

Reflection Thursday Week 3 Conversion of St Paul 2024

Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul

We should never be surprised by the power of God and yet we are. We are familiar with the conversion of St Paul but do not really know the struggle that Paul went through even with the power of God to help and guide him. Like many things, we need to accept the wrongs in our lives before we can begin to address them. In the case of St Paul, he had to deny years of belief in the Law before he could be open to change. His blindness was both physical and spiritual and he had to live with the blindness before he could change.

Fortunately, Paul learned a lesson on the road to Damascus that he would never forget; that we meet the risen Lord in each other; that we serve the Lord by serving one another and that we reject the Lord whenever we reject one another. In baptism we join a family in which Christ is our brother and also a King. The family we call the Body of Christ carries a very special dignity. It also gives us a very special calling, a special mission. We invite Jesus to come into the world through us, we become channels of his goodness and grace. In this way he will use us if we accept the invitation as St Paul did. We then become his hands, his feet, his eyes and his ears and mouth. As St Teresa of Avilla said, *'Christ has no body now but yours'*.