.*
- "in the spirit of our brother Francis of Assisi."  
*Invoking the name of Francis conveys many thoughts: unity with all Creation; sister/brotherhood, which is the foundation of the Franciscan rule; the message Francis heard from God to rebuild His Church.*

By this mission statement we proclaim who we are. By this mission statement we challenge ourselves to be who we hope to be. We affirm the fruits of our efforts to live out our shared values but we recognize the many times we fail to answer God's call to be the "Good News" in our world. We ask God's blessing as we strive to respond faithfully and completely to our vocation as disciples of Jesus.