

Mass tomorrow 6:20
Main Church. It's
for Father Farley..

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Read the conversion
of St. Paul in Acts
ix and xxii.....

Knocked From His Horse.



God doesn't ordinarily work a miracle to change a man's viewpoint or the size of his heart. But He did for St. Paul. To-day is the feast of Paul's conversion.

Regarding a man's viewpoint, it's this way. Either he's for Christ or against Him. Christ said that Himself. As to a man's heart, well-- it's either very large or very small. Question is, does he love Christ much or little? This is not sentiment. Study St. Paul. With him, as with everyone else, heart follows mind. Zeal overflows from a man's thoughts and love.

Now, Paul was a man of keen mind: young, alert, extremely sensitive, Jew of Jews. His heart was a perfect match for his mind, full of hustle and pepper. What he did, he did with great push. Only thing, he pushed the wrong way. . . That's why, on this day, God struck Paul blind with a shaft of light. That's why, as Paul rode

toward Damascus, sword at his side and whip in hand, he was thrown from his horse. To lash at the Christians was to tear Christ limb from limb. Paul didn't realize that till he bounded on the ground. "Who art Thou, Lord?" "I am Jesus Whom thou persecutest." After that bump and that white, bright light Paul was a different man.

One thing changed him more than anything else: the knowledge and love of Christ. You see, Paul had been waging war against an Unknown. Sincerely enough he thought the Cause of Christ was unholy, the cause of the Jews still right. This very day, as he pranced along he was "breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord." His zeal had gone haywire. What might have been a very bad day for the Christians suddenly turned out to be the best day in the life of St. Paul. All because he had met up with Christ and began, intensely, to love Him!

When a man understands that Christ is not myth but Messiah and confesses Him Son of God, things begin to change. God-made-man becomes a new force in his life. He is driven to selflessness and heroic love. The bright light of Christ stuns him into deep understanding, into a sense of the fitness of things. He falls from his high horse. He adores. He offers to serve. Trembling and astonished, first thing Paul asked was: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" One divine twist and all the fierce passion of Paul was love for the person of Christ. Two hearts interlocked: Paul's and the Sacred Heart of Our Lord. . . Magnificent change! From persecutor of Christ to His "vessel of election." Paul afterwards preached Christ and Him crucified before "the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel."

WHAT CHANGE WILL ARDENT LOVE FOR THE PERSON OF CHRIST MAKE IN YOU? It will draw you often to chapel. "Come to Me and I will refresh you." It will make you appreciate Mass. "Do this in commemoration of Me." It will help you make a more thoughtful, less hurried preparation and thanksgiving at Holy Communion. "I am the Bread of Life." It will bolster your will when you're tempted to sin. "If you love Me, keep My commandments." It will loose your tongue in discussions with non-Catholics. "Go, teach all nations." It will make you solidly happy. "My peace I give unto you."

PRAYERS: (deceased) friend of Joe Devine (Cav.); friend of Gene De Martini (Fr.); cousin of Bro. Clement; Dick Brooks '30-'33 (Killed Xmas in accident); cousin of Joseph J. Ludwig (Off-Campus) and Jordan Hamel (How.); uncle of Ed, Don & Paul O'Malley (O.C.)