

POSTCOMMUNION

Percéptis, Dómine, sacraméntis, beáto Matthæo Apóstolo tuo et Evangelísta interveni-énte, deprecámur: ut, quæ pro ejus celebráta sunt glória, nobis proficiant ad medélam. Per Dóminum.

Having received Thy sacrament, O Lord, and relying on the intercession of blessed Matthew, Thine apostle and evangelist, we humbly ask of Thee, that the mysteries we have celebrated in thanksgiving for the glory Thou hast bestowed upon him, may profit us to the healing of our souls. Through our Lord.

COMMENTARY ON THE FEAST OF SAINT MATTHEW,
APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

The *Gospel* is St. Matthew's own account of his conversion, sudden and complete: "Come, follow me", said Jesus, and he followed Him. Ezechiel's account of the four living creatures is read for the *Epistle* because from early Christian times these were regarded as symbols of the four evangelists: the one with the human face was considered to represent St. Matthew because his Gospel begins with the human genealogy of Christ. The main theme of his Gospel is that our Lord fulfilled the prophecies about Israel's Saviour and is the Messias. St. Matthew is named among the apostles in the Canon of the Mass.

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Commemorative Proper Prayers of the Mass
Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
September 21st



COLLECT

Beáti Apóstoli et Evangelístæ Matthæi, Dómine, précibus adjuvémur: ut, quod possibilitas nostra non óbtinet, ejus nobis intercessióne donétur. Per Dóminum.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, let the prayers of blessed Matthew, Thine apostle and evangelist, assist us; that those graces which by ourselves we cannot obtain, may be granted us by his intercession. Through our Lord.

SECRET

Supplicatióibus beáti Matthæi Apóstoli et Evangelístæ, quæsumus, Dómine, Ecclésiæ tuæ commendétur oblátio: cujus magníficis prædicatióibus eruditur. Per Dóminum nostrum.

May the supplications of Thy blessed apostle and evangelist Matthew, we pray Thee, O Lord, commend to Thee the oblation of Thy Church, which he instructed by his glorious teaching. Through our Lord.