



Peregrina Santidade São João Paulo

Solemnity of the Conversion of Saint Paul, the Apostle (Year A)



St. Jude's Shrine, January 25, 2026.

COMMENTARY Brothers and sisters, today we gather to sing praise to God who illuminated the heart of the Apostle Paul. He, once a persecutor of Christians, after a decisive encounter with the Lord, became the great apostle who took the Gospel to many peoples, forming communities and giving the Church a testimony of fidelity and unconditional love for Christ. The Church of São Paulo, which has him as its Patron, adores and thanks God for sustaining the work of evangelization in this great city. Welcoming **Father Maximiliano**, let us rise and begin our holy Mass with the entrance hymn.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

1. ENTRANCE SONG

Many faces, the young and the old (*gathered as one in our God!*) / Throughout hist'ry the stories retold (*gathered as one in our God!*) / Like those come before us we listen and learn, we remember the promise and await your return, so without hesitation, a new generation, proclaims the salvation of God.

**Gathered as one, in Jesus your Son
Lifting our voices in praise/ We know and believe, and
long to receive/ The bread that is strength for our days!
Gathered as one!**

Many pilgrims sharing as feast (*gathered as one in our God!*) / All are welcome, the greatest and least (*gathered as one in our God!*) / Like those come before us we listen and learn, we remember the promise and await your return, so without hesitation, a new generation, proclaims the salvation of God...

Refrain

Many voices, raised up in song (*gathered as one in our God!*) / In one fam'ly where all can belong (*gathered as one in our God!*) / Like those come before us, we listen and learn / We remember the promise and await your return. / So without hesitation, a new generation proclaims the salvation of God...

Refrain

2. GREETINGS

Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you All.
All: And with your spirit.

3. PENITENTIAL ACT

Celebrant: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

(SILENCE)

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking breast three times) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever Virgin, all the Angels

and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

1. Kyrie eleison (2x)
Christe Eleison (2x)
Kyrie eleison (2x)
2. Lord have mercy (2x)
Christ have mercy (2x)
Lord have mercy (2x)

Celebrant: May almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **All: Amen.**

4. GLORY

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on Earth! (2x)

1. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory!

Refrain

2. Lord, Jesus Christ, only son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God you take away the sins of the World,
Have mercy on us, have mercy on us
You are seated at the right hand of the Father receive our pray'r, receive our pray'r

Refrain

3. For you alone are the Holy One
You alone are the Lord
You alone are the most high - Jesus Christ - with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, the Father... Amen
- Refrain (2x)**

5. LET US PRAY

Celebrant: Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

6. FIRST READING (IS 8, 23—9, 3)

A Reading from the book of Prophet Isaiah:

First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the end he has glorified the seaward road, the land west of the Jordan, the District of the Gentiles. Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness: for there is no gloom where but now there was distress. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwell in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

7. RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS 27, 1; 4; 13-14)

R. (1a) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; / whom should, I fear? The LORD is my life's refuge; / of whom should I be afraid?

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

One thing I ask of the LORD; / this I seek: / To dwell in the house of the LORD / all the days of my life, / That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD / and contemplate his temple.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD / in the land of the living. / Wait for the LORD with courage; / be stouthearted and wait for the LORD.

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation. (2x)

8. SECOND READING (1 Cor 1, 10-13; 17)

A Reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to Corinthians

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers and sisters, by Chloe's people, that there are rivalries among you. I mean that each of you is saying, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.

The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

9. GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (MT 4, 23)

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

10. GOSPEL READING (MT 4, 12-23)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you!

All: And with your Spirit.

Celebrant: A reading from the Holy Gospel, † according to St. Matthew:

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: *Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.* From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They

were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You Lord, Jesus Christ.

Homily

11. PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLE'S CREED)

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and Earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. All: Amen.

12. PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, on this holy day on which we celebrate the conversion of Saint Paul, Patron of our local Church, as the Holy People of God gathered for praise and prayer, let us raise our petitions to the Father.

Response: Strengthen, Lord, your Church and bless our City!

1. Holy Father, you filled your Apostle Paul with missionary zeal; grant that the Church in São Paulo may proclaim the joy of the Gospel, sanctify, and bear witness to your love to all the inhabitants of this city.
2. Holy Father, the Apostle Paul zealously accompanied the communities he founded; grant firmness in faith to our Archbishop, Dom Odilo Pedro, to the Auxiliary Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and to all the living and missionary forces of our Archdiocese.
3. Holy Father, in the Apostle Paul you had a faithful servant of the Gospel; strengthen our Episcopal Regions, Vicariates, Deaneries, Parishes and Ecclesial Communities, Movements, Associations, and evangelization groups in the pursuit of the common good and the promotion of life.
4. Holy Father, with the same missionary spirit of the Apostle Paul, Saint Joseph of Anchieta and other Jesuits founded our City 472 years ago under the sign of the Cross and with care for the poor and for education; grant that we may remain faithful to our origins and never abandon the mission you entrusted to us.
5. Holy Father, you enlightened the Apostle Paul on the road to Damascus; grant your light to the political leaders of our State and Municipality, as well as to all public servants, so that they may cooperate in building a more just and humane city for all.

Celebrant: Hear, loving Father, the supplication of your people, through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

13. OFFERING SONG

Take this bread, gift and work of human hands,
Take this wine from this branch of your vine.
Take our lives as an offering to you,
God of mercy, singing "Blessed be our God!"
(Twice this verse above)

Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

14. PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Let us Pray

Celebrant: Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

15. EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: **It is right and just.**

Preface II:

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For you anointed your Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, with the oil of gladness as eternal Priest and King of all creation, so that, by offering himself on the altar of the Cross as a spotless sacrifice to bring us peace, he might accomplish the mysteries of human redemption and, making all created things subject to his rule, he might present to the immensity of your majesty an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory as without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy...

Holy, Holy, Holy

Lord God of host

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

(2x) Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

(2x) Hosanna in the highest

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

(Epiclesis calling upon the Holy Spirit) (Kneel down)

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and † Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

(Institution Narrative) (recalling the words of Jesus at the Last supper)

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended he took the chalice, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

(Anamnesis, Offering, and Intercessions) (Stand up)

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you wished to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, Her spouse St. Joseph, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs (St. Jude) and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the World. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant **LEO** our Pope and **ODILO** our Bishop, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the World.

† To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy forever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.†

(Doxology and Great Amen)

Celebrant: **Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.**

All: Amen.

16. COMMUNION RITE

Celebrant: At the Savior's command, formed by divine teaching, we dare to say together:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Celebrant: Deliver us, Lord; we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will, Who live and reign for ever and ever. All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All: **Peace be with you.**

17. **LAMB OF GOD**

(3x) Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the World: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the World: grant us peace.

Celebrant: This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the World. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

18. **COMMUNION SONG**

Jesus, you're the one I love,
You're the one I know.

You're the one who makes me strong,
Spirit in my soul.

1. From the clouds of yesterday,
Through the night of pain,
Teach me, Lord, to know your way
Know it once again.
2. Bread, blessed and broken for us all;
Symbol of Your love from the grain so tall.
Bread, blessed and broken for us all;
Bread of life you give to us, bread of life for all.
Refrain

19. **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** **LET US PRAY**

Celebrant: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord. All: **Amen.**

CONCLUDING RITES

20. **FINAL BLESSING**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your Spirit.**

Celebrant: May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father †, and the Son †, and the Holy Spirit †, come down on you and remain with you for ever. All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

21. **FINAL SONG**

1. Hallelujah, sing a song
Hallelujah, we'll follow along
With their simple word of sing of the world
We've blast the sky, the tree, the bird
And we feel a heart with joy, hallelujah.

**Hallelujah, sounds of love
Hallelujah, the sunshine above
Hallelujah, the bells will go ringing
And take it from dawn to night, hallelujah.**

2. Hallelujah, day by day
Hallelujah, don't throw it away
*Flying, spread your wings, have a try
Be free again like a butterfly.
Come along and sing with us hallelujah*
Refrain

3. Hallelujah, hand in hand
Hallelujah, all over the land
Hallelujah, let's try from the start
And singing with all the heart, allelujah.
Refrain

4. Hallelujah, the bells will go ringing
And take it from dawn to night, hallelujah, hallelujah.

22. **ADDITIONAL PRAYERS**

1. **PRAYER TO MOTHER MARY**

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

2. **GLORY BE**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.

3. **PRAYER TO SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE**

O glorious St. Paul, who from a persecutor of Christianity, didst become a most ardent Apostle of zeal; and who to make known the Savior Jesus Christ unto the ends of the world didst suffer with joy imprisonment, scourgings, stonings, shipwrecks and persecutions of every kind, and in the end didst shed thy blood to the last drop, obtain for us the grace to receive, as favors of the Divine mercy, infirmities, tribulations, and misfortunes of the present life, so that the vicissitudes of this our exile will not render us cold in the service of God, but will render us always more faithful and more fervent.

Celebrant: Pray for us, Saint Paul the Apostle,

All: **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.**



SAVE THE DATE

Hope to pray together
In our next English Mass on
Feb. 15 at 10 am.
in the St. Jude's Shrine
(Old church)