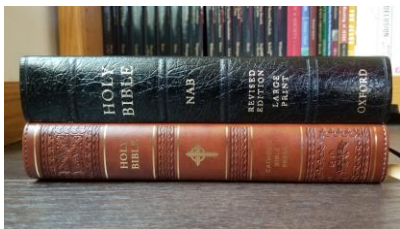


At the conclusion of the Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis wrote it was his hope that in every liturgical year there would be one Sunday focused on renewing our knowledge of and desire for Sacred Scripture. Pope Francis instituted The Sunday of the Word of God as the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time in his Apostolic Letter *"Aperuit Illis"*. Signing this letter on September 30, 2019, the memorial of St. Jerome, the great translator and commentator of the Bible, Pope Francis showed his support of St. Jerome's belief:

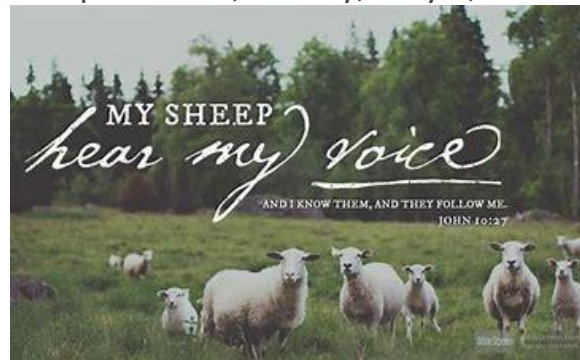
"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

"The Bible, as sacred Scripture ... speaks of Christ and proclaims him as the one who had to endure suffering and then enter into his glory. Not simply a part, but the whole of Scripture speaks of Christ. Apart from the Scriptures, his death and resurrection cannot be rightly understood."
Pope Francis, *Aperuit Illis*: 7.



"To know and follow Jesus, a Christian must read the Bible and learn to pray with it, allowing the Holy Spirit to help one understand it and put it into practice. 'My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.', Jesus says in the Gospel of John.

Pope Francis, Homily, May 9, 2017



"When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel."

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"He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures."

Luke 24:45

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