FEBRUARY 24, ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE W/ COMMEMORATION OF WEDNESDAY OF 2ND WEEK IN LENT

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St. Matthias was elected to take the place of Judas among the apostles. He is honored as a martyr by the Church. In the Roman Canon of the Mass the name of Matthias is not among those of the twelve apostles, whose number is completed by the addition of the name of Paul. In the series of apostolic men in the prayer preceding the Pater noster, Matthias is named between St. Stephen, the Proto-martyr, and the Apostle Barnabas. His relics are said to be kept in the Basilica of St. Mary Major. St. Clement of Alexandria says that he gave to us the beautiful maxim: "We must wholly subdue the body through mortification, subjecting it to the spirit of the crucified Jesus."

INTROIT Psalms 138: 17
Mihi autem nimis honorati sunt amici tui, Deus: nimis confortátus est principátus eórum. (Ps 138: 1-2) Dómine, probásti me et cognovísti me: tu cognovísti sessiónem meam et resurrectiónem meam. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spirítui Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. Amen. Mihi autem nimis honorati sunt amici tui, Deus: nimis confortátus est principátus eórum.

To me Thy friends, O God, are made exceedingly honorable: their principality is exceedingly strengthened. (Ps. 138: 1-2) Lord, Thou hast proved me, and known me: Thou hast known my sitting down, and my rising up. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. To me Thy friends, O God, are made exceedingly honorable: their principality is exceedingly strengthened.

COLLECT
Deus, qui beátum Matthíam Apostolórum tuórum collégio sociásti: tribue, quæsumus; ut, ejus intervéntione, tuæ circa nos pietátis semper víscera sentiámus. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

O God, who didst join blessed Matthias to the company of Thine Apostles: grant, we beseech Thee, that by his intercession, we may ever sense within us Thy tender mercy surrounding us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Wednesday after 2nd Sunday in Lent
Pópulum tuum, quæsumus, Dómine propítius réspice: et quos ab escis carnálibus præcípis abstinére, a nóxiis quoque vítiis cessáre compélle. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti. Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Look upon Thy people with favor, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and grant that they whom Thou dost command to abstain from food may also cease from baneful vices. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

LESSON Acts 1: 15-26
In diébus illis exsúrgens Petrus in médio fratrum, dixit: - erat autem turba hóminum simul, fere centum vigínti -: Viri fratres, opórtet impléri Scriptúram, quam prædixit Spíritus Sanctus per os David de Juda, qui fuit dux eórum, qui comprehendérunt Jesum: qui connumerátus erat in nobis, et sortítus est sortem ministérii hujus. Et hic quidem possédit agrum de mercéde iniquitátis, et suspénsus crépuit médius: et diffúsa sunt ómnia víscera ejus. Et notum factum est ómnibus habitántibus Jerúsalem, ita ut appellarétur ager ille, lingua eórum, Haceldama, hoc est ager sánguinis. Scriptum est enim in libro Psalmórum: Fiat commorátio eórum desérta, et non sit, qui inhábitet in ea: et episcopátum ejus accípiat alter. Opórtet ergo ex his viris, qui nobíscum sunt congregáti in omni témpore, quo intrávit et exívit inter nos Dóminus Jesus, incípiens a baptísmate Joánnis usque in diem, qua assúmptus est a nobis, testem resurrectiónis ejus nobíscum fieri unum ex istis. Et statuérunt duos, Joseph qui vocabátur Bársabas, qui cognominátus est Justus, et Matthíam. Et orántes dixérunt: Tu, Dómine, qui corda nosti ómnium, osténde, quem elégeris ex his duóbus unum, accípere locum ministérii hujus et apostolátus, de quo prævaricátus est Judas, ut abíret in locum suum. Et dedérunt sortes eis, et cécidit sors super Matthíam, et annumerátus est cum úndecim Apóstolis.

In those days, Peter rising up in the midst of the brethren said (now the number of persons together was about hundred and twenty): Men and brethren, the Scripture must needs be fulfilled which the Holy Ghost spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who was the leader of them that apprehended Jesus: who was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry. And he indeed hath possessed a field of the reward of iniquity; and, being hanged, burst asunder in the midst; and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the same field was called in their tongue Haceldama, that is to say, the field of blood. For it is written in the book of Psalms: Let their habitation become desolate, and let there be none to dwell therein: and his bishopric let another take. Wherefore of these men, who have companied with us, all the time that the Lord Jesus came in and went out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day wherein He was taken up from us, one of these must be made a witness with us of His Resurrection. And they appointed two; Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. And praying they said: Thou Lord, who knowest the hearts of all men, show whether of these two Thou hast chosen, to take the place of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas hath by transgression fallen, that he might go to his own place. And they gave them lots, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

GRADUAL Psalms 138: 17-18
Nimis honorati sunt amici tui, Deus: nimis confortátus est principatus eórum. Dinumerábo eos, et super arénam multiplicábuntur.

Thy friends, O God, are exceedingly honorable; their principality is exceedingly strengthened. I will number them, and they shall be multiplied above the sand.

TRACT Psalms 20: 3-4
Desidérium ánimæ ejus tribuísti ei: et voluntáte labiórum ejus non fraudásti eum. Quóniam prævenísti eum in benedictiónibus dulcédinis. Posuísti in cápite ejus corónam de lápide pretióso.

Thou hast given him his heart's desire; and hast not withheld from him the will of his lips. For Thou hast prevented him with blessings of sweetness. Thou hast set on his head a crown of precious stones.

GOSPEL Matthew 11: 25-30
In illo témpore: Respóndens Jesus, dixit: Confíteor tibi, Pater, Dómine cæli et terræ, quia abscondísti hæc a sapiéntibus et prudentibus, et revelásti ea parvulis. Ita, Pater: quóniam sic fuit placítum ante te. Omnia mihi trádita sunt a Patre meo. Et nemo novit Fílium nisi Pater: neque Patrem quis novit nisi Fílius, et cui voluérit Fílius reveláre. Venite ad me, ómnes, qui laborátis et oneráti estis, et ego reficiam vos. Tóllite jugum meum super vos, et díscite a me, quia mitis sum et húmilis corde: et invenítis réquiem animábus vestris. Jugum enim meum suáve est et onus meum leve.

At that time, Jesus answered and said: I confess to thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them to the little ones. Yea, Father, for so hath it seemed good in Thy sight. All things are delivered to me by my Father. And no one knoweth the Son, but the Father: neither doth any one know the Father, but the Son, and he to whom it shall please the Son to reveal him. Come to me, all you that labor, and are burdened, and I will refresh you. Take up my yoke upon you, and learn of me, because I am meek, and humble of heart: and you shall find rest to your souls. For my yoke is sweet and my burden light.

OFFERTORY Psalms 44: 17-18
Constítues eos príncipes super omnem terram: mémores erunt nóminis tui, Dómine, in omni progénie et generatióne.

Thou shalt make them princes over all the earth: they shall remember Thy name, O Lord, in every progeny and generation.

SECRET
Hóstias tibi, Dómine, quas nómini tuo sacrándas offérimus, sancti Matthíæ Apóstoli tui prosequátur colléctio: per quam nos expiári fácias et defendi. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

May the prayer of Thy holy Apostle Matthias, accompany the sacrifice which we offer to Thy name, O Lord, and that through it we may be both purified and defended. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

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Hóstias, Dómine, quas tibi offérimus, propítius réspice: et per hæc sancta commércia, víncula peccatórum nostrórum absólve. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Look propitiously, O Lord, upon the sacrifices we offer Thee, and through these holy dealings loose the bonds of our sins. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

PREFACE OF THE APOSTLES
Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, Te Dómine suppliciter exoráre, ut gregem Tuum pastor ætérne, non déseras: sed per beátos Apóstolos tuos contínua protectióne custódias. Ut iisdem rectórem gubernétur, quos óperis Tui vicários eidem contulísti præésse pastóres. Et ideo cum Angelis et Archángelis, cum Thronis et Dominatiónibus, cumque omni milítia cæléstis exércitus, hymnum glóriæ Tuæ cánimus sine fine dicéntes:

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we entreat Thee humbly, O Lord, that Thou wouldst not desert Thy flock, O everlasting Shepherd, but, through Thy blessed Apostles, wouldst keep it under Thy constant protection: that it may be governed by those same rulers, whom as vicars of Thy work, Thou didst set over it to be its pastors. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing the hymn of Thy glory, evermore saying:

COMMUNION Matthew 19: 28
Vos, qui secúti estis me, sedébitis super sedes, judicántes duódecim tribus Israël.

You who have followed Me shall sit on seats judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

POSTCOMMUNION
Præsta, quæsumus, omnípotens Deus: ut per hæc sancta, quæ súmpsimus, intervéniénte beáto Matthía Apóstolo tuo, veníam consequámur et pacem. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that by these holy mysteries which we have received, through the intercession of Thine blessed Apostle Matthias, we may obtain both pardon and peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

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Sumptis, Dómine, sacraméntis: ad redemptiónis ætérnæ, quæsumus, proficiámus augméntum. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum, Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

May we derive profit unto the increase of our everlasting salvation, O Lord, from Thy sacrament which we have received. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.