

With the eyes of the spirit...

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Collect (today's Liturgy): **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.**



“And just as He appeared before the holy Apostles in true flesh, so now He has us see Him in the Sacred Bread. Looking at Him with the eyes of their flesh, they saw only His flesh, **but regarding Him with the eyes of the spirit**, they believed that He was God.

In like manner as we see bread and wine with our bodily eyes, let us see and believe firmly that it is His Most Holy Body and Blood, True and Living.

For in this way our Lord is ever present among those who believe in Him, according to what He said: Behold, I am with you all days even to the consummation of the world (Mt 28:20).”

St Francis of Assisi

St Matthias

Born in Judea

+ 80 AD

Apostle (replaced Judas Iscariot)

Martyr (stoned and beheaded)

FEAST DAY - May 14

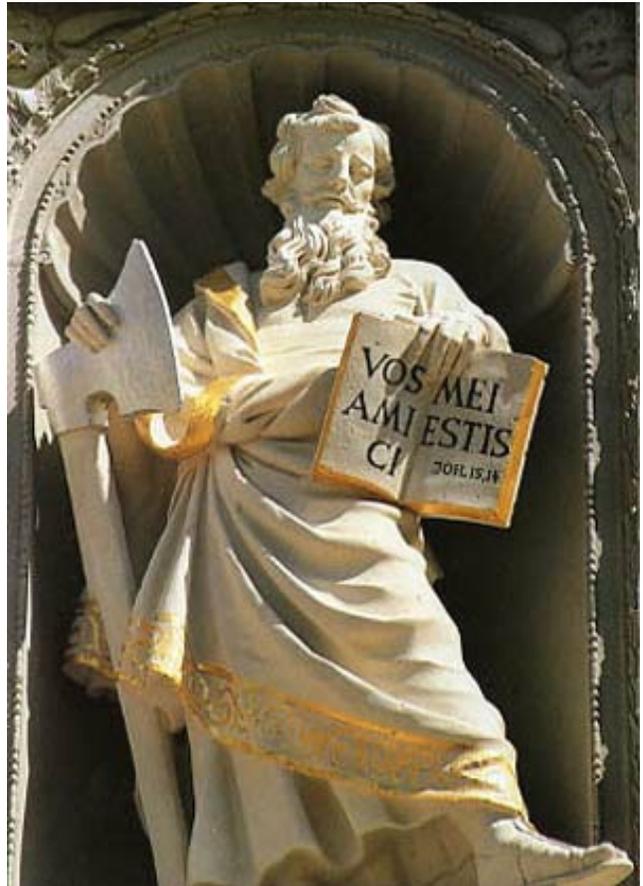
Some parts of his doctrine were conserved
by Clement of Alexandria.

This sentence is attributed to St Matthias:

**“We must combat the flesh, taking what
advantages we can without giving it
blameworthy delights. Regarding the soul,
we should develop it through intelligence
and faith.”**

[Click here: St. Matthias - YouTube \(2 mins\)](#)

St Matthias, pray for us!



Statue at St. Matthias Abbey in Trier, Germany, where relics of
the Apostle are kept