

Scriptural Readings

Pope Benedict XVI has said that every home should have its own Bible and safeguard it in a visible and dignified way, to pray it, study it and live it. Parents should model a life of prayer and witness of the dignity of Sacred Scripture.

Youth ministers are resources for the parish not the primary educators. Parents must strive on teaching how to use the Scriptures, so that the entire family may hear, understand, glorify and live the word of God, thus opening the door of their mind and their heart.

These resources offer opportunities for all generations to gather and learn the Scriptures in order to deepen the family connection with Christ.

The Reading of the Word

Encountering Christ in the Word proclaimed at Mass is one of the ways we become transformed into new creations in Christ. Before we go to Mass every week, it is important we read and reflect on the readings so that we are fully prepared and open to what the liturgy offers us. This section offers different ways you can reflect on either the daily or weekly Sunday readings of the liturgy. If every day you read the daily liturgical readings you will find that in three years you would have read almost the entire bible!

Resources

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

This web site offers the readings for every day, as well as Podcast options, video reflections and the entire text of the New American Bible.

<http://www.usccb.org/nab/>

Scripture in the Liturgy

The Eucharistic liturgy is the summit and font of our faith. This guide will help you understand how the parts of our Mass are tradition based from the earliest years of the Church and also rooted in scripture. Look at the parts of the Mass and explore the scripture passages that give it inspiration to appreciate our liturgy even more!

http://catholic-resources.org/Bible/Biblical_Mass_Texts.htm

The Daily Gospel

“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (Jn 6:68)

The *Daily Gospel* provides a free, personalized e-mail each morning, containing the text of the Gospel of the day according to the calendar fixed by the Catholic Church.

www.dailygospel.org

Saint Mary's Press

Saint Mary's Press is a contemporary expression of the Catholic Church's mission to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and the Lasallian mission to provide a human and Christian education for young people, including those who are economically deprived. Saint Mary's Press dates from 1943, when Brother Alphonsus Pluth, FSC, began publishing high school religion resources. Saint Mary's Press core value is to

enliven young peoples' hearts and minds with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Saint Mary's Press is the leading Catholic publisher of religion and spirituality texts for teens in the U.S.A. since its publication in February 2000.

<http://www.smp.org/index.cfm>

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

<http://www.usccb.org/video/>

Life Long Catechesis (Harcourt Religion)

The resources we offer you on these pages will help you do that for the youth and adolescents in your parish or school. We hope what we offer here will help you lead the young of the Church to ever deeper faith! Consider this our gift to you, from Harcourt Religion Publishers!

http://your.harcourtreligion.com/lifelong_catechesis/adolescents.jsp

Loyola Press

What does it mean to pray? How can I pray? How can I help myself and others to deepen our prayer lives? What are traditional Catholic prayers? In this section you will find answers to these questions and other helpful resources to deepen your personal prayer life.

<http://www.loyolapress.com/prayer.htm>

Whole Community Catechesis (RCL/Benzinger)

Resource materials on the Pauline year and Family Questions of the week and activities for all ages.

<http://www.wholecommunitycatechesis.com/>

Life Teen: Ask the Bible Geek

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<http://www.lifeteen.com/default.aspx?PageID=BGQADETAIL& DocumentID=255594>