



# December

## Month of Patience

### The Apostle Matthias

St. Matthias was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot. He was well-versed in the scriptures, and the Scimitar refers to his martyrdom

For the month of December, we will be focusing our attention on the virtue of patience. God encourages us in the Bible passage above to prepare ourselves to endure everything with patience.

**And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles. (Acts 1:26)**

While the apostle Matthias was not originally called as one of the 12 disciples, in time he was called as an apostle of Jesus. Matthias would have needed to be patient in waiting for what God had planned for his life. When the time came, Matthias was called to do God's work and he followed where Our Lord led him.

We may not always have certainty where God is calling us, but we should always strive to be prayerful, patient and trusting that God will reveal his plans for our lives in time. God asks us to be prepared to endure everything with patience.

## Prayer

**Oh, loving Father, help us to have patience in moments of trial and uncertainty. We pray for the forbearance to endure all things with patience. We pray this especially for abortion minded mothers and fathers experiencing hardship. May they have patience and trust in the Lord, that they may choose life. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.**

