

SATURDAY

THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, APOSTLE

When Saul was travelling to Damascus to persecute Christians, he was blinded by a light, thrown from his horse and heard the words, "Saul, Saul why do you persecute me?" He was converted and began proclaiming the Gospel especially to the Gentiles.

Entrance Antiphon:

I know the one in whom I have believed and I am sure that he, the just judge, the mighty, will keep safe what is my due until that day.

The Gloria

First Reading: Acts 22: 3-16

It is time you were baptised and had your sins washed away while invoking the name of Jesus.

Responsorial Psalm:

Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! I chose you from the world, to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 16: 15-18

Go out to the whole world; proclaim the good news.

Communion Antiphon:

I live by faith by the Son of God, who has loved me and given himself up for me.

END OF THE OCTAVE OF PRAYER
FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

SYNOD PRAYER

Father, we thank you
for the love you have shown us
in the gift of Jesus, your Son.
We thank you for the gift of the Church,
through which you show us
that you are always with us
and are always at work in our lives.

As we journey together to Synod 2020
help us to become the Church that you are calling us to be.
May your Holy Spirit be powerfully
at work among us.
Strengthen each of us and guide Francis, our Pope
and Malcolm, our Archbishop.

Help us to respond
to the challenges of our times in new ways
to bring your love to all our sisters and brothers.
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen

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WEEKDAY MASS SHEET

ORDINARY TIME WEEK II

19th– 25th January 2020

OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray especially for: Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick and those who Care For Them; Victims of Trafficking and those who work to combat it.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

Evangelisation - Promotion of World Peace: We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

MONDAY

St Fabian, Pope and Martyr St Sebastian, Martyr

Fabian became Pope in 236 and was martyred on 20th January 250 during the persecution of the Emperor Decius.

Sebastian was martyred early on the persecutions of Diocletian. One of the seven chief churches of Rome was built over his grave in 367.

Entrance Antiphon:

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading: 1 Samuel 15: 16-23

Obedience is better than sacrifice. The Lord has rejected you as a king.

Responsorial Psalm:

I will show God's salvation to the upright.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Accept God's message for what it really is: God's message, and not some human thinking. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 2:18-22

The bridegroom is with them.

Communion Antiphon:

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

TUESDAY

St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Agnes (c.304) was filled with a love of God from an early age, vowed herself to celibacy, and when the opportunity of martyrdom arose, she did not hide away but stepped forward and took it.

Entrance Antiphon:

Behold, now she follows the Lamb who was crucified for us, powerful in virginity, modesty her offering, a sacrifice on the altar of chastity.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13

Samuel anointed David, where he stood with his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord seized on David.

Responsorial Psalm:

I have found David, my servant.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Open my eyes, O Lord, that I may consider the wonders of your law. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 2: 23-28

The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath.

Communion Antiphon:

The Lamb who is at the centre of the throne will lead them to the springs of the waters of life.

WEDNESDAY

St Vincent, Deacon and Martyr

He was born in Huesca and became deacon of the church of Zaragoza. He was tortured to death in Valencia in the persecution of Diocletian. After his death, his cult spread rapidly through the Roman Empire.

Entrance Antiphon:

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading: 1 Samuel 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51

David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone.

Responsorial Psalm:

Blessed be the Lord, my rock.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! The word of God is something alive and active; it can judge secret emotions and thoughts. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 3: 1-6

Is it against the law on the sabbath day to save life?

Communion Antiphon:

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

THURSDAY

Weekday

Entrance Antiphon:

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7

Saul's envy and Jonathan's loyal friendship.

Responsorial Psalm:

In God I trust: I shall not fear.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 3: 7-12

He warned them not to make him known as the Son of God.

Communion Antiphon:

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

FRIDAY

St Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor

Francis (1567-1622) was born in Savoy in France and trained as a lawyer before being ordained. He founded the Order of Visitation and produced popular spiritual works such as 'Introduction to the Devout Life'. He is patron of journalists and writers.

Entrance Antiphon:

In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory.

First Reading: 1 Samuel 24: 3-21

I will not raise my hand against him, for he is the anointed of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Have mercy on me, God, have mercy.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Through the Good News God called us to share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 3: 13-19

He summoned those he wanted to be his companions.

Communion Antiphon:

Behold a faithful and prudent steward to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.