

Jan 25, 2024
Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle
Virtue – Foresight
Reading I –

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles,

On his journey, as Saul was nearing Damascus,
a light from the sky suddenly flashed around him.
He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him,
"Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"
He said, "Who are you, sir?"
The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.
Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what you must do."

There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias...
who went and entered the house where Saul was staying;
laying his hands on him, he said,
"Saul, my brother, the Lord has sent me,
Jesus who appeared to you on the way by which you came,
that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."
Immediately ... he regained his sight.
He got up and was baptized,
and when he had eaten, he recovered his strength.

The Word of the Lord

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Responsorial Psalm PS 117:1bc, 2

R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Praise the LORD, all you nations;
glorify him, all you peoples!

R. Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

For steadfast is his kindness toward us,
and the fidelity of the LORD endures forever.

R. Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

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Mk 16:15-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark;

Jesus appeared to the Eleven and said to them:

"Go into the whole world

and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved;

whoever does not believe will be condemned.

These signs will accompany those who believe:

in my name they will drive out demons,

they will speak new languages.

They will pick up serpents with their hands,

and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them.

They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

"The Gospel of the Lord"

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Universal Prayer

- 1) For all who desire to deepen their love of Christ, we pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.
- 2) For healthcare workers: May the Spirit guide their ministry of healing, we pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.
- 3) For the sick and suffering: May they be healed from their pain, we pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.
- 4) For the students and staff at St. Mary's, that the virtue of foresight will help us to think ahead when making decision, we pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.
- 5) For those who have died: May they rejoice with the Lord, we pray to the Lord.
Lord hear our prayer.