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- Michelle Pubilones
- Karen Schutte
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- Marlene Eeg
- Gus Lloyd
- Sr. Anne Marie McGuan
- Rafael Pubilones
- Bill Twohig

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St Thomas the Apostle
Adult Faith Formation (AFF)
2018 Program Guide
August through December



St. Thomas the Apostle invites you to participate in one or more AFF offered classes starting in August.

A variety of programs with different topics and lengths in time are offered. Programs are sorted by category to help you find a program that fits your interests. Thanks for your suggestions!

Program Categories to Consider

- Apologetics/Defending the Faith** – *Become more comfortable in discussing your Faith with others*
- Bible Study** - *Unpack Bible scripture to explore the mysteries of the Word and increase your understanding and Faith*
- Mariology** – *Learn about the Blessed Virgin and her place in Salvation history*
- Morality & Contemporary Issues** - *Fundamentals on Catholic teaching and practice for a Christ-like life*
- Parish Mission** – *A special three day event designed to enliven and renew your faith*
- Personal Spiritual Growth** - *Grow your faith with books and DVD programs that will inspire you about your Faith*
- The Sacraments** – *Augment your understanding of the Sacraments, especially as they relate to the Sacrifice of the Mass and the Holy Bible*

SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendar for December 2-4 2018 for our Advent Mission. The mission will be hosted by national radio host, author, and speaker,

Gus Lloyd, host of Seize the Day on Sirius XM's The Catholic Channel. The theme of the mission is Loving, Learning, and Living Your Faith. Each evening begins at 6:30 pm.

Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your faith. Be sure to invite your family and friends!



GUS LLOYD
CATHOLIC

Apologetics

<https://guslloyd.com/>

PROGRAMS BY CATEGORY

Personal Spiritual Growth (continued)

Second Tuesday Lunch Presentations

Becoming a People After God's Own Heart

11:30 – 1:00 pm

Light Lunch- Donations Appreciated

DJR Deacon Jose Room



Monthly on: 9/11/18, 10/9/18, 11/13/18 & 12/11/18

Sessions will examine how David was a man after God's own heart, and how he is a reflection of what we should become to be people after God's own heart and disciples.

Facilitator: Deacon Dave Pecot

PROGRAMS BY CATEGORY

Morality and Contemporary Issues

To Light a Fire on the Earth

Thursdays starting 9/27/18

Session 1 of 5

9:30 – 11:00 am.; DJR Deacon Jose Room

As secularism gains influence and many think religion dull and backward, Bishop

Robert Barron illuminates how beautiful, intelligent and relevant the Catholic faith is. This book touches on everything from Jesus to prayer, science, movies, atheism, spiritual life, beauty, art and more. Barron reveals why Church matters and how Catholics can engage a skeptical world.

Facilitator: Deacon Dave Lucheon



Parish Mission

Loving, Learning & Living Your Faith

Special 3 Night Event at 6:30 pm

Dec. 2-4, 2018, in Church

12/2: Falling in Love with Your Faith

12/3: Learning Why We Believe What We Believe

12/4: Taking Our Faith to Others

Facilitator: Gus Lloyd <https://guslloyd.com/>



Registrations will be required IN ADVANCE

PROGRAMS BY CATEGORY

Personal Spiritual Growth

Return of the Prodigal Son

Mondays, starting 9/10/18
Session 1 of 5, 2:00 – 3:30 pm
DJR Deacon Jose Room



Based on “The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming” By Fr. Henri Nouwen, this series brings the parable to life with empathetic analyses of each character. It interweaves art history, memoir, Midrash and self-help, and will help you see yourself in the parable in a new way.

Facilitator: Deacon Dave Lucheon



The Holy Spirit & the Life of a Christian

Special Presentation
Tuesday 9/25/18; Single Event – Evening
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm , PFLC Dining Hall

This presentation will examine and help you answer the following questions: Who is the Holy Spirit? How does He work in my life? How does my relationship with Him affect my relationship with Jesus?

Facilitator: Sr. Anna Marie McGuan, RSM

PROGRAMS BY CATEGORY

Personal Spiritual Growth (continued)

The Shack

Mondays, starting 10/15/18
Session 1 of 10
2:00 – 3:30 pm; DJR Deacon Jose Rm.



Based on the best-selling contemporary novel of the same name, this study will help you see the Trinity in a different way. In a world where religion seems to grow increasingly irrelevant, The Shack wrestles with the timeless question, “Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?”

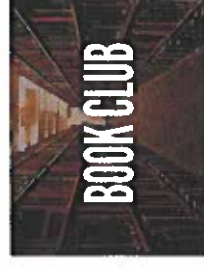
Facilitator: Deacon Dave Lucheon

Book Club

4th Friday Every Month
10:00 am – 11:00 am; Room# 118

Selections:

9/28/18: History of the Popes: Vol. 1,
Origin to Middle Ages by Wyatt North
10/26/18: In God’s Hands: Spiritual Diaries
of Pope John Paul II
11/30/18: The Holy Longing by Fr. Ronald
Rolheiser
Facilitator: Marlene Eeg



PROGRAMS BY CATEGORY

The Sacraments (continued)

The Bible and the Sacraments

Tuesdays starting 9/4/18

Session 1 of 11

9:30 – 11:00 am; Room 118

This DVD series by Dr. Scott Hahn looks at the basic teaching of the Church

regarding the meanings and origins of the sacraments and investigates their deeper mysteries as illuminated by Sacred Scripture. It examines the rich relationship between Old and New Testaments, revealing the sacraments as more than mere earthly rituals.

Facilitator: Rafael Pubillones

The Bible and the Sacraments

Tuesday Men's Group

Tuesdays starting 10/16/18

Session 1 of 10

9:15 – 10:30 am; Room 110

See information above.

Facilitator: Stu McFadden



PROGRAMS BY CATEGORY

Apologetics/Defending the Faith

Stunned by Scripture

Thursdays, starting 8/30/18

Session 1 of 4

9:30 – 11:00 am; DJR Deacon Jose Room

Stunned by Scripture will help you understand, defend, and explain the biblical basis for your Faith and show how the Bible solidly supports even the most frequently misunderstood Catholic teachings.

Facilitator: Deacon Dave Luceon

Bible Study

John: The Sacramental Gospel

Mondays Men's Group

Mondays, starting 9/10/18

Session 1 of 6

9:15 – 10:45 am; Room 122

Using an audio series by Dr. Scott Hahn, this class unpacks the vast riches of the Mystical Gospel of John.

Facilitator: Bill Twohig



PROGRAMS BY CATEGORY

Mariology

Queen of Heaven: Mary's Battle for Souls

Part 1: Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 pm; 8/7 - 28

No session on 8/30 or in Sept.

Part 2: Mondays, 6:30 – 8:00 pm; 10/1 - 22

All sessions in DJR Deacon Jose Room

This beautiful video series takes you through scripture beginning with God's original plan for Mary, the battle with angels and those cast from heaven, and the ongoing role Mary has had in battling Lucifer for our souls through eternity. Added content aids in considering our own spiritual life and our personal relationship with Mary.

Facilitator: Marlene Eeg

Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary

St. Louis de Montfort proposed this focused method of drawing closer to Jesus through Mary. It's a 33 day self-directed process of prayerful preparation followed by consecration. There are two preparation periods this fall. Those interested should purchase books in Church office.

1st Prep. starts 9/4/18 for consecration on 10/7/18 – Feast of

Our Lady of the Rosary

2nd Prep. starts 11/5/18 for consecration on 12/8/18 – Feast of

the Immaculate Conception

PROGRAMS BY CATEGORY

The Sacraments

The Mass

Thursdays starting 11/1/18

Session 1 of 6

9:30 – 11:00 am; DJR Deacon Jose Room

Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Robert Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Facilitator: Deacon Dave Lucheon



The Mass

Tuesday Men's Group

Tuesdays starting 9/4/18

Session 1 of 6

9:15 – 11:00 am; Room 110

Bishop Barron shows how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church. Learn how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.