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Catholic guide to reading the Bible

By Philip Kosloski



Here is a Catholic guide on how and why to read the Bible.

The Bible can be a challenging book to read, especially without any guidance. It may appear to be a book of strange stories that don't have any real impact on our everyday lives.

Yet, the Bible is vitally important and can transform our souls.

Here is a Catholic guide to reading the Bible that may help you see the Bible in a new way.

The Bible is God's letter to humanity

For Catholics, the Bible is the key to unlocking all the teachings of the faith. It is the foundation of the Catholic Church and continues to inspire the daily lives of her members.

This is because the Bible is God's "letter" to humanity; he is the primary author and has a message he wants to communicate to all of us.

God is the author of Sacred Scripture. "The divinely revealed realities, which are contained and presented in the text of Sacred Scripture, **have been written down under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.**" CCC 105

According to some Catholic scholars and teachers, there is no one "best" Bible for Catholics, but several versions are suitable. Often, it depends on the individual, his background in Bible reading and study, and the way he wishes to use the Good Book.

Because there are two main ways biblical translation is done, it may be a good idea to have more than one Bible in one's possession: one that was translated more literally, for use in Bible study, and one that is not strictly word for word, providing perhaps a "smoother" reading experience.

Keep in mind the 4 ways to read the Bible

The medievals had a little Latin rhyme that says "*Litera gesta docet, Quid credas allegoria, Moralis quid agas, Quo tendas anagogia.*" Translated poetically, it means: "**The literal** teaches what God and our ancestors did, / **The allegory** is where our faith and belief is hid, / **The moral** meaning gives us the rule of daily life, / **The anagogy** shows us where we end our strife."

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Summer Drive-Thru Cook-out

The Knights of Columbus welcome all
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When: Sunday July 11th at 12:00pm

Where: The Church Parking Lot

What: Great Food at great prices
Vienna All Beef Hot Dogs
Da Best Hot Dog, direct from Chitown \$3
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Packaged condiments to dress up your food choice, Onions,
Relish, Mustard and Ketchup.

Also available: Chips - \$1,
Soft Drinks \$1 and Water - \$1
(on ice to cool you off).

You deserve a break today, so get up and get away for lunch at the
parish with your Knights of Columbus.

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These four dimensions of interpretation offer just one set of keys to help
Catholics mine the hidden meaning of the Sacred Page.

Some more good advice: playing "Bible Roulette" won't do much for
you, if you're serious about reading scripture. We have all done it, of
course — we've opened the book to a random page to "see what God
has to say" to us. This practice may have had limited success with cer-
tain saints, but with this method the Bible will still remain a mystery to
the modern Catholic; it won't illuminate the rest of salvation history.

The proper approach to the Bible in an intentional one. It consists of
using all available resources to plumb the depths of divine wisdom. In
this way the Bible "comes alive" and can speak to our hearts.

Reading the entire Bible seems daunting, so first open the Gospels.
These can be much easier to grasp and the names and episodes within
them are more familiar. In particular, start with the Gospel of Mark, the
shortest Gospel. Reading Mark can give you a sense of accomplishment
as well as an interest to see how the other Gospel writers narrate the life
of Jesus.

Many Christians will simply read through all four Gospels over and over
again, digging deeper into the heart of Jesus and his message. For the
reader who doesn't know where to start, the Gospels might be the per-
fect place.

Don't give up! Reading Sacred Scripture can help our faith mature.
Many Catholics stop studying their faith when they leave school. This
epidemic leaves our adult believers with a stunted faith. Confronted by
difficult questions from non-Catholics, all too often we offer weak or
uncertain defenses of our faith. Not every Catholic has to become a sem-
inary professor, but every Catholic can benefit from grappling with seri-
ous questions of faith, grounded in the study of the Scriptures.



July 11, 2021

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12-15 | Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10 | Mk 6:7-13

Written by
THE
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I don't know about you, but even for the quickest of errands I don't like to leave my house without my smartphone. Nor would I go on a road trip without my trusty mini-Diet Coke and a snack or two. So I'm struck by what Jesus tells the Apostles when he sends them on their mission to share the Good News: "He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts." While it may be hard for us to imagine striking out with only the sandals on our feet, to me this reading is more about what the Apostles *did* have than what they went without: They had a companion (Jesus sent them two by two) and the spiritual blessings Saint Paul refers to, including a relationship with Jesus and absolute trust in him. Today's readings remind us to set aside distractions and spend time deepening our relationship with Jesus through prayer, reading the Scriptures, and participating in the sacramental life of the Church. In doing so, we, too, can join in the mission of the early disciples by giving our lives to Jesus and sharing his message with others.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I find the phrase "the new evangelization" somewhat ironic. After all, evangelization is not new, it goes back to the earliest days of the Church, which wouldn't exist had it not been for the disciples. The "new" part reminds us that we today also share in this mission. The U.S. Catholic bishops describe it succinctly: "The New Evangelization calls each of us to deepen our faith, believe in the Gospel message and go forth to proclaim the Gospel." This call is both simple, and challenging, but we don't have to be perfect. After all, just as God called Amos, a humble shepherd, and Jesus called the Twelve, a motley group of fishermen, he calls us. Like them, our first "task" isn't a task at all – it is placing God and our relationship with Jesus at the center of our lives. Only then can we effectively share the Gospel with others, inviting our brothers and sisters to a life in Christ – to become part of God's adopted family.

WITNESS At the end of Sunday Mass, we often hear the words: "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." As we are sent forth, let us ask God to show us how we can share the Gospel with others during the week ahead. Then pay attention to where the Spirit leads us in answering our prayer.

Are You Looking to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the Baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the Pre-Baptism Class before scheduling a Baptism.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4
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Website Mass

The church is open for our regular schedule of Masses. Recognizing that many will still be unable to attend Mass we will continue to record the Mass and upload it to the website. To view the Mass go to our website: btsp.org and click on the red words to start the video. The recorded Mass is from the Saturday vigil.

We are very grateful to Brent Beauchamp who has been volunteering his services to record the Mass each week. Thank you Brent for your continued support.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 10

4:00 p.m.

Dolores Ciminera (Dec)

Sunday, July 11, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.

Lorenzo Vasquez (Dec)

9:30 a.m.

For Parishioners

11:30 a.m.

Margarite Israelson (Dec)

Monday, July 12

8:00 a.m.

Margaret Taylor (Dec)

Tuesday, July 13

8:00 a.m.

Ron Bento (Liv)

Wednesday, July 14

8:00 a.m.

For Vocations

Thursday, July 15

8:00 a.m.

Mary Rohan (Dec)

Friday, July 16

8:00 a.m.

Fr. Tom Hopkins (Dec)

Saturday, July 17

8:00 a.m.

James Bischoff and Family (Liv)

4:00 p.m.

Ron Bento (Liv)

Sunday, July 18, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m.

Vince Heffern (Dec)

9:30 a.m.

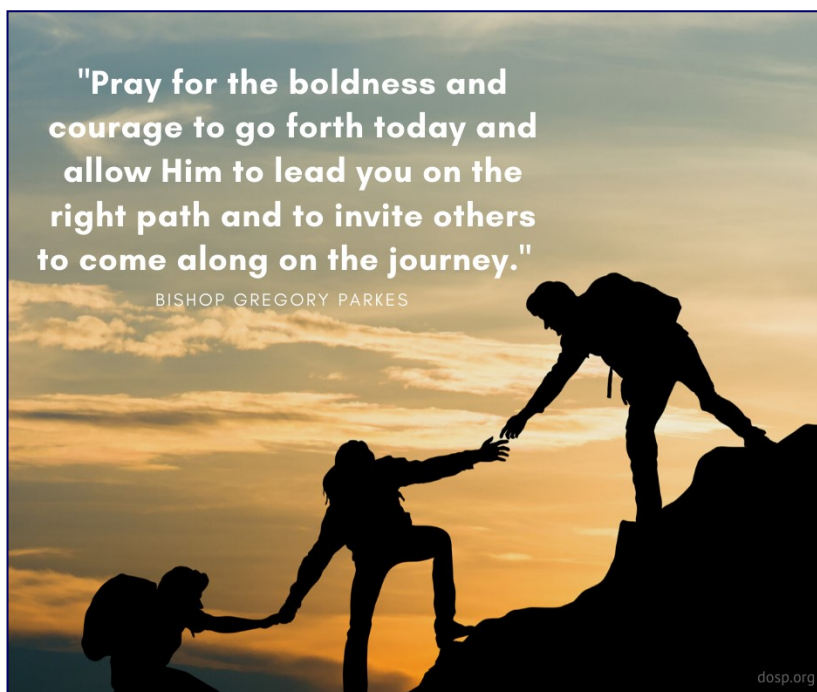
For Parishioners

11:30 a.m.

Lynda Giles (Dec)

**"Pray for the boldness and
courage to go forth today and
allow Him to lead you on the
right path and to invite others
to come along on the journey."**

BISHOP GREGORY PARKES



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What We Carry from Town to Town

In my experience, there are two kinds of people: the folks who kick off their shoes the second they walk through the door, and the ones who don't.

People can feel strongly about this on both sides. The main thrust of the Shoes-Off Brigade seems to be this: we track a lot of weird stuff on the soles of our feet. Little reminders of all the places we've been — whether it's a private home or a public bathroom — cling to our shoes long after we leave.

This same theory applies to our spiritual lives. As human beings and as disciples, we visit a lot of figurative towns and pick up a lot of figurative dust. Sinfulness. Shame. Defeat. Anger. Fear. Doubt. No matter how hard we try to keep free of it, these things have a way of attaching themselves to us, sometimes without us even noticing. We need to take a good look at what unhelpful and unconstructive baggage from our past we're tracking into our present and future encounters.

What is the "town" God is asking you to visit today in His name? Is it a tough conversation with a friend, a brief witness to a stranger in the checkout line, a call to be present to someone in your family? Before you go, remember, shake off the dust. Don't let a past disappointment constrain you. Don't allow yesterday's failures or burdens to keep you from the joy of today's witness, whatever form it might take.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Electronic Giving Information

During our recent Stewardship Campaign, a lot of people requested information on our Electronic Giving Program. Making contributions electronically is really easy, whether you would like to make a one-time gift or make it a recurring gift for a specific or indefinite period of time.

All you have to do is go to the parish website at www.btsp.org and click on the big green box on the home page that says

Then, click on "sign in" and then, if you're new to online giving, "register for an account". If you need help, our business manager, Alice Coston, will be happy to help in walking you through it. You can reach her at the parish office at (727) 867-3663.



Weekly Giving

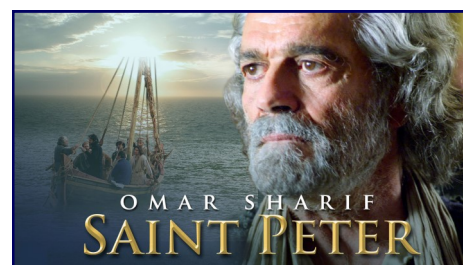
Online Giving June 28 – July 4

Offertory	\$ 2,075
Building Fund	\$ 40
SVDP	\$ 100

July 4, 2021

Offertory	\$ 6,631
Peter's Pence	\$ 80
Building Fund	\$ 436
Other	\$ 10
Gift Shop	\$ 208
SVDP	\$ 163

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Hurricane Season Safety

"Say to the LORD, 'My refuge and fortress,
my God in whom I trust.'"

-Psalms 91:2

Be Prepared

In the storms of life, we turn to God and pray that we will be spared from harm. We are also called to take the necessary precautions to protect the precious gift of life and to minimize damage to property. Here are a few helpful reminders:

Evacuation Shelters:

If you are elderly or have special needs, please contact your county's Emergency Management Office to pre-register prior to any storm if you will need to evacuate.

Mass Participation:

All parishioners are urged to use good judgment when deciding if conditions are safe to travel to Mass. In the event that roadways are not clear and weather conditions are unsafe to travel, the faithful are reminded that the obligation to participate in the Sunday Mass does not apply when there is grave difficulty in fulfilling this obligation (Code of Canon Law, Canon 1248 §2).

News and Updates:

If a storm threatens our area, please visit the Diocese of St. Petersburg website for the latest updates relating to parish and school closings. Also, follow the diocesan Twitter <https://twitter.com/DioStPete> and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/DioStPete/> and Spirit FM 90.5 for the latest news updates.

Resources from around our Diocese:

Florida Department of Emergency Management:
www.floridadisaster.org

Citrus County Emergency Management:
www.sheriffcitrus.org/emergency-management.php

Hernando County Emergency Management:
www.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-a-e/emergency-management

Hillsborough County Emergency Management:
www.hillsboroughcounty.org/residents/public-safety/emergency-management

Pasco County Emergency Management:
www.pascocountyfl.net/365/Emergency-Management

Pinellas County Emergency Management:
www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/

For more information, visit:

www.dosp.org/insurance/hurricane-season

Prayer for Protection During Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

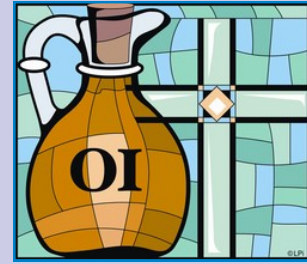
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