

The following programs will be offered throughout the year on Thursdays from 6:30 – 8:00pm in the Library (Bldg 2):

“Take a Fascinating Tour of the Mass in this Five-Part Study! In *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, Dr. Edward Sri explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. In this study, you will come to know and understand the Mass like never before, leading you to a richer, more fruitful experience. Classes will be September 6 – October 4. Cost for the book and workbook is \$22.

Join us for a 3-week program called *FORGIVEN: The Transforming Power of Confession* on October 11, 18 and 25. “FORGIVEN explores the grace and healing offered in Confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God’s love. By looking at God’s revelation of his mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, FORGIVEN communicates God’s invitation to each one of us to come experience his indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.”

Join us for this 6-week study on Lectio Divina November 1 through December 13. (No class on Thanksgiving.) “Though prayer is one of the essentials of a thriving faith, we often feel as if we’re talking to ourselves—or, worse, as if we’re talking to no one at all. How can something so vital to the Faith be so elusive? Now, with the clear teaching and artistry of the Augustine Institute’s Lectio series, Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the discipline of *Lectio Divina* to show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy. In six video sessions, *Prayer: Finding Intimacy with God* captures the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear from God and then respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving to live in and through his love.

January 3 and 10 to be determined. Please watch the bulletin.

Join us for a 3-week study called *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist* on January 17, 24 and 31. *Presence* explores the radical mystery of God’s love expressed in the Eucharist and shows how in this sacrament God is really present to help and strengthen us at every step of life’s journey. By diving into the story of God’s love for his people in Scripture and the Church’s teaching on this sacrament, *Presence* invites each one of us into a deeper, more intimate union with God.

February 3 and 10 will be about Divine Mercy. Please watch the bulletin.

All are invited to join us for a program based on the book *Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told* by Fr. Michael Gaitley. “In 10 fast-paced and lively sessions, Fr. Gaitley connects people and events in history to a unifying vision of the splendor of God’s merciful love. From the epic story of Poland’s national suffering, to the events of Fatima, the revelations of St.

Faustina, the heroic efforts of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and the life of St. John Paul II, the panorama of Divine Mercy is fully revealed as a transformative reality.” Come learn more about the important message and devotion behind the Divine Mercy image that you see at Mass every week! (This is the introduction to the entire Hearts Afire Parish-based Program.) Classes will be February 21 to May 2. (No class on Holy Thursday.)

May 9 and 16 will be classes about Mary, Our Blessed Mother, for the month dedicated to her.

Please contact Janice Todd at 402-871-4699 or janicetoddcmc@msn.com or if you have any questions. No prior Bible Study experience necessary. All are welcome!