

JANUARY

CELEBRATING THE SEASONS

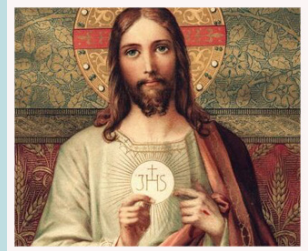
MONDAY 1ST JANUARY

Holy Name of Jesus

Everything about our divine Lord is holy, including His Name. The Archangel Gabriel first spoke the name of Jesus to His mother, “Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus” (Luke 1:31). The Archangel was only a messenger, so it was the Father in Heaven who gave Jesus his name.

Saint Peter was one of the first Apostles to speak with authority in the Holy Name of Jesus when he healed a crippled man saying, “I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, rise and walk” (Acts 3:6). Saint Paul also exalted the holy name of Jesus when he said, “...at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:9–10).

Throughout the history of the Church, Jesus’ name has been invoked as an instrument of personal faith in the Son of God, especially to command demons or simply to pray to Jesus in a repetitive and personal way.



SATURDAY 6TH JANUARY

Epiphany of the Lord

The word “Epiphany” means “manifestation.” Therefore, as we honor this moment in time when the Christ Child was made manifest to the world, we need to look into our own hearts. There, we discover Christ’s ongoing manifestation to us so that we can worship Him Who has also chosen to be born within our hearts. We must diligently seek out that manifestation of God within us and respond to it in the same ways that the Magi responded. The feast of the epiphany was first celebrated at the end of the second century, originating in the Eastern Church. It was designated a feast day at the Council of Tours in 567

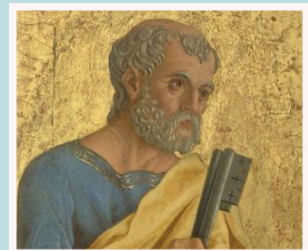


THURSDAY 18TH JANUARY

Confession of Saint Peter

The Confession of Peter is a statement made by Saint Peter the Apostle in the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew 16:13–20, Mark 8:27–30, and Luke 9:18–20, in which he emphatically acknowledged Jesus as the “Messiah” or “Christ”. The Catholic Church prior to the Second Vatican Council liturgical reforms celebrated the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter on January 18. Since the liturgical reforms the feast is celebrated on February 22. The Catholic Church never celebrated a feast under the title of the “Confession of Peter.”

In the Anglican, and Lutheran churches the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter is celebrated as the Feast of the Confession of Peter on 18 January. The name of the feast was changed from the Chair of St. Peter as that title emphasises the role of St. Peter as the first pope and his universal authority over the Christian Church by virtue of the Keys.



THURSDAY 25TH JANUARY

Conversion of Saint Paul

Our feast today not only celebrates Saint Paul, it specifically celebrates his conversion. Think about that glorious conversion. Those three days that Saul spent in Damascus after encountering Jesus on the road changed his life. During those three days, he pondered Jesus’ words, fasted, prayed, listened, thought, and changed. Facing the truth within his soul might not have been easy, but he did it. From that time on, the zeal that he had poured into persecution became zeal for the spreading of the Gospel.

The first three years after his conversion were spent in Arabia, perhaps in prayer, study, and preparation for his new mission. God used this time of solitude to bring about a deeper conversion in Saul’s heart and to form him into a powerful instrument. After three years, he returned to Damascus and then continued to travel far and wide, proclaiming Jesus as the Christ. Over the approximately twenty-seven years that followed, Paul arguably became the greatest evangelist in the history of the world.



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LECTIONARY READINGS

Monday, January 1st : New Years Day

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 • Psalm 8 • Revelation 21:1-6a • Matthew 25:31-46

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| ○ Tuesday, January 2 | Psalm 148; | Proverbs 1:1-7; | James 3:13-18 |
| ○ Wednesday, January 3 | Psalm 110; | Proverbs 1:20-33; | James 4:1-10 |
| ○ Thursday, January 4 | Psalm 110; | Proverbs 3:1-12; | James 4:11-17 |
| ○ Friday, January 5 | Psalm 110; | Proverbs 22:1-9; | Luke 6:27-31 |

Saturday, January 6th : Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6 • Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 • Ephesians 3:1-12 • Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, January 7th : Baptism of the Lord

Genesis 1:1-5 • Psalm 29 • Acts 19:1-7 • Mark 1:4-11

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| ○ Monday, January 8 | Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36; | Genesis 17:1-13; | Romans 4:1-12 |
| ○ Tuesday, January 9 | Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36; | Exodus 30:22-38; | Acts 22:2-16 |
| ○ Wednesday, January 10 | Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36; | Isaiah 41:14-20; | John 1:29-34 |
| ○ Thursday, January 11 | Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; | Judges 2:6-15; | 2 Corinthians 10:1-11 |
| ○ Friday, January 12 | Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; | Judges 2:16-23; | Acts 13:16-25 |
| ○ Saturday, January 13 | Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; | 1 Samuel 2:21-25; | Matthew 25:1-13 |

Sunday, January 14th : Second Sunday after the Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20) • Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 • 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 • John 1:43-51

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| ○ Monday, January 15 | Psalm 86; | 1 Samuel 9:27-10:8; | 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1 |
| ○ Tuesday, January 16 | Psalm 86; | 1 Samuel 15:10-31; | Acts 5:1-11 |
| ○ Wednesday, January 17 | Psalm 86; | Genesis 16:1-14; | Luke 18:15-17 |
| ○ Thursday, January 18 | Psalm 62:5-12; | Jeremiah 19:1-15; | Revelation 18:11-20 |
| ○ Friday, January 19 | Psalm 62:5-12; | Jeremiah 20:7-13; | 2 Peter 3:1-7 |
| ○ Saturday, January 20 | Psalm 62:5-12; | Jeremiah 20:14-18; | Luke 10:13-16 |

Sunday, January 21st : Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 • Psalm 62:5-12 • 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 • Mark 1:14-20

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| ○ Monday, January 22 | Psalm 46; | Genesis 12:1-9; | 1 Corinthians 7:17-24 |
| ○ Tuesday, January 23 | Psalm 46; | Genesis 45:25-46:7; | Acts 5:33-42 |
| ○ Wednesday, January 24 | Psalm 46; | Proverbs 8:1-21; | Mark 3:13-19a |
| ○ Thursday, January 25 | Psalm 111; | Deuteronomy 3:23-29; | Romans 9:6-18 |
| ○ Friday, January 26 | Psalm 111; | Deuteronomy 12:28-32; | Revelation 2:12-17 |
| ○ Saturday, January 27 | Psalm 111; | Deuteronomy 13:1-5; | Matthew 8:28-9:1 |

Sunday, January 28th : Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 • Psalm 111 • 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 • Mark 1:21-28

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| ○ Monday, January 29 | Psalm 35:1-10; | Numbers 22:1-21; | Acts 21:17-26 |
| ○ Tuesday, January 30 | Psalm 35:1-10; | Numbers 22:22-28; | 1 Corinthians 7:32-40 |
| ○ Wednesday, January 31 | Psalm 35:1-10; | Jeremiah 29:1-14; | Mark 5:1-20 |