

ADULT Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation: Lifelong Learning

The Church's catechetical mission is to help the faithful of all ages to grow in both human and Christian maturity, enriching the whole of life with the Good News of Christ's love.

At Our Lady of Sorrows, our adult faith formation ministry will offer, over time, a comprehensive exploration of the core elements of Catholic faith and practice---a complete initiation into a Catholic way of life. We hope to invite parishioners to learn in a way accessible to them and relatable to their life experiences, helping them form a Christian conscience and live their lives in the world as faithful disciples of Jesus.

We hope the integration of actual life experiences, diverse adult learning needs, the study of Scripture, and the teaching of the Church's Sacraments and her traditions will create a vibrant learning environment.

Three major goals guide and direct our efforts in adult faith formation:

1. Invite and engage adults in their ongoing conversion to the person of Jesus.
2. Promote and support active engagement in the community of faith at Our Lady of Sorrows and in the diocese.
3. Call and prepare adults as missionary disciples to the world.

Excerpts taken from *Our Hearts Were Burning Within Us: A Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation in the United States*, and from the USCCB website.

Adult Faith Formation Classes Include:



The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

Reading the Bible brings us closer to Christ, but understanding it is often difficult. The good news is that you can understand the Bible, and *The Bible Timeline*, a twenty-four-part Bible study, makes it easier.

Presenter Jeff Cavins shows you how the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and gives you the keys to understanding the amazing story woven throughout Scripture. You will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith. Participants

will meet during PSR to view an engaging video presentation followed by a short time of discussion.

When: Sundays at 10 am, beginning Sept. 8

Where: OLS Family Life Library

Facilitators: Frances Smith and Sr. Madeline, OSB

For more information, call Sr. Madeline, OSB, at 205-871-8121, ext 111, or SrMadeline@ourladyofsorrows.com.

You can register on back of this form and place the form in the collection basket, or register online at www.ourladyofsorrows.com/aff-classes.

Deadline to register is Aug. 26.



Women’s Bible Study

We will be taking a journey through Israel’s beginnings, Israel’s captivity and freedom, and Israel’s tribal period from the perspective of the earliest women of salvation history, such as Sarah, Deborah, Ruth, Judith and Esther, whose complexities and gifts broke stereotypes and continue to reveal God to us. Guided by the classic commentary of Irene Nowell, OSB, and the contemporary scholarship of Jaime Waters, we will enter into these ancient stories of Biblical women that remain rich and relevant for believers today.

When: Monday mornings, 8:30--10 am **Where:** Parish Hall

Presenter: Sr. Madeline, OSB

Texts Provided: *Women in the Old Testament, Parts 1&2* from Little Rock Bible Study

Cost: \$10, collected the first class

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Deadline to register is August 19



Study of the Gospel of Mark for Year B

Thought to be the earliest of the four Gospels, the Gospel of Mark is a fast-moving, vivid account of the ministry, suffering, and death of Jesus. By studying his Gospel in Year B of the Sunday cycles, we more deeply encounter Jesus and grow in our understanding of true discipleship. We are called to repentance, transformation, and the reality of suffering. The Gospel of Mark reminds us, in the words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, “When Christ calls a person, he bids him come and die.”

When: Wednesdays, 10-11:30 am, from Sept. 4--Nov 20

Thursdays, 6:00-7:30 pm, from Sept 5--Nov 19

(Both classes are the same)

Presenter: Sr. Madeline, OSB

Where: Parish Hall

Texts Provided: *The Gospel of Mark, Parts 1&2* from Little Rock Bible Study

Cost: \$10, collected at first class

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REGISTRATION

Please return this completed form to the collection basket on Sundays or to the Parish Office.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

Which Class(es) Would You Like to Attend:

- The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation (Sundays, 10-11:15 am)
- Women’s Bible Study (Mondays, 8:30-10 am)
- Study of the Gospel of Mark (Either Wed morn, 10-11:30 am or Thurs eve, 6-7:30 pm)

_____ Wednesdays, 10-11:30 am _____ Thursdays, 6:00-7:30 pm

A set of books will be provided for both the Women’s Bible Study and the Study of Mark at \$10 a set. Payment for books is due the first day of class. Thanks for your cooperation!