# Conversion of St. Paul

January 25

fter the extraordinary event that occurred on the road to Damascus, Saul, who was zealous in his persecution of the nascent Church, was transformed into a tireless apostle of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is clear from what happened to this extraordinary evangelizer that his transformation was not the result of long inner reflection nor even the fruit of personal effort. It was first and foremost a work of the grace of God who acted in his own inscrutable ways. St Paul's personal experience enables him to expect with well-founded hope the fulfilment of this mystery of transformation that will concern all who have believed in Jesus Christ, as well as all humanity and the whole of creation.

St Paul tells us, therefore, that every man and woman, through baptism in the death and Resurrection of Christ, participates in the victory of the One who defeated death first, setting out on a journey of transformation that is manifested from this moment in a newness of life that will reach its fullness at the end of time.

As we raise our prayers we are confident that we too will be transformed and brought into conformity with the image of Christ.



Michelangelo, Detail, conversion of St. Paul

Although in our day we are experiencing the sorrowful situation of division, we Christians can and must look to the future with hope, since Christ's victory means surmounting all that prevents us from sharing the fullness of life with him and with others. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ confirms that God's goodness conquers evil and love conquers death. He accompanies us in the fight against the destructive power of sin that damages humanity and God's entire creation.

The presence of the Risen Christ calls all of us Christians to act together in the cause of good. United in Christ, we are called to share his mission, which is to bring hope to wherever injustice, hatred and desperation prevail. Our divisions dim our witness to Christ. The goal of full unity, which we await in active hope and for which we pray trustingly, is no secondary victory but an important one for the good of the human family.

In the dominant culture today, the idea of victory is often associated with instant success. In the Christian perspective, on the contrary, victory is a long, and in our human eyes, not always uncomplicated process of transformation and growth in goodness. It happens in accordance with God's time, not ours, and requires of us deep faith and patient perseverance. Although the Kingdom of God bursts definitively into history with Jesus' Resurrection, it has not yet come about fully. The final victory will only be won with the Second Coming of the Lord, which we await with patient hope.

Our expectation of the visible unity of the Church must also be patient and trusting. Only in this frame of mind do our prayers and our daily commitment to Christian unity find their full meaning. The attitude of patient waiting does not mean passivity or resignation but rather a prompt and attentive response to every possibility of communion and brotherhood that the Lord gives us.

#### Benedict XVI

# **Mass Intentions - Assumption Parish**

Sat Jan 22	5:30 pm	+Henrietta Bone
Sun Jan 23	9:30 am	All Parishioners
Tue Jan 25	9:00 am	+Henrietta Bone
Wed Jan 26	9:00 am	+Chris Eisworth
Sat Jan 29	5:30 pm	+Henrietta Bone
Sun Jan 30	9:30 am	All Parishioners
Tue Feb 01	9:00 am	+Roger Lufkin
Wed Feb 02	9:00 am	+Sheila McKay

## First come basis. Current restrictions apply

# <u>Donation envelopes now available to be</u> <u>picked up.</u>

Please remember to pick up your new donation boxes at both parishes. The boxes at Assumption are at the back of the church and at Resurrection the boxes are in the foyer.



#### Star of the North

Star of the North has many new events for the 2022. Please view their website at <a href="https://www.starofthenorth.ca">www.starofthenorth.ca</a>, or contact them at 780-459-5511 ext 23

programs@starofthenorth.ca www.starofthenorth.ca

## **Mass Intentions - Resurrection Parish**

Sat.	Jan 22	4:00 pm	+Tom Kennedy
Sun.	Jan 23	11:00 am	All Parishioners
Thu	Jan 27	9:00 am	+Henrietta Bone
Fri	Jan 28	9:00 am	+Tom Kennedy
Sat	Jan 29	4:00 pm	+Henrietta Bone
Sun	Jan 30	11:00 am	All Parishioners
Thu	Feb 03	9:00 am	+Chris Eisworth
Fri	Feb 04	9:00 am	Bonnie Yaworski

# First come basis. Current restrictions apply

# It's that time again!

Tax receipts will be issued by the parish by the end of February.

## Do you enjoy singing?

Assumption and Resurrection are looking for singers. Please consider sharing your talents with us! Must be willing to learn new material but will be given much support. If interested please contact the parish office at

780 468-4071

# Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Assumption Conference) News

- We are grateful to all who have supported the work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (Assumption Conference) financially and by donating food for the pantry in the past year. As food and utility costs rise, and the effects of the pandemic continue, we anticipate assisting many people during the next few months.
- Throughout the year on the first weekend of the month at Resurrection and the third weekend of the month at Assumption, we will be asking for your help. Please assist our neighbours in need by bringing non-perishable food items and making financial contributions at these times. Donations at other times are always welcome; there are baskets available in each church for items.
- New members and prayers for the work that we do are always welcome. If you would like to help, please contact Hildegarde through the parish office: 780 468 4071.

# OUR PANTRY IS RUNNING LOW ON MOST ITEMS AND WE ASK FOR YOUR HELP TO REPLENISH OUR SUPPLIES

## **Pantry Items Currently Needed:**

#### Non-Perishable Foods:

- Canned Items: soups, fruit, vegetables, fish, chicken and ham
- Pasta sauce
- Sidekicks pasta mixes
- Coffee, juice, breakfast cereal, peanut butter, cookies, crackers
- Bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion, toilet paper and tissues

#### Other Household Items:

- Towels, mugs, glasses: short & tall
- Pots & Pans, baking pans, measuring cups/spoons
- Lamps and toasters.





## Live in **Communion**

# **Achieve Participation**

# Open in Mission

#### What is a Synod?

The word "synod" is Greek for "walking together"; a synod is about walking together in faith. Usually a synod deals with a particular issues (there have been synods on the family, on the Gospel, on the Church in Africa, for example).

Pope Francis has initiated a synod "on synodality": how do we walk together?

#### The key question is:

How is this "journeying together" happening today in your local Church? What steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our journeying together?

Each parish, and the Archdiocese as a whole, will be holding "listening sessions" to gather your responses. In responding to this question, it is helpful to remember that journeying together occurs in two deeply interconnected ways: First, we journey together with one another as the People of God. Next, we journey together as the People of God with the entire human family. These two perspectives enrich one another and are helpful for our common discernment towards deeper communion and more fruitful mission. A report to the Archdiocese on the fruits of the sessions will be available in late spring or early summer.

#### Learn about the Synod and how to participate:

In addition to the Key Question, we will be publishing a list of questions for reflection in the following bulletins to help orient our thoughts and prepare for a fruitful participation. A two-hour (Zoom) session will provide information you need to actively engage in the Archdiocese of Edmonton Synod Listening Phase.

• Monday, February 7 7 p.m.—9 p.m.

• Wednesday, February 9 2 p.m.—4 p.m. Registration: https://caedm.ca/synod

• Saturday, February 12 10 a.m.—noon

#### Our Parish participation:

We are currently training to hold listening sessions in our parishes during the month of March.

In addition, individual on-line submissions will begin through the Archdiocesan website on 1 February.

#### Participate in an Archdiocesan Listening Session:

Here is your chance to participate in an actual Listening Session. Come prepared to join in a conversation that is rooted in prayerful discernment and inspired by the Holy Spirit. The Archdiocese of Edmonton welcomes your feedback on the Synod Questions. The list of questions will be sent to participants prior to the Zoom meeting to provide them an opportunity to prepare for the dialogue.

• Wednesday, February 23 7 pm – 9 pm

• Thursday, February 24 1 pm – 3 pm Registration: <a href="https://caedm.ca/synod">https://caedm.ca/synod</a>

• Friday, February 25 10 am – 12 pm

Saturday, February 26 10 am – 12 pm

#### **Helpful Links:**

Vatican: https://www.synod.va/en.html Archdiocese of Edmonton: https://caedm.ca/synod

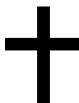
#### **Archdiocesan Synod Coordinator:**

Dr. Eugenia Pagnotta-Kowalczyk email: synod@caedm.ca 780-965-4694

## **ASSUMPTION PARISH**

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## **RESURRECTION PARISH**

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#### Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:30am-4:00pm

REGULAR MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00 pm Resurrection

5:30 pm Assumption

Sunday 9:30 am Assumption 11:00 am Resurrection

12:30 pm Assumption -

(Latin Mass)

Tue & Wed 9:00 am Assumption

**Thur & Fri** 9:00am Resurrection

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - CONFESSION before Mass or by appointment

Adoration each Thursday at Assumption Parish following the 5:30pm Latin Mass

If you are aware of anyone in our parishes who would appreciate a phone call and who has been unable to attend Masses, please call the parish office: 780 468-4071.

## PARISH STAFF

Business Manager and Trish Underwood

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# PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

# FOR INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

## Sacrament of the Sick

Available at this time only in danger of death.

## Marriages

- Schedule an appointment to discuss your forthcoming marriage
- No wedding dates can be scheduled until after a meeting with the Pastor
- An approved pre-marriage course is obligatory

**Baptism** 

First Communion

Confirmation

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults—
RCIA

(Introduction to the Catholic Faith)