



Christ the King Catholic Church

Winter 2012 Semester SACRED SCRIPTURE

The purpose of this semester is to introduce the teens to Sacred Scripture by helping them encounter the living Word by breaking open the story of salvation history. This semester will also help the teens understand that they continue to play a unique role in God's story.

Stump the Pastor

January 15

Q & A With Fr. Ed

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Once Upon a Time

January 22

God's Story & Our Story

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:5
Isaiah 49:16a

1. How do we know about God?

- 1.1. The thirst and desire for God (CCC, 27-30, 44-45, 1718)
 - a. Within all people there is a longing for God
 - b. That longing itself is from God who desires and initiates a relationship with each person
 - c. Only in God can lasting joy and peace be found in this life and in the next
- 1.2. God reveals himself to us through revelation (CCC 51)
- 1.3. Scripture as a divinely inspired record of God's Revelation in history (CCC, 54-64, 70-72)
- 1.4. Faith is Our Personal and Communal Response to Revelation (CCC, 25-32) (CCC, 142-143)

2. Is the Bible always literally true?

- 2.1. It depends on what one means by "literally." The Church does not always propose a literalist or fundamentalist approach to Scripture but a contextualist approach. The Church teaches that all of Scripture is true on matters pertaining to religious and salvific teaching because it is inspired by God for that purpose (CCC, 107, 116).
- 2.2. The Bible has a definite historic basis for events recounted in both the Old and the New Testaments; the Church particularly upholds the historicity of the Gospels (CCC, 126). However, the Church does not claim that the Bible's purpose is to present scientific or historical facts (CCC, 107).

In the Beginning...

January 29

Creation / The Fall

Scripture: Genesis 2-3

1. Book of Genesis

- 1.1. Primeval History
- 1.2. Creation, Adam and Eve, the Fall, Promise of Redemption and Effects of Sin told in figurative language (CCC, 337, 362, 375, CCC 51-78)

Super Bowl Party

February 5

Social Night

Tonight we'll have some fun, watch the big game, eat some good food, and grow together as a community. Mass is at 5:00, followed by the Super Bowl on the big screen in the gym.

Guy/Girl Split

February 12

Living as Men and Women of God

We're going to take the time tonight to spend time talking about what it means to be a woman of God and a man of God.

I Swear

February 19

Covenants in Scripture

Scripture: Genesis 9
Genesis 15-17
Exodus 19-20
2 Samuel 7

1. Covenants

- 1.1. From Adam and Eve to covenant with Noah (CCC, 56-58)
- 1.2. Succeeding Covenants: Abraham, Moses and Sinai (CCC, 59-61)
- 1.3. David as King (2 Sam 1-18) God's covenant with House of David

Winter Retreat

February 24-26

Hallowed

This year's Winter Retreat is taking on a Lenten theme, and will be based around the Lord's Prayer. The retreat is at Bethany House in DeWitt. We do not have a Life Teen Mass or Life Night on March 27.

Empowerment

March 4

Adoration, Praise & Worship

Empowerment Nights are a favorite – and why not? The nights start out with Adoration, and continue with Praise & Worship, Prayer Ministry, and a powerful time of prayer in the power of the Holy Spirit. This night will take place entirely in the worship space, not the Parish Center.

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I Told You So!

March 18

Prophesies & the Incarnation

Scripture: Isaiah 7:14, 11:1-8, 40:3, 53:4-5, 53:7
Ezekiel: 34:11-12
Micah 5:1
Hosea: 11:1
Zechariah 9:9, 11:12-13, 12: 10
Matthew: 1:18-25, 1: 13-15, 3: 1-14
Mark 1: 2-8
Luke 2:1-9
John 1: 1-18

1. The Prophets

- 1.1. Their Purpose and Prophets
 - a. Interpreted signs of the times in light of covenant
 - b. Afflicted the comfortable and comforted the afflicted
 - c. Their prophesies were medicinal meant to convert listeners to God
- 1.2. Isaiah (8th century BC)
 - a. Preached the holiness of God
 - b. The qualities of the Messiah and the New Jerusalem
 - c. The saving role of Suffering Servant
- 1.3. Jeremiah (640-587 BC)
 - a. Born of a priestly family, chosen while in womb
 - b. Preached downfall of Israel due to infidelity
 - c. His introspective temperament made him want to escape his tough calling
- 1.4. Ezekiel (6th century BC)
 - a. Born of priestly family, deported to Babylon 598 BC–rest of life in exile
 - b. Served as prophet to encourage the exiles.
 - c. Probably started Synagogues- places for teaching and prayer
- 1.5. Daniel
 - a. Young Jewish hero from days of Babylonian Exile
 - b. Not strictly a prophet, rather part of Apocalyptic strain of Bible
 - c. His apocalypses influenced the writer of Book of Revelation

1.6. Other Prophets: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

2. Jesus Christ, the first and the last, the definitive Word of Revelation, the one to whom all Scripture bears witness, is God's only Son (CCC, 65-67, 73, 101-104, 134, 423)

3. The unity of the Old Testament and the New Testament (CCC, 124-125, 128-130, 140)

4. The Gospels occupy the central place in Scripture (CCC, 125, 139).

4.1. They proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Word of God, the definitive revelation of God.

4.2. The Gospels contain a record of the life of Jesus Christ and of his teachings and redeeming work.

4.3. The Gospels lead us to accept Jesus Christ in faith and apply his teachings to our lives.

Kingdome Come

March 25

Miracles & the Kingdom of God / Gospels of Luke & Matthew

Scriptures: Matthew: 13:24-20, 13:31-32, 13:33, 18:1-5, 19:16-30, 22:1-14
Luke: 4:33-37, 5:12-15, 5:17-26, 8:22-25, 9:10-17, 18:35-43, 22:47-53

1. The contents of the Synoptic Gospels (CCC, 512-667)

1.1. Sermon on the Mount in Matthew, Sermon on the Plain in Luke

1.2. Jesus' teaching, including the Parables

1.3. The miracles

2. Matthew

2.1. Approximate date of composition and community/audience for which it was written

2.2. First two chapters contain Infancy Narrative—Emphasis on Joseph, the Magi and genealogy back to Abraham.

2.3. Central Message: Kingdom of Heaven, need for repentance to welcome the Kingdom . . . Commission of Peter an ecclesial emphasis

2.4. Message structured in five sections introduced by Christ's discourses (to parallel the 5 books of the Torah)

2.5. Passion and Resurrection narratives majestic salvation accounts

2.6. Great Commission the call to evangelization

3. Luke

3.1. Approximate date of composition and community/audience for which it was written

3.2. Opens with an Infancy narrative that focuses on Mary's role and the adoration of the Shepherds [and genealogy back to Adam]

3.3. Themes: Gospel of pardons and mercy; for the poor; of prayer and Holy Spirit; of concern for women

3.4. Passion account—God's will is accomplished. Resurrection narratives include Emmaus journey, Breaking of Bread

Scripture: Acts 1:8 - (called to be witnesses - martyrs - to the WORLD)
Acts 2:1-4 (Pentecost)
Acts 2:42 (liturgy/Eucharist)
Acts 4:31 (boldness to preach comes from the Holy Spirit)
Acts 5:29 (Natural Law over every other law)
Acts 5:42 (preaching and teaching - catechetics and evangelization)
Acts 8:31 (The importance of the Magisterium)
Acts 10 - (Peter's given a vision of the New Covenant - for all not just Jews)
Acts 11:26 (first time disciples are called Christians)
Acts 16:4 (the call to community, obedience and structure of the Church/Papacy)
Acts 16:7 (the need to discern and heed the Spirit's guidance - Spirit guides the Church, not just men)
Acts 17:6 (early Christians turned the world upside down)

- 1. Revelation of Holy Spirit who manifests, teaches and guides Church**
 - 1.1. Catechesis on Holy Spirit (C 136-46)
 - 1.2. Nine days of prayer for coming of Spirit—Mary in center of disciples
- 2. The Infant Church—*communio* (2:42-47)**
- 3. Stories of Peter (1-12) "No other Name," Stephen, Cornelius.**
- 4. Stories of Paul (13-28). Conversion, Jerusalem Council; Ministers of the Word . . . Missionary Journeys**
- 5. The Transmission of Divine Revelation (CCC, 74-95)**
 - 5.1. Apostolic Tradition (CCC, 74-79, 96)
 - 5.2. The relationship between Tradition and Sacred Scripture (CCC, 80-83, 971)
 - 5.3. The Deposit of Faith and the role of the Church (CCC, 84-95, 98-100)

Living a life of integrity and virtue extends beyond what we do, but it extends to how we entertain ourselves. What kinds of music do we listen to? Are the lyrics affecting us? What the TV and movies we watch? The books we read? How do we share them with others?

Scripture: Revelation 4: 1-8, 12:1-12, 19:1-10, 21:1-27

- 1. This book is fundamentally about Christ's in-breaking into history and the world's fight against him and his followers**
- 2. Written to encourage the faith of seven churches (Revelation 2-3) which were subject to harassment and persecution from Jewish and Roman authorities. These churches also suffered from internal disorder, false teaching and apathy.**
- 3. John uses crisis imagery to prophesy final mysterious transformation of world at end of history, "a new heaven and a new earth." (21:1-4)**

As we wrap up another school year, we're ending with a Super Crazy Random Awesome Acts of Fun (SCRAAF) Night. Through a series of crazy contests that the teens will do in teams, we'll see who's the super-est, most crazy and random group at CTK.

***There are no more Life Teen Masses or
Life Nights until after Labor Day.***

Tuesday Night Prayer Meetings continue all summer.

Check the bulletin and our website for small-group opportunities for high school students throughout the summer.

Christ the King Life Teen will be attending the Steubenville Youth Conference on July 13-15, 2012. Registration packets will be available in March.