May 14th: Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle

Gospel text (*Jn* 15:9-17): Jesus said to his disciples: "... I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete..."

The joy of the apostle

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Today, the Church remembers the day when the Apostles chose the disciple of Jesus who was to replace Judas Iscariot. In today's Gospel, our Lord speaks to the Apostles of the joy they should have.

A Christian, like Matthias, will happily live with a quiet joy if he assumes the various events of life from the grace of divine filiation; otherwise, he is bound to be carried away by false annoyances, foolish jealousies or some kind of prejudice or other. Joy and peace are always fruit of the exuberance of our apostolic commitment and of our struggle to become saints. It is the logic and supernatural outcome of love for God and of a spirit of service towards our fellowmen.

—Lord, give me a sense of humor and I will find happiness in life and profit for others.