

Piece: *The Conversion of St. Paul*, 1542-45

Artist: Michelangelo

Location: Pauline Chapel, Apostolic Palace, Vatican City



A Message of Reform

Alessandro Farnese was elected Pope Paul III in 1534 amidst very difficult times. Martin Luther had left the Church, and many German bishops, along with their kings, were separating from the faith. Part of the push for separation was financial, another part was political, and a third part was spiritual. The papal court and clerical life in Rome were often criticized, encouraging separation.

Pope Paul III started a reform by calling on nine respected cardinals to investigate the accusations and propose measures. The suggestions were received and true reform began to take root—although much of the success was due to the Council of Trent (called by the pope in 1545) and the many saints active at the time: Ignatius, Philip Neri, Teresa of

Ávila, Francis de Sales, Charles Borromeo, and others.

Another measure taken was to contract Michelangelo to paint two frescoes in the Papal Pauline Chapel—the conversion of St. Paul and the crucifixion of St. Peter—a kind of sixteenth-century marketing campaign. This chapel would send a message to all popes and the papal court; indeed, the frescoes challenged everyone in the Curia. Amidst the temptation to power and luxury, the pope was saying, “If you want power, it’s the power to serve which requires true conversion and embracing the cross.”

The chapel needed a pithy Latin phrase to drive home this message of reform. It comes from today’s second reading: “To me, life is Christ, and death is gain.” That’s a good phrase to live by as we seek our own ongoing conversion.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I love without strings attached or do I love to get something in return?

“For to me, life is Christ, and death is gain” (Philippians 1:21).

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CYCLONE—MARAK

St. Joseph, Cyclone & Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak

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Mass Schedule: Cyclone: Sat. 5:30PM & Sun. 8:15AM; Weekdays: Tue, Thurs & Friday: 7AM

Marak: Sundays: 10:15AM and Wednesday 6PM

The Sacraments:

Baptism: On Sundays after Mass. Please contact the pastor for scheduling a meeting with him; a preparation program may be needed. Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Joseph, Cyclone or Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Marak.

Confessions: Before Mass on the weekend and anytime by appointment.

Marriage: Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor at least six months in advance before you set the date of wedding. Completion of required paperwork and a preparation program needed.

September 24, 2017 : Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

**O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live. Watch over those, both night & day, who work while others sleep, grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our lord. Amen
(Night Prayer)**

Sept. 28: ST.WENCESLAUS. Most people are familiar with the name Wenceslaus, due to the popular Christmas carol, "Good King Wenceslaus." The carol is not based on historical events; it illustrates the fame King Wenceslaus received because of his heroic life. As a Christian king in Bohemia, primarily a pagan country, he worked fervently to Christianize his people. His attempt to evangelize the people was not well received by some, including his brother who eventually killed him. As he was dying he prayed that God would forgive his brother. Shortly fol-

**Fr. George will be out of town from Oct. 2-5 for Priest's Convocation
and also Oct. 9-12 on a pilgrimage to Chimayo, New Mexico**

Bulletin Information: MARAK: Merlene Slavik (254-697-1247) - **CYCLONE:** Nancy Posvar (254-869-2511) **Bulletin deadline :** Please call or e-mail info for the bulletin by Wednesday before the weekend!

Ministries for Sunday, October 1

Rosary: Lynn Hornung

Eucharistic Minister : Judy Vaculin

Ushers: Women of St. Ann's Altar Society Lector: Jeannine Dohnalik

Offertory: Evelyn Marek & Patsy Gaines

Altar Servers: Erin tomek & Pat Higgins

Sanctuary Light: 9/25 -10/1 Joe & Stephina Vansa by Alfred & Bernice Vrazel

Prayer Chain...Continue to pray for all those in need of prayer and especially for the victims that are affected by the recent natural disasters.. Pray for Vocations & more priests. Prayers are powerful and God answers prayers.

MASSES THIS WEEK: MARAK

Today --+Martha Hertenberger by Christa Wade

9/27 Wed. --+ Joe & Viola Sevcik by Stuchley & Knappek Families

10/1 Sun.—10:15AM - Living & Deceased Members of St. Ann's Altar Society and Recognizing The National Council of Catholic women

MASSES THIS WEEK: CYCLONE

9/26 Tues. 7am +

9/28 Thurs. 7am+

9/29 Fri. 7 am - +

9/30 Sat. Vigil Mass 5:30pm -

10/1 Sun. 8:15 am - +

Stewardship: Thank you for your generosity!

Sunday 9/17 Collection \$1,183.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Joseph's— Cyclone Picnic Sunday, Sept. 24th —Please support our Sister Church

St. Matthews Catholic Fall Festival - Sunday, Oct. 1st

Westphalia Picnic— Church of the Visitation—Sunday. Oct. 8th.

St. Stephens—Salado—October 15th

Congratulations to Coy Allen Junek upon his Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday ,son of George & Leanna Junek. May God Bless he and his family always.

We welcome new Members—Brandon & Rebecca Hunt & Family and also Amy Tobias & Family to our Parish Community.

Our Annual Homecoming Picnic was a success..... Thanks to each of you and your dedication to our church community. May God Bless each of you.

Calendar

Monday

September 25

Weekday

Ezr 1:1-6

Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

September 26

Weekday

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20

Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

September 27

St. Vincent de Paul,
Priest

Ezr 9:5-9

Lk 9:1-6

Thursday

September 28

Weekday

Hg 1:1-8

Lk 9:7-9

Friday

September 29

Sts. Michael, Gabriel,
and Raphael,
Archangels

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or

Rv 12:7-12a

Jn 1:47-51

Saturday

September 30

St. Jerome, Priest
and Doctor of the Church

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a

Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday

October 1

Twenty-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28

Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5

Mt 21:28-32

Dear Padre,

Why don't we end the Our Father with an Amen during Mass? When we pray the Our Father outside of Mass, we conclude by saying, "Amen."

I remember this discussion growing up. My father noticed that the pastor of our parish insisted on saying "Amen" after the Our Father by adding his very loud "Amen!" and inviting parishioners to follow.

We know early Christians prayed the Our Father daily, though its inclusion in the eucharistic liturgy happens later, and its placement in the liturgy is not yet consistent. An early reference to the placement of the Our Father from a late-fourth-century text places it at the end of the eucharistic prayer (*A Commentary*

on the Order of Mass of The Roman Missal, 597). Here the people would have responded with the final petition, "deliver us from evil" or "Amen" (597).

Today the Our Father is part of the Communion rite, but we do not end the

Our Father with an Amen because in the current structure of the Communion rite the Our Father forms part of a unit. Immediately following the Our Father, the celebrant elaborates on the final petition ("deliver us from evil"). He then says the prayer for peace, which concludes with an Amen. These elements are all connected, one flowing to the next and culminating with the people saying, "Amen" ("Mystagogical Implications," *A Commentary on the Order of Mass of The Roman Missal*, 616). Thus, we do conclude the Our Father with an Amen at Mass, but because it is part of a larger prayer during the Mass, the Amen doesn't immediately follow "deliver us from evil."

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A Word From Pope Francis

"Some of you said that this system cannot endure. We must change it. We must put human dignity back at the center and on that pillar build the alternative social structures we need. This must be done with courage but also with intelligence, with tenacity but without fanaticism, with passion yet without violence. And all of us together, addressing the conflicts without getting trapped in them, always seeking to resolve the tensions in order to reach a higher plane of unity, of peace, and of justice. We Christians have something very lovely, a guide to action...the Beatitudes...(see Matthew 5 and Luke 6)...and the Last Judgment passage (Matthew 25)."

—Address at the World Meeting of Popular Movements, October 28, 2014