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COMMENTARY ON THE FEAST OF SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

St. Bartholomew is probably the disciple introduced to our Lord by Philip under the name of Nathanael according to the Gospel of John:

> "Philip met Nathanael and said to him: The one of whom Moses has written in the law and whom the prophets have announced we have found: it is Jesus of Nazareth the son of Joseph. And Nathanael said to him: Can anything good come from Nazareth? Philip said to him: Come and see. Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards Him and said of him: That is a true Israelite in whom there is no guile. Nathanael said to Him: Whence knowest Thou me? Jesus answered: Before Philip called thee when thou wast under the fig-tree I saw thee. Nathanael replied: Rabbi. Thou art the Son of God, Thou art the King of Israel." (John 1. 45-49.)

St. Luke mentions him among the twelve whom Christ, after a night of prayer, chose to be witnesses of His life, His teaching and His miracles, and, after His Resurrection, preachers of the Gospel *(Gospel).* It is difficult to say where was the field of his apostolate. There is a tradition that he was flayed alive, as Cibo's magnificent white marble statue in Milan cathedral shows him. His relics were brought from Benevento to his church on an island in the Tiber at Rome. His name occurs among the Apostles in the Canon of the Mass. The texts of his Mass can mostly be applied to all the Apostles; the *Collect* reflects the Church's constant care to carry on faithfully the mission of the Apostles, preserving and handing on to others the truth she has received from them.

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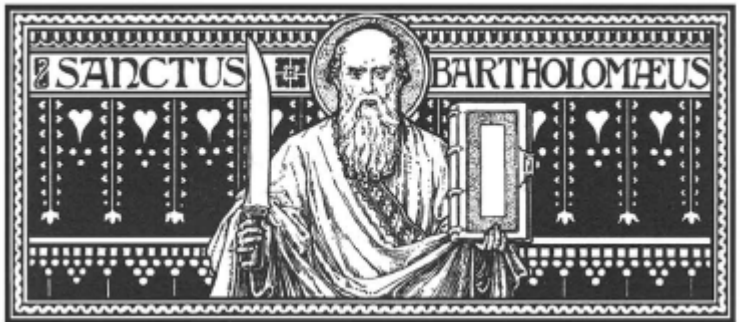
Commemorative Proper Prayers of the Mass
Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle
August 24th



COLLECT

Omnípotens sempitérne Deus, qui hujus diéi venerándam sanctámque lætítiam in beáti Apóstoli tui Bartholoméi festivitáte tribuísti: da Ecclésiæ tuæ, quaésumus, et amáre quod crédidit et prædicáre quod dócuit. Per Dóminum nostrum.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given us this day a reverent and holy joy in the feast of Thy blessed apostle Bartholomew; grant, we beseech Thee, unto Thy Church ever to love that which he believed and to preach that which he taught. Through our Lord.

SECRET

Beáti Apóstoli tui Bartholomaéi solémnia recenséntes, quaésumus, Dómie: et ejus auxílio tua benefícia capiámus, pro quo tibi laudis héstias immolámus. Per.

Celebrating the festival of blessed Bartholomew, Thine apostle, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that we who offer this sacrifice of praise in his memory, may by his help receive Thy benefits. Through.

POSTCOMMUNION

Sumptum, Dómine, pignus redemptiónis ætérnæ: sit nobis, quaésumus; interveniénte beáto Bartholomaéo Apóstolo tuo, vitæ præséntis auxílium páriter et futúræ. Per Dóminum nostrum.

May the pledge of eternal salvation which we have received, O Lord, we beseech Thee, through the intercession of blessed Bartholomew Thine apostle, bring us help for this present life, and for that which is to come. Through our Lord.

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