

Saint Paul the Hermit's Story

It is unclear what we really know of Paul's life, how much is fable, how much is fact.

Paul was reportedly born in Egypt, where he was orphaned by age 15. He was also a learned and devout young man. During the persecution of Decius in Egypt in the year 250, Paul was forced to hide in the home of a friend. Fearing a brother-in-law would betray him, he fled in a cave in the desert. His plan was to return once the persecution ended, but the sweetness of solitude and heavenly contemplation convinced him to stay.

He went on to live in that cave for the next 90 years. A nearby spring gave him drink, a palm tree furnished him clothing and nourishment. After 21 years of solitude, a bird began bringing him half of a loaf of bread each day. Without knowing what was happening in the world, Paul prayed that the world would become a better place.

Saint Anthony of Egypt attests to his holy life and death. Tempted by the thought that no one had served God in the wilderness longer than he, Anthony was led by God to find Paul and acknowledge him as a man more perfect than himself. The raven that day brought a whole loaf of bread instead of the usual half. As Paul predicted, Anthony would return to bury his new friend.

Thought to have been about 112 when he died, Paul is known as the "First Hermit." His feast day is celebrated in the East; he is also commemorated in the Coptic and Armenian rites of the Mass.

Dates, events and notes to mark on your calendar:

Jan. 9th—St. Adrian of Canterbury

Jan. 10th—St. Gregory of Nyssa

Jan. 11th— Blessed William Carter

Jan. 12th— St. Marguerite Bouygeoy

Jan. 13th— St. Hillary of Poitiers

Jan. 14th —St. Gregory Nazianzen

Jan. 15th—St. Paul the Hermit

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The baptism of our Lord was a **symbol and not a sacrament** because the sacrament of baptism washes away sin, and Christ had no sin. A sacrament actually confers a grace from God, so our Lord's baptism qualifies as a sacramental, which differs from a sacrament in that a sacramental moves the soul to desire the sacraments.

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Baptism of the Lord.

1st Reading: Is 42: 1-4, 6-7

Psalms: 29: 1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

2nd Reading: Acts 10: 34-38

Gospel: Lk 3-16

John said one mightier than I is coming he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Mass - Saturday 5:00p.m.

Confessions - Before or After Mass

132 South 1st Street West

Lava Hot Springs, ID 83246

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Mass - Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Confessions - Sunday 7:45 AM

99 West Center Street

Soda Springs, ID 83276

Blessed Sacrament Church

Mass - Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Confessions - Sunday 10:30 AM

270 North 8th Street

Montpelier, ID 83254

St. Peter's Catholic Church

Mass - Sunday 2:00p.m. (Español)

Confessions - Sunday 1:15 PM

302 East Oneida Street

Preston, ID 83263

St. Paul's Mission

Mass - 1st Sun of Month 5:00 pm

2nd-5th weekends: Sat 3:00 pm

Confessions - Before Mass

233 Samaria Lane,

Malad, ID 83252

Daily Mass @ St. Mary's

Tuesday—Friday 8:00 am

Confessions—Before Mass

Funeral for Randy Hadley: Jan 10th, 2 pm, Soda

A Funeral Mass for Randy Hadley will be held at St. Mary’s in Soda Springs on Monday, Jan 10th at 2:00 pm, burial and luncheon will follow. Please pray for his eternal rest and for the consolation of his family.

Holy Hour in Soda

Join us in Soda Springs for a Eucharistic Holy Hour on: Thursday, Jan. 13th & Jan 20th, from **7-8 PM**.

Hora Santa en Preston

El Viernes, 14 de enero, tendremos nuestra Hora Santa con el Santísimo Sacramento expuesto.

A las 7—8 pm, en el templo de San Pedro en Preston

Parish Social in Lava: Jan 15th

Join us after Saturday night Mass on Jan. 15th at Our Lady of Lourdes in Lava Hot Springs for our monthly social.

Priest on Christmas Vacation

Fr. Lustig will be away on Christmas break Mon-Fri, Jan 17-21. There will not be daily Mass.

P. Lustig estará afuera de la parroquia para una semana de vacaciones, lunes a viernes, 17-21 de enero. No habrá Misa diaria, ni disponible el viernes en Preston.

Feast Day Celebration at Malad

You are all invited to join the community in Malad for a her patronal feast day, celebrating the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on Jan 25th with Mass at 6:00 pm and a celebration following.

Fiesta Patronal en Malad

Estan invitados a la misión de San Pablo en Malad para celebrar su Fiesta patronal de la Conversión de San Pablo. El 25 de enero, con un Misa a las 6:00 pm y celebración después.

Seminarians say thank you for your Support

Since sending a care package to our seminarians in their various seminaries in November, a seminarian for each place has written back thanking you for your support. Special thanks to the folks in Malad who helped provide for the bulk of the care package. Tim says: “Thank you from a lowly seminarian for sending us such an awesome package in the mail! I can say with all sincerity that it is a bright day whenever something like that arrives from Idaho.” He also left a sentence written in Hebrew. Ian says: “It is always good to know that there are people supporting me back home.” Nelson says: “Above all thank you for your prayers. I enjoyed reading about the Montpelier Jubilee in the ICR.” Christopher says: “Since I used to be a missionary, I would dvery much like to see St. Paul’s in Malad. I still have a place in my heart for communities that live in a missionary setting.” Mon-

ico says: “Thank you so much Father! How are you doing?”

Remember you can send notes or cards to the seminarians at any time!

How to Support your Church Financially

Physical Donations: can be made by check or cash, one time, monthly, quarterly or yearly. If you would like to track your giving and receive a tax letter, please contact Fr. Joseph or Karen Greene in order to set up your giving with the parish, possibly by donating online or using weekly envelopes.

Online donations: can be made automatically from your checking, savings or credit card account(s). Utilizing the Diocese’s online giving account, be sure to specify your gift for Good Shepherd Catholic Community in Soda Springs.

Stock transfer: contact Fr. Joseph to learn how to set this up.

IRA Charitable Rollover: If you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to make a gift from your IRA directly to the parish or the diocese. An IRA rollover is an easy way for you to redirect IRA income to the Church and enjoy tax savings. Check with your financial advisor.

Planned giving: Gift's such as an annuity, bequest in your will, or naming the Church as beneficiary of life insurance, retirement or bank accounts are some of the many methods to make a legacy gift today that will impact the future. For more information on Planned Giving visit the [Idaho Catholic Foundation](#).

In the April 2022, we will have a class on life-planning and things you need to know and prepare to approach the years of “wisdom”.

Accepting Mass Intentions

- When should I offer a Mass for someone? Anniversaries of death, of marriage, of baptism, for birthdays, for the sick, your godchildren, etc.