

**LITTLE ROCK
SCRIPTURE STUDY (LRSS)
PROGRAMs**

WHAT IS SACRED SCRIPTURE?

Sacred Scripture is the fundamental revelation of God to Humans – The Word of God in human words

Sacred Scripture is the central source of revelation to the Catholic Church

Sacred Scripture is the primary Catholic source for and understanding of God's Dogma and Doctrine

Sacred Scripture is an essential element in Catholic Celebration of the Eucharist – The Table of the Word and the Table of the Eucharist

WHY STUDY SACRED SCRIPTURE?

Study of Sacred Scripture brings each person into closer contact with the Creator of everything

Study of Sacred Scripture enables each one to build a personal relationship with God

Study of Sacred Scripture enriches participation in Liturgy, especially when the Word is proclaimed

St Augustine tells us: “The New Testament lies hidden in the Old, the Old Testament is revealed in the New.” Study of Sacred Scripture help us make that connection.

HOW DOES LRSS WORK?

LRSS is guided Catholic Bible study

LRSS uses Scripture text, commentary by a Scripture Scholar and group discussion to break open the Word of God

At home, spend 20 – 30 minutes each day for 6 days in self-study and prayer - about the time to watch one episode of Mash or Friends or a contemporary sitcom each day

Group meeting on day 7 to discuss each lesson and the answers to about 10-12 questions with wrap-up video lecture by an LRSS Bible Scholar

A typical study has 4-to-6 lessons

EXAMPLES of LRSS STUDIES?

Books of the Bible: e.g., Genesis, Isaiah, The Four Gospels, The Book of Revelation, Letters of St Paul and other's letters

Thematic studies: Side-by-side study of the Narratives of the Passion and Death of Jesus from the Four Gospels, Women in the Old Testament, Women in the New Testament

Dogma/Doctrine Studies: The Eucharist in Scripture, Angels in the Bible, Scripture and the Rosary, Life Eternal

Overview Studies: Panorama of the Old Testament, Panorama of the New Testament

2023 PLANS AND RESOURCES

January – Panorama of the New Testament - 4 Lessons

Lent – The Passion and Resurrection Narratives from the four Gospels - 6 Lessons

Easter Season – The Eucharist in Scriptures - 5 Lessons

What is required for a study?

- LRSS Text of Scripture and Commentary by a Scholar – typical cost \$11 - \$17 depending on number of participants
- Home Bible – a recent translation of a Catholic Bible is recommended (certain Protestant Bibles containing the Apocrypha are suitable) – cost new \$30 to \$70 or more depending on choice, there are “large-print” editions for about \$60.