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St. Anne, Assumption, and St. Philomena Announce Our  
**Adult Education Series for  
SPRING 2009!**

*Scriptural Basics: A Catholic Approach to the Bible*  
Wednesday February 4 (St. Philomena Parish Hall: Former School Cafeteria)

*Generation What?!: Trends in U.S. Culture Since 1900*  
Wednesday February 18 (St. Anne Church)  
(\* **Required** for Parents of Children in Religious Education)

*The Book of Revelation: A Code-Book or Not?*  
Wednesday March 4 (St. Philomena Parish Hall: Former School Cafeteria)

*Catholic Morality: What is Sin—and What Do I Do about It?*  
Wednesday March 18 (St. Philomena Parish Hall: Former School Cafeteria)

*Liturgy 101: The Mass Explained*  
Wednesday April 15 (St. Anne Church)

*Catholic, Inc: The Nuts and Bolts of How the Church Operates*  
Wednesday April 29 (St. Anne Parish Hall)

*Babysitting Provided (but Registration is Necessary)*  
*All Classes are from 7:00pm-9:00pm*  
*Call 369-6656 to Register for Any or All of the Above Classes!*  
*There is No Cost*

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St. Anne/Saturdays at 3:00pm

**Daily Masses**

Monday 5:00pm St. Anne

Tuesday 7:00am St. Anne

Wednesday 7:00am St. Anne

**Weddings**

*There is a required 6 month process of preparation. Wedding dates are tentative until first meeting with priest*

**Funerals**

*Please contact church office for help with arrangements*

**Baptisms**

*Contact office for the dates and times of baptism seminars and baptisms*

**Emergencies**

*Call 369-6656 and follow directions given on voice mail message*

# From the Tee Box

*A Weekly Letter from Our Clergy*

**Third Sunday of Ordinary Time/The Conversion of St. Paul**

24-25 January 2009



Letters have an inherent appeal to us as readers; they are intimate, revealing, and frequently full of life's experiences; they're even sometime full of wisdom. As evidenced in certain letters in Sacred Scripture, the mission of Paul of Tarsus was to create a network of multi-cultural communities obeying and glorifying the one true God of Israel by living lives of cruciform faith, hope, and love in Christ Jesus the Lord by the power of the Holy Spirit. A close study of his letters reveals that Paul's theology expresses and informs that mission. His letters, then, are not deposits of ideas but instruments used to carry out his fundamental goal.

Since we as a church this weekend have two options for our liturgical celebration – either the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time or the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul – and since we currently are celebrating the Year of St. Paul, I thought it might be appropriate to simply reflect on the conversion of one of the most important founders of the faith.

Saul was the most distinguished and promising disciple of Gamaliel, perhaps the leading scholar in all Israel during the first century A.D. (F.F. Bruce, *New Testament History*, 236). But in a flash of blinding light, Saul became a disciple of Jesus Christ (Acts 9:1-22). For Saul to suddenly shift his loyalties from Gamaliel and the Torah was baffling! From the moment Saul was blinded on the Damascus road, he lived in total obedience to the very One whom he had opposed. "As a token of his meek submission, [Paul] allowed them to lead him by the hand into the city (of Damascus), which he had expected to enter as an inquisitor, and bent low to receive instruction from one of those simple hearted believers, whom he had expected to drag captive to Jerusalem" (F.B. Meyer, *Paul*, 45). Paul then "meekly asked what... the new and rightful Master of his life would have him do" (Ibid) and he lived in subjection to Christ for the rest of his life.

Paul set out for Damascus a most aggressive persecutor of the disciples of Jesus, but suddenly became a champion of their cause. "The young man Saul was exceedingly mad against the pilgrims of the Way. He made havoc of them, and the word [used in Scripture to describe him] is that which would be used of wild boars uprooting tender vines. He devastated them with the fury of an invading army. Not content with attacks on their public meetings, he paid visits to their homes, dragging forth the patient, holy women as well as the uncomplaining men, scourging them, thrusting them in prison, putting them to death, and compelling them to blaspheme the holy name by which they were called. He was so mad against them, that when the Church at Jerusalem lay desolate, and its garden was torn and trampled into a desert, he pursued the same methods in distant cities, and on the present memorable occasion had received letters to bring those of the Way that were there in bonds unto Jerusalem to be punished" (F. B. Meyer, *Paul*, 41). But a glimpse of the bright glory of Christ transformed the persecutor of Jesus into His boldest apologist.

From the day Saul was born, the Law as taught in the Jewish Torah was central to his thought and life. But his experience on the Damascus road brought Jesus into focus as the center of his very existence (F.F. Bruce, *New Testament History*, 240). The most far reaching result was a complete rebuilding of Saul's theology. When Saul listened to the sermon of Stephen (Acts 7), he violently objected to every major point of Stephen's message (F.B. Meyer, *Paul*, 34-35) and then applauded his execution (Acts 8:1-3). But by the end of a short conversation with Christ Himself at a very unexpected fork in the Damascus road, Saul immediately changed his mind about the Person of Christ, the character of the Messiah and His kingdom, and the way to justification before God. What really happened to Saul on the road to Damascus? Why the radical change in his thought and life? Paul not only saw the risen Christ, but there was verbal exchange between him and Jesus, and those who accompanied Paul definitely heard the voice even though they could not understand what was being said (Acts 22:9). Saul's encounter with Christ was an objective experience, verified by physical phenomena experienced by Saul and an entire group of people (Acts 22:6-10; 26:12-18).

Saul's own testimony seems to indicate that he was brought to Jerusalem early in his life, and there he enthusiastically drank in the visions and values of the strictest sect of Judaism (the Pharisees), becoming himself a Pharisee par excellence. He was a man who was running hard in a direction he was convinced was right but Christ "laid hold of" him, turned him completely around, and set him off in the opposite direction. Saul's conversion "was due to the personal agency of the risen Lord, a manifestation of the risen Lord, like that which won the faith of Thomas" (F.B. Meyer, *Paul*, 37).

So what does this feast day of Paul's conversion mean to us? Few of us have ever had the dramatic conversion that Paul experienced. But like Paul, God meets each and every one of us exactly where we're at on our spiritual journey. God calls us to follow him and accept his invitation. And often, he has to call us more than once for us to hear. Let us pray for the grace and courage to say 'yes' and follow Him so that we might become his greatest champions of faith, hope, and love evident in our life's experiences!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REMINDERS**

**Grades K through 8th**

Grades K through 5th: Mondays, 4:30pm until 5:30pm  
Grades 6th through 8th: Mondays, 5:45pm until 6:45pm  
Landsmann Center

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**High School Religious Education**

**Landsmann Center**

Course 3

January 26, 2009

7:00pm until 8:15pm

**Altar Servers Needed**

We are in need of new altar servers for our communities. If you are in Grades 3rd through 11th and have received Eucharist we are inviting you to participate in this ministry. Please call Ms. Kathy at 369-2130 and give your name and phone number in order to begin training.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

We would like to begin Children's Liturgy during the 9:30am Mass at Assumption Church. However, we are in need of adult volunteers to facilitate. If you are interested, please call Ms. Kathy at 369-2130. The more adults we have, the fewer times you will facilitate.

**25th & 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

**February 22, 2009**

**3:00pm**

**Sacred Heart Church**

Bishop Robert W. Muench will celebrate a liturgy at Sacred Heart Church honoring couples on their 25th, 50th, and 65th or longer wedding anniversary. The families of honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and reception afterward in the Sacred Heart School gym. Couples should contact their parish office and let them know they will be attending. The registration deadline is Tuesday, February 9.

The annual membership dues for the Immaculate Conception Ladies Altar Society are now due. Please note that there has been a change. Dues are now \$10.00 unless you are 70 or older, then you have the option of paying \$5.00. You may send or give your money to any of the officers.



*January 2009*

*Wilson Joseph Mabile  
John Boykin  
Curtis Bourg, Sr.*



**Baptisms & Seminars**

The next baptism seminar will be **Tuesday, February 3** at 7:00 p.m. in the Landsmann Center.

**Parents are to contact Mrs. Kathy Landry prior to the Baptismal Seminar at 369-2130.**

Any questions regarding seminar, please call Mrs. Kathy Landry. Please call the church office to schedule baptism. Unless otherwise noted, baptisms always take place on the **third Sunday of the month** after the 9:15am Mass at Assumption Church.

**COME  
FOLLOW  
ME**



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28



**KC Blood Drive**  
February 10th  
Assumption Church Hall  
3:00pm until 8:00pm



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE...**  
*burns this week in memory of:*



*Assumption Church*  
 Abel "Mr. Blue" LeBrun

*St. Anne Church*  
 Amelia Guillot

**Mass Intentions**

Sat., Jan 24	4:00pm	"For the People"
Sun., Jan. 25	8:00am	Lucy Simmons
	9:30am	John Boykin
Mon., Jan. 26	5:00pm	"All the Deceased"
Tues., Jan. 27	7:00am	Mabel Raffray Cavalier Una Breaux Templet
Wed., Jan. 28	7:00am	Bernice Marie Aucoin David Allen Waguespack
Sat., Jan. 31	4:00pm	Lillian Daigle/Mike Clement (Special Intention)
Sun., Feb. 1	8:00am	"For the People"
	9:30am	Henry Goodwyne, Jr.

**A Prayer for Our Soldiers**

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

January 17 & 18, 2009

St. Anne Offertory	\$2,695.00
<u>Assumption Offertory</u>	<u>\$1,542.00</u>
Total	\$4,237.00

*Thank you for your generous support!*

**SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

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**Jan. 31 & Feb. 1, 2009**

**OUTSIDE FLAP**

<b>MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS</b>	<b>Saturday 4:00 PM Vigil St. Anne Church</b>	<b>Sunday Mass 8:00am St. Anne Church</b>	<b>Sunday 9:30am Assumption Church</b>
READERS	Allison Gravois Cindy Blanchard	Allyson Thibodaux	Angela & Abbie Burt
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Ray Thornton Colette Gravois Wendy Baldwin	Linda Guedry Stella Foley Karen Arboneaux	Angela Burt Donald & Pat Verrette
ALTAR SERVERS	Courtney & Logan Sanchez	Quentin Landry Tucker Landry	Hunter & Sydney Falcon
USHER CAPTAINS	Achille Boudreaux	Bob Daigle	Doug Guillot
SACRISTANS	Brenda Landry	Wanda Daigle	Donald & Pat Verrette
CHILDREN'S LITURGY			
<b><u>Monday</u>  <u>Feb. 2, 2009</u>                      Money-Counters                      9:00am</b>			Barbara Blanchard Dot Boudreaux Connie Crochet Jane Templet

**Schedule of Ministries Jan. 26, 2009—Jan. 30, 2009**  
**Readers/Eucharistic Ministers/Sacristan**

**Jan. 26            5:00pm            St. Anne Church**  
 Joyce Terrell/Rose Campo/Henry & Elaine Adolph  
**Jan. 27            7:00am            St. Anne Church**  
 Wanda Daigle/Wendy Baldwin/Wanda Daigle  
**Jan. 27            5:30pm            St. Philomena**  
**Jan. 28            7:00am            St. Anne Church**  
 Sophie Bergeron/Diane Bergeron/Brenda Landry  
**Jan. 29            7:30am            St. Philomena**  
**Jan. 30            7:30am            St. Philomena**

**St. Anne Flower Ministry**

Elaine Adolph, Stella Foley & Alice Boudreaux	Jan. 31-Feb. 1
Chinka Boudreaux/Betty Jane LeBlanc	Feb. 7-8 Feb. 14-15
Ash Wednesday	Feb. 21-22 Feb. 24