

Welcome to your guide to discovering how you can engage with Sacred Scripture right where you are in your everyday life!



What does the icon logo for the Sunday of the Word of God represent? This is an icon of Our Resurrected Lord on the road to Emmaus with two disciples. Jesus is holding a scroll in his left hand representing the fulfillment of Sacred Scripture in Him. One of the disciples, Cleopas, is holding a walking stick which shows he is on a pilgrimage. The light above Cleopas represents Christ as the Light of the World guiding us through Sacred Scripture as we make our way on our earthly pilgrimage, absorbing the light and reflecting that light to others as we share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

You are invited to join our Parish Celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God at each Mass Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Let our own Pilgrimage begin!

First, let us prepare ourselves...

“The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and Sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians.” Pope Francis, *Aperuit Illis*:1.

What is your relationship between these three essential elements of Christianity?

“The Bible cannot be just the heritage of some, much less a collection of books for the benefit of a privileged few. It belongs above all to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words.”

Pope Francis, *Apertuit Illis*: 4.

We cannot recognize ourselves in the message of the Bible if we do not engage with Sacred Scripture. It is how Christ leads us to the Father throughout time. Is there a Bible in your home? Does it rest on a shelf gathering dust or is it a part of your daily life? Have you given the Word of God a place to be heard in your daily life?

“A profound bond links Sacred Scripture and the faith of believers. Since faith comes from hearing, and what is heard is based on the word of Christ (cf. Romas 10:17), believers are bound to listen attentively to the word of the Lord, both in the celebration of the liturgy and in their personal prayer and reflection.” Pope Francis *Apertuit Illis*:7.

Are you ready to begin your pilgrimage? Jesus is waiting to accompany you!

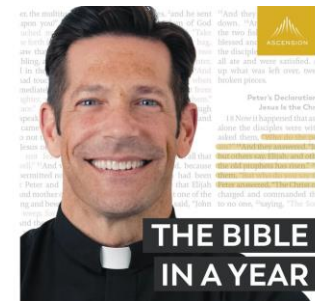
Step by step... one at a time...

Resources to help you as you walk your own road to Emmaus.

Just as Jesus met the disciples where they were, walking to Emmaus, He will meet you where you are today, every day. Ascension

Press produced a great study:

The Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz
A daily podcast that reads through the entire Bible in 365 days. Short (18-22 minute) segments you can listen to as you commute to work, to church, to the grocery store... anywhere, everyday, all day! FREE!! Available from Ascension Press and from a variety of podcast and video websites.



Consider checking out Sacred Scripture through Daily Holy Mass Readings as well as Daily Holy Mass. Spend a few minutes on your favorite search engine and you will find a number of sites to help you engage with Sacred Scripture for just a few minutes each day as you commute from here to there. Invite the Word of God into your life!