

Can you benefit from this study of the Sacred Scriptures?

Answer as many of the questions as you can:

The word “synoptic” is often applied to the gospels. What does this mean?

As Catholics we believe that there is only one valid and reliable translation of the Bible, The St Jerome Latin Vulgate edition. T or F

Name the books found within the Pentateuch.

Why was Pope Pius XII encyclical “**Divino Afflante Spiritu**” so important to the Church?

The very first (earliest) book written in the New Testament is (pick one): Matthew, John, Acts of the Apostles, Paul’s letter to the Thesalonians OR the Book of Revelations.

Are there really two differing stories of creation found in the Bible? How can that be?

Identify two (of several) methods of Biblical criticism used by scholars to study the Scriptures.

SCORE YOUR ANSWERS:

- (1) If you answered only half of the questions you should definitely sign up for this course.
- (2) If you answered more than five questions, you should volunteer to be a catechist

Need another reason...

“The definite aim of religious education is to put people not only in touch , but also in communion and intimacy, with Jesus Christ. All such activity is aimed to “encourage a living, explicit and fruitful profession of faith.” *General Catechetical Directory , US Catholic Conference 1997.*

A Note from the Pastor...

“At the Second Vatican Council, the Bishops of the Church stated that “ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ.” They encouraged all to “put themselves in touch” with the Scriptures. As Catholics we “touch” the scriptures every week at liturgy. Yet it takes an effort of reading and studying to fully understand the Scriptures.



“I invite and encourage you to join with other parishioners in exploring God’s word as it comes alive in our hearts.”

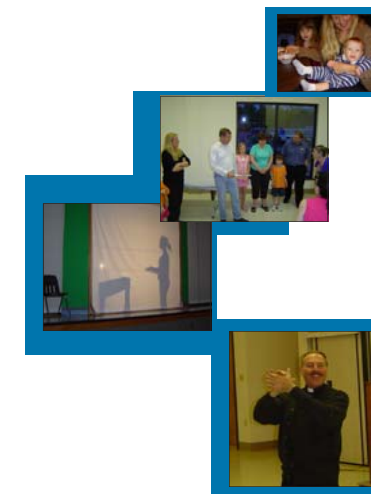
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GENERATIONS OF FAITH



A year long study on...

The Sacred Scriptures: *Our Story of Faith*



What is Generations of Faith?

Generations of Faith is a program of life-long, inter-generational learning that draws on the events of our church's traditions and from our personal lives of faith.

All parishioners from all ages and stages of life are invited to participate—singles, seniors, families w/children, and couples.



It is our goal that **Generations** is a “tool” that (1) allows each parishioner to grow in his/her relationship God and (2) helps our parish become a better witness of Christ in our community. All of us—our entire parish—must work together to fulfill these goals.



Learning in a 7 Year cycle

Generations of Faith follows a cyclic pattern of topics—repeating every seven years. Each time through the cycle we “go deeper.”

Year one	Liturgy & Church Year (2004-05)
Year two	Sacraments (05-06)
Year three	Catholic Social Teachings (06-07)
Year four	Prayers and Spirituality (07-08)
Year five	Creed (08-09)
Year six	Church History (09-10)
Year seven	Scripture (2010-2011)

Seven Learning Sessions

Dates and topics...

- **September 26 or 27**
Introduction to the Study of the Bible
- **October 24 or 25**
Old Testament 1: Pentateuch
- **November 21 or 22**
Old Testament 2: Prophets, Women & Psalms
- **Jan. 23 or 24**
The Synoptic Gospels
- **February 20 or 21**
Paul's Letters
- **April 3 or 4**
Gospel of John
- **May 15 or 16**
The Bible in our Liturgy and Prayers



The two sessions for each topic offer the same presentation.

Times for each session

Sundays 4:00– 6:30 pm
Mondays 6:00—8:30 pm

2010-2011 SCHEDULE

At each session, we...



Gather for Meal: The team provides a meal so you can relax, eat together and socialize with other parishioners.

All Ages Opening Experience: The theme for the **Generation** session is introduced using skits, videos, prayer. Through some engaging activity the focus topic of the study is set.



The In-depth Learning experience makes up the bulk of our sessions. Sometimes set in age-specific groups OR in an inter-generational setting. Lectures, guest speakers, discussion and more make up the methods of learning.

Reporting and closing: Before each session concludes we take a moment to share the learning experiences of each age group. The evening almost always closed with some simple experience of prayer shared together.



Go Forth: All of the **Generations of Faith** topics are connected to living our faith “beyond a classroom.” In other words, our learning sessions are *event centered*, intended to lead us back into the expression of our faith but now with greater awareness and more focused participation. The is accomplished with our “take-home” kits and parish sponsored activities.