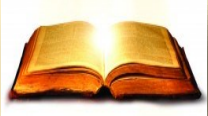


ADULT FORMATION



The Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study provides a simple way to read the Bible and experience the life-changing power of God's Word.

Five opportunities to join in The Great Adventure!



The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

The foundational study in *The Great Adventure Bible Study Series The Bible Timeline* takes participants on a journey through the entire Bible delving deep into each period of salvation history to discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. Participants will learn about major people, places, and events and see how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith. The 24 week study is offered twice; on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings beginning Sept. 12 and 13, respectively.



Matthew: The King and His Kingdom

Matthew: The King and His Kingdom is an exciting study that explores the life and mission of Jesus as recorded in the Gospels. *Matthew* demonstrates how the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament are fulfilled in Jesus, who inaugurates the Kingdom of God on earth. Participants see how people came to realize that Jesus was the awaited Messiah who relives the life and struggles of Israel to become the faithful and victorious King. Set in the rich context of Jesus' Jewish culture, this study helps participants understand it better and appreciate it as part of our heritage. A 24 week study on Wednesday evenings beginning Sept. 13.



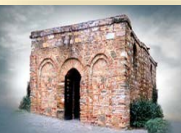
Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom

Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom, reveals how Christ's Kingdom on earth is empowered to carry on his work in the world. *Acts* reveals the Church, enlivened by the Holy Spirit, teaching, preaching, healing, and restoring the marginalized in the same way that Jesus did. The Book of Acts provides an historic framework for understanding the rest of the New Testament. Paul's letters in particular come alive in a new way when they are read within the context of the Acts narrative. Two opportunities to participate in this 20 week study: Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings beginning Sept. 12 and 13th respectively.



Psalms

With *Psalms: The School of Prayer*, *The Great Adventure* moves from telling *the Story* to making it personal. While the historical books of the Bible recount God's creative and redemptive acts in history, the Psalms reveal Israel's response to God's covenant offer and serves as a model for our response to Him. Indeed, one could say that the historical books tell the "outside" of the story of Israel by giving an historical perspective, while the Psalms tell the "inside" story, which comes from the deeply personal perspective of one who is seeking God. Our communication with God is enhanced by a deeper understanding of the book of Psalms; offered on Tuesday mornings beginning Sept. 12.



Ephesians

Paul's letter reveals many remarkable gifts that we have been given in the Church. It tells us about the nature of the Church—as a body, as a household, a mystery, a communion, a bride and as an army! Ephesians show us the great inheritance that is ours as sons and daughters of God and reveals how God's great love for us can transform our daily lives. **This Monday morning 9 week study for women begins on Sept. 11; childcare is available.**

To register for a Bible Study, view dates, times, and cost of study materials, go to the parish website (www.stjohnvianney.org) or contact the Adult Formation Office.

73 Books....One Story....Your Story!