

Scripture and Spirituality

A LIFE WORTH LIVING

After Alpha, what happens next?

A LIFE WORTH LIVING, the official follow-up to the popular Alpha course, is a nine-week course based on the book of Philippians. Each talk explains how it is possible to live the Christian life positively, practically, and joyfully. There is no cost for the course, but registration is required. To register contact Beth Duarte at **478-5006**.

When:.....Tuesday evenings, beginning January 13 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Where:.....St. Matthew's Parish Hall

Contact:.....Beth Duarte at **478-5006**

INTRODUCTION TO SACRED SCRIPTURE

Deacon Jim Exparza provides an introduction to Sacred Scripture by addressing: 1) background topics including the nature and composition of the Bible, interpretation of the Bible, tools for biblical study, geography, history of biblical times, and archeology; 2) major divisions of the Bible with attention given to the historical background, literary forms, and theological themes; and 3) the role of the Bible in the life of the Christian Community.

When:.....Thursday mornings, January 8 through March 26, from 9:30 to 11:30 AM

Where:.....McDonald Family Center Room 106

Cost:.....Approximately \$35 to cover the cost of books and printed handouts.

Registration:.....Registration closes December 17. Class size is limited to 25 participants.

Contact:.....Deacon James Exparza at **698-2111** or email **exparza@sbcglobal.net**

THURSDAY EVENING CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY

Enhance your experience of the special jubilee year dedicated to St. Paul by participating in this fascinating study of 1 & 2 Corinthians. The first letter addresses the difficulties of maintaining a Christian community in a cosmopolitan city notorious for its moral corruption. The second letter reveals Paul's personality as he defends his apostolic ministry. No prior knowledge of the Bible is necessary. Small groups meet to discuss questions taken from the lesson. Then all gather to hear the presentation given by Dr. Bob O'Connor, a dynamic Religious Studies professor from St. Mary's University.

When:.....Thursdays, through May 14, 2009, from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM

Where:.....St. Matthew School Cafeteria

Contact:.....Christine Lopez, Adult Education Office at **478-5018**

Thursday Evening Catholic Scripture Study Schedule 2009

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BOOK</u>
(January 1	No class (NEW YEARS DAY)
January 8	1 Corinthians Chapter 13
January 15	1 Corinthians Chapter 14
January 22	1 Corinthians Chapter 15
January 29	1 Corinthians Chapter 16

February 5	2 Corinthians Chapter 1
February 12	2 Corinthians Chapter 2
February 19	2 Corinthians Chapter 3
February 26	2 Corinthians Chapter 4
March 5	2 Corinthians Chapter 5
(March 12)	No class SPRING BREAK)
March 19	2 Corinthians Chapter 6
March 26	2 Corinthians Chapter 7
April 2	2 Corinthians Chapter 8
(April 9)	No class HOLY THURSDAY)
April 16	2 Corinthians Chapter 9
April 23	2 Corinthians Chapter 10
April 30	2 Corinthians Chapter 11
May 7	2 Corinthians Chapter 12
May 14	2 Corinthians Chapter 13
May 21	POTLUCK APPRECIATION DINNER

ESTUDIO DE BIBLIA

¿Desea profundizar en La Palabra de Dios?

¿Que nos quiso enseñar Jesús por medio de sus parábolas?

¿Que hicieron los apóstoles con la tarea encomendada?

Cuando.....Todos los martes del las 11:00 AM a las 12:00 de mediodía

Donde.....Edificio de la administración – Salón 202

Quien lo imparte.....Nancy Garza de Hernández – Teléfono: **479-7152**

CROWN FINANCIAL MINISTRIES BIBLE STUDY

This 10-week course covers what Scripture teaches about money and possessions. Graduates confirm that marriages are strengthened and individuals are getting out of debt. They are becoming consistent savers, generous givers, and prudent consumers. Most importantly, people are entering a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Groups meet for 2 hours once a week. Meetings include Scripture memorization and interactive discussions. Personal financial information is not shared with the group.

When.....Check Church bulletin for date, time, and location

Contact.....Christine Lopez, Adult Education Office at **478-5018**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR PARENTS

Deacon Norman Kutschenreuter presents classes to expand your knowledge of the Church and sacraments and be better prepared to respond to your children's questions about the faith.

All adults are welcome to this free class! Take this opportunity to learn and grow in your faith!

When.....Sunday evenings, from 7:20 PM to 8:20 PM

Where.....St. Matthew School Music Room

Contact.....Deacon Norman Kutschenreuter at **478-5060**

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY BY CHRISTOPHER WEST

You are invited to participate in sessions for parents facilitated by Ted and Melly Trakas. This class runs at the same time as 9:15 AM Sunday morning children’s classes and provides an opportunity for practical and religious education for parents. For more information call Ted and Melly Trakas at **699-0284**.

THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY

The Great Adventure Bible Timeline study enables participants to read through the Bible historically while learning the “big picture” of salvation history. This course covers salvation history from Genesis through the coming of Christ and the establishment of the Catholic Church. Come learn how the people, places, and events of the Bible fit together in God’s plan of salvation history. No prior knowledge of the Bible is necessary. Small groups meet on Tuesday mornings or Wednesday evenings to discuss questions taken from the lesson. Then all view a Jeff Cavins video presentation on the lesson.

Tuesday mornings through March 31, 2009, from 9:45 AM to 11:45 AM
in the McDonald Family Center Room 106

Wednesday evenings through April 1, 2009, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
in the Parish Hall

Contact:.....Christine Lopez, Adult Education Office at **478-5018**

Tuesday Morning Catholic Scripture Study Schedule 2009

January 6	Session 14: Divided Kingdom Part 2
January 13	Session 15: Exile
January 20	Session 16: Return
January 27	Session 17: Maccabean Revolt
February 3	Session 18: Messianic Fulfillment Part 1
February 10	Session 19: Messianic Fulfillment Part 2
February 17	Session 20: Messianic Fulfillment Part 3
February 24	Session 21: The Church Part 1
March 3	Session 22: The Church Part 2
March 10	OFF for Spring Break
March 17	Session 23: The Church Part 3
March 24	Session 24: Conclusion
March 31	Session 25: End of Year Celebration (Potluck)

Wednesday Evenings Catholic Scripture Study Schedule 2009

January 7	Session 15: Exile
January 14	Session 16: Return
January 21	Session 17: Maccabean Revolt
January 28	Session 18: Messianic Fulfillment Part 1
February 4	Session 19: Messianic Fulfillment Part 2
February 11	Session 20: Messianic Fulfillment Part 3
February 18	Session 21: The Church Part 1
February 25	OFF for Ash Wednesday

March 4	OFF for Lenten Mission
March 11	Session 22: The Church Part 2
March 18	Session 23: The Church Part 3
March 25	Session 24: Conclusion
April 1	End of Year Celebration (Potluck)