



**Conversion of St. Paul—Apostle/Martyr
January 25**

The great apostle was a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin. He surpassed all his peers in zeal for the Jewish law and their traditions, which he thought to be the cause of God, and became one of the fiercest enemies and persecutors of Christians.

He was one of the conspirators in the martyrdom of St. Stephen. After the martyrdom of the holy deacon, the priests and magistrates of the Jews raised a violent persecution against the church at Jerusalem, in which Saul placed himself above the others. In the fury of his zeal, he appealed to the high priest and Sanhedrin for a commission to take up all Jews at Damascus who confessed Jesus Christ, and bring them bound to Jerusalem, that they might serve as public examples to incite terror into others.

But God was pleased to show forth in Saul his patience and mercy: Saul was almost at the end of his journey to Damascus, when, around noon, he and his company were surrounded by a great light from heaven and fell to the ground. Then Saul heard a voice, which to him was articulate and distinct, but not understood by the rest: "Saul, Saul, why dost thou persecute

me? Christ said not: Why dost thou persecute my disciples, but me: for it is he, their head, who is chiefly persecuted in his servants." Saul answered: "Who art thou, Lord?" Christ said: "Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecute. It is hard for thee to kick against the goad: - to contend with one so much mightier than thyself."

There was a Christian of distinction in Damascus, Ananius, greatly respected by the Jews for his irreproachable life and great virtue. Christ appeared to this holy disciple, and commanded him to go to Saul, who was at that moment in the house at prayer. Ananius trembled at the name of Saul, being familiar with the misdeeds he had done in Jerusalem and the errand for which he set out to Damascus. But our Redeemer overruled his fears, and charged him a second time to go, saying: "Go, for he is a vessel of election to carry my name before Gentiles and kings, and the children of Israel: and I will show him how much he has to suffer for my name. For tribulation is the test and portion of all the true servants of Christ." Thus, a blasphemer and a persecutor was made an apostle, and chosen to be one of the principal instruments of God in the conversion of the world.

St. Paul never recalled his wonderful conversion, from which have poured forth may blessings, without raptures of gratitude and praise to the Divine and His mercy. The Church, in thanksgiving to God for such a miracle of his grace, to commemorate so miraculous an instance of his almighty power and to propose to penitents a perfect model of a true conversion, has instituted this feast, which we find mentioned in several calendars and missals of the eighth and ninth centuries, and which Pope Innocent III commanded to be observed with great solemnity.

Just a friendly reminder...

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES AND GIFTS CABINET

We have statues and a variety of articles suitable for gift giving or personal use

Contact the church office or Dorothy Hardenne at 306-294-0077



Registration is open at all Holy Trinity Schools. Please contact your local school to register or use the QR code below.

Did you know that in Saskatchewan, Catholic education is free? Holy Trinity welcomes all families who are looking for spiritual formation within a Catholic setting to register for the upcoming school year.



Christ the King Roman Catholic Parish

Love God - Love Others - Make Disciples

JANUARY 19, 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Immaculate Conception – Climax, SK

St. Patrick - Eastend, SK

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Masses This Week

Mon, Jan. 20, 9:00 a.m.
Intentions of Fr. Bernardo Villanueva by Gordon/Dorothy Hardenne

Tues, Jan. 21, 9:00 a.m.
+Joan Markell by Brent/Anne Wilkins

Wed, Jan. 22, 9:00 a.m.
+Bill/+Mary Madison by John Madison

Thurs, Jan. 23, 7:00 p.m.

Fri, Jan. 24, 10:00 a.m. (Villa)

Sat, Jan. 25
Eastend—5:00 p.m.—Pro populo
Admiral—7:00 p.m.—Pro populo

Sun, Jan. 26
Climax—9:00 a.m.— Special Intentions by Matthew/Denise Toeckes
Shaunavon—11:00 a.m.
Birthday Intentions of Angela Villanueva by Antonino/Esther Villanueva



OUR MINISTRIES

LECTORS

January 19

Elizabeth Christensen
Brent Michelson
Karen Lewans

January 26

Margarita Villanueva
Allan Ruetz
Bernie Deobald

ALTAR SERVERS

January 19

Isaiah
Kamilah
Jack

January 26

Levi
Micah
Joshua

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

January 19

Teacher - Kelsie
Helper - Scarlett

January 26

Teacher - Larissa
Helper - Anna

USHERS/GREETERS

January 19

Murray and Ben

January 26

Richard and Sandra

FELLOWSHIP

Anyone wishing to host/plan a fellowship after Mass can sign up on a monthly calendar in the church foyer.

MEETINGS

Knights of Columbus

will meet
Thursday
January 23
Mass at 7 p.m.
Meeting to follow

Sacramental Preparation

will meet
Sunday
January 26
After 11 a.m. Mass

Parish Pastoral Council

will meet
Tuesday
January 28
Mass at 6:30 p.m.
Meeting to follow

Parish Finance Council

will meet
Wednesday
January 29
7 p.m.

Parish Finance Committee

will meet
Thursday
January 30
2 p.m.

CWL

will meet
Tuesday
February 4
Mass at 6:30 p.m.
Meeting to follow

CHRIST THE KING PARISH

POTLUCK

Come enjoy some fellowship and
Bring your favorite dish to share.

Coloring pages will be available for the
children or bring some toys or board games,
so they can socialize also.

When: Saturday, February 8 at 6 PM

Where: Christ the King Parish Hall

POTLUCK PARTY



Come for Coffee!
Christ the King Church
will host
Ecumenical Coffee
Tuesday, February 11
at 10 am
Parents with children
are welcome!

CWL MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships are due again by January 31, 2025.
Fees are \$50 and can be e-transferred to:
306-297-7478 (Anne Wilkins)
Or dropped off at the church office during regular office hours
(Tuesday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm)



St. Agnes—Virgin/Martyr

January 21

Very little is known about Saint Agnes, except for Saint Ambrose's brief words written many decades after her death. We do know for certain that she was martyred at the age of twelve or thirteen. Later traditions have supplied what history cannot, including what follows.

Agnes was born into a noble Christian family in Rome. She was said to have been quite beautiful, which, together with her wealth and holiness, caused many young noblemen to seek her as their bride. But Agnes' eyes beheld One

Who was the most beautiful of all—her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. After taking in His beauty, she could look upon no one else. She dedicated herself to a life of virginity.

Such self-gift, however, was neither well received nor well understood by the young men of her time. Agnes was reported to the local prefect Sempronius for being a Christian, in an attempt to dissuade her from her vow of chastity. The prefect first tried to convince Agnes to offer sacrifice to the Roman gods. She refused. Her heart was firm in its devotion to her Beloved. The prefect then tried to frighten her by displaying some instruments of torture in the hands of the cruel executioner himself. Agnes showed no fear and refused to burn incense to false gods. Outraged, the prefect ordered that she be taken to brothels to be violated by immoral men. During these ordeals, Agnes knew her Heavenly Spouse would protect her. Evil men could stain their swords with her blood, but they could never profane her body consecrated to Christ. At the brothels, the men looked at her with lust from a distance but appeared more frightened of her than she was of them. None dared approach her. None dared defile her. It is said that only one young man did approach her, only to be immediately struck blind and brought to the ground. Through a prayer spoken by Agnes, though, his sight was restored.

The prefect, having failed to convert Agnes back to paganism, or to defile her body, then condemned her to a death by beheading. Agnes willingly offered her neck to the executioner, who trembled with fear as he approached, while she was as joyful as a bride waiting to meet her Bridegroom.

Saint Agnes, along with Saint Cecilia, was one of the earliest martyrs whose name was honored by its insertion into the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I in today's Mass.) Her name in Latin means "lamb." As a result, since the sixteenth century, every year on her feast day two lambs are brought to the Roman basilica built over her tomb. Their wool is shorn and woven into various pallia, vestments covering the shoulders. These very pallia are later placed on the shoulders of archbishops by the pope himself on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. Along with his crozier, or staff, the pallium symbolizes a bishop's role as shepherd.

The Vigil Stand

Please note that Father Ron will ensure that the vigil stand has unused candle inserts available for those who wish to light a candle in prayer. The price of the candles are:
7 day candles-\$10.00
3 day candles-\$6.00
Large votives-\$2.00
Small votives-\$1.00

Parishioners are welcome to put the money in the cash box in the vigil stand. It will no longer be necessary to purchase these candles at the office.

Jubilee Pilgrim Madonna

In our parish, families are encouraged to take home the "Pilgrim Madonna" for a week and to pray for your family's and our parishes' intentions. Let us entrust ourselves to her maternal care and beg her to "pray for us now, and at the hour of our death"!

(This little shrine was generously constructed by Maurille Hammond—Thank You!)