

that this most holy exchange,
by which you have
redeemed us,
may bring your help in this
present life
and ensure for us eternal
gladness.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Jesus promises he will grant our requests.

● **What do I most want to ask Jesus?**

Jesus, today please give me...

« If people knew the meaning of eternity, **they would do anything to mend their lives.** »

ST. JACINTA OF FATIMA

THURSDAY MAY 14

ST. MATTHIAS

St. Matthias, *apostle (first century)*

The Acts of the Apostles tells us that Matthias was chosen after the resurrection to replace Judas.



Peter, quoting a psalm, told the people gathered that they must choose a new apostle: someone who had been with them from the time of “the baptism of John” until the resurrection, someone who could join them in bearing witness to these events. Two names were put forward and the assembly cast lots, the lot falling to Matthias. Nothing more is known of his life or apostolic work. Like him, may we be ready when God calls us to witness to the resurrection. ●

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (*John 15:16*)

It was not you who chose me, says the Lord, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, alleluia.

GLORY TO GOD (*page 29*)**COLLECT**

O God, who assigned Saint Matthias a place in the college of Apostles, grant us, through his intercession, that, rejoicing at how your love has been allotted to us, we may merit to be numbered among the elect. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

READING (*Acts 1:15-17, 20-26*)

Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers and sisters (there was a group of about one hundred and twenty persons in the one place). He said, “My brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand through the mouth of David, concerning Judas, who was the guide for those who arrested Jesus. Judas was numbered among us and was allotted a share in this ministry. For it is written in the Book of Psalms:

*Let his encampment become desolate,
and may no one dwell in it.*

and:

May another take his office.

Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he

was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.” Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the Eleven Apostles.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8)

R *The Lord will give him a seat
with the leaders of his people.*

OR Alleluia.

Praise, you servants
of the LORD,
praise the name
of the LORD.
Blessed be the name
of the LORD

both now and forever. **R**
From the rising to the
setting of the sun
is the name of the LORD
to be praised.

High above all nations
is the LORD;
above the heavens
is his glory. **R**

Who is like the LORD,
our God, who is
enthroned on high
and looks upon the
heavens and the
earth below? **R**

He raises up the lowly
from the dust;
from the dunghill he lifts
up the poor

To seat them with princes,
with the princes
of his own people. **R**

ALLELUIA *(See John 15:16)*

Alleluia, alleluia. I chose you
from the world, to go and
bear fruit that will last, says
the Lord. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL (*John 15:9-17*)

Jesus said to his disciples: “As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.

“I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment:

love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who

Today’s Good News

“Who is like the Lord our God, who is enthroned on high...?” (Psalm 113:5). » Our two-year-old granddaughter is absolutely captivated by the flowers in our backyard. She doesn’t just look at them; she leans in and twists her neck so she can study their underside. We joke that maybe she will grow up to be a botanist or perhaps a contemplative. No matter what happens, I love her curiosity and her sense of wonder. Watching her makes me realize how important it is to maintain that childlike attitude toward the mystery we call God. It is so tempting for me to think that if I attach a name to something, it means I really know and understand it. Of course, nothing could be further from the truth. To really encounter a flower, a night sky, a person, or God, I have to be willing to stop, lean in, and gaze in awe. **TERRI MIFEK**

chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.”

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, the offerings of your Church, reverently presented for the Feast of Saint Matthias, and through them strengthen us by the power of your grace.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PREFACE (*Apostles, page 38*)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

(*John 15:12*)

This is my commandment: Love one another as I love you, says the Lord, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Never cease, O Lord,
we pray,
to fill your family with
divine gifts,
and, through blessed
Matthias’ intercession
for us,
graciously admit us to a share
in the lot of the Saints in
light.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL (*page 58*)

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Jesus calls us his friends.

● **How have I deepened this
friendship during this Lent
and Easter season?**

Jesus, thank you for...