

Reflection for Thursday 5th Week of Easter – St Matthias

There is a belief that, before we were born, when we were safely ensconced in the comfort of the womb, we all had complete access to God who gives a personal angel to each of us. This angel teaches us about all the wisdom, wonder and love of God that we will ever need to know. *Everything*. Then, just before we are born, the angel gives us a little "tap" and everything he taught us is forgotten. We spend our lives yearning to uncover that wisdom, wonder and love of God imprinted in our DNA. We gradually discover that this is an inexhaustible task. **In our journey** of discovery, we are blessed to be chosen by God and gifted with faith in baptism. Baptism, we then discover, is the key to uncovering the beauty and wonder of God and most of all that God is a God of pure love – that we are made out of love, by love, for love and that the greatest expression of this love is found in Jesus. As we continue our journey of faith, we also discover that the wisdom and wonder of God can only be truly understood by living in the Way that Jesus taught us and which is living our baptismal mission as heralds of the Gospel; heralds of the good news of Jesus Christ. We have the freedom to live this call in many different ways. Some will remain single; some will marry and have families; some will live their mission as priests, as religious, as missionaries. Each of these callings are blessed with unique insights into the riches of God. That it is only together that we can truly discover the Truth and Love of God. The feast of St Matthias today reminds us of our calling and encourages us to renew our efforts to fulfil our mission as heralds of the Gospel. St Matthias was called to fulfil his mission as one of the Apostles.

It is rather helpful that we know little about St Matthias as an apostle because, for many who live their mission as heralds of Good News in response to God's loving call, little is recorded about how they have spread the Good News throughout their lives. If ever you feel lost as to your purpose in life, or how to fulfil your mission, then St Matthias is the one to whom you should pray and he will show you the way.

St Matthias, pray for us.

End story

Tom was at the hospital visiting with his best friend Larry who was dying. It was Saturday. Tom asked, "If there is cricket in heaven will you come back and tell me?" Larry nodded yes just as he passed away. That night while Tom was sleeping, he heard Larry's voice in a dream, "Tom..."

"Larry! What is it?!" asked Tom. "I have good news and bad news from heaven." "What's the good news?" "There is cricket in heaven after all, but the bad news is you're Bowling on Tuesday."