



FAITH & FAMILY CONNECTION



Sept 20th, 2021

Justice, usually represented by a scale, is the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbor. The just man, often mentioned in Scripture, is distinguished by habitual right-thinking and the uprightness of his conduct towards his neighbor. The prophet Micah writes that the Lord requires us to act justly to those around us, to love mercy and be merciful, just as Christ is merciful to us, and to walk humbly with our God. Sometimes being just gives us a false sense of pride. We can only show true justice when we are simultaneously clothed with mercy and humility.

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:

JUSTICE

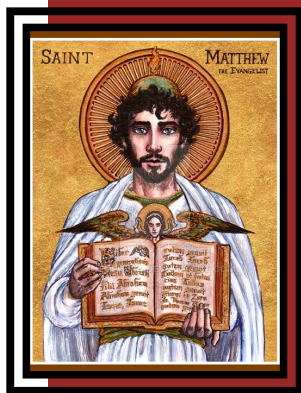
"He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with you God."

Micah 6:8



Ideas for Families:

- **Read together: Isaiah 1:17**
What does God say we should do?
- **Discuss:** What is another name for justice? How do you show justice in your family?
- **Pray:** Jesus, help us to show justice through humility to those around us.



St. Matthew

St. Matthew, the apostle, was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Christ came to him and said, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ. From Matthew we know many doings of Christ and the message Christ spread of salvation for all people who come to God through Him. Many years following the death of Christ, around 41 and 40 AD, Matthew wrote his gospel account. He wrote the book in Aramaic in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people, the Jews, that Jesus was the Messiah and that His kingdom had been fulfilled in a spiritual way. It was an important message at a time when almost everyone was expecting the return of a militant messiah brandishing a sword. Matthew was a tax collector and is therefore the patron saint of bankers. The Church established St. Matthew's feast day as September 21st