

St. Paul

St. Paul is portrayed here on the road to Damascus where he had his conversion experience. His sword is behind him now and he holds a book and writing pen for he teaches us through his letters and epistles. The palm branch below is a symbol of his martyrdom. His garments here were referenced from Spanish Illuminated Manuscripts. His presence in the shrine recognizes the Paulists.

Paulist Father John Mark Handly was a significant figure in the faith development of Dodge City. He was sent by Bishop John J. Hennessy to give a mission to rejuvenate the Catholic community and ended up serving as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish for nearly three years. During that time, he established a national parish for Mexican railroad workers and their families; built a church in the Mexican Village, and in 1917 constructed the Spanish Mission-styled church that later served the diocese as a cathedral from 1951 to 2001.

