

**SEPTEMBER 21,  
SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST:  
MASS**

*The First Lesson. The Reader begins*

**A Reading from the Proverbs**

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare will they give you. Let not loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them about your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

*The Reader concludes*    The Word of the Lord.

## **Psalm 119: 33–40**

*At Said Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 119, verses 33 through 40, found in the red Prayer Book on page 766.

*(The Reader repeats the above information as needed.)*

*At Sung Mass the Reader says*

Please join me in reading Psalm 119 as found in the service bulletin.

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your  
law; \*  
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your  
commandments, \*  
for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
in your righteousness preserve my life.

*The Second Lesson. The Reader begins*

### **A Reading from the**

### **Second Letter of Paul to Timothy**

As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

*The Reader concludes* The Word of the Lord.

*The Reader says,*

Please stand for the Gospel.

## **The Gospel Acclamation**

*The Reader leads the appointed acclamation.*

*Reader* Alleluia.

*People* Alleluia.

*Reader* We praise you, O God;  
we acknowledge you to be the Lord; \*  
the glorious company of apostles praise  
you.

*People* Alleluia.

*The Reader returns to his or her seat.*

## **The Holy Gospel**

*The Minister says* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Minister* The Holy Gospel of our Lord  
Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. And as he sat at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why

does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”  
But when Jesus heard it, he said, “Those who are well  
have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.  
Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not  
sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but  
sinners.”

*The Minister says*            The Gospel of the Lord.