

Recommended Resources and Methods for Scripture Study and Sharing Diocese of San Jose

“Sacred Scripture, the word of God written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, has the preeminent position in the life of the Catholic church and especially in the ministry of evangelization and catechesis” [NDC, p.70]. “The presentation of the Gospels should be done in such a way as to elicit an encounter with Christ, who provides the key to the whole biblical revelation and communicates the call of God that summons each one to respond” [NDC, p.71]. The Diocese of San Jose encourages parish leaders to promote the study and sharing of scripture for adults in the parish through a variety of methods. Here are some ways that adult faith formation leaders can help adults to be firmly rooted in Sacred Scripture.

- Diocese of San Jose Shared Scripture Study Guide and Videos
- Little Rock Scripture Study program
- “Scripture from Scratch,” a DVD format basic bible study program, St. Anthony Messenger Press
- Threshold Bible Study, Twenty-Third Publications
- RENEW International
- [*Lectio Divina*](#)
- Invitations to local Catholic biblical experts to speak
- Parish retreat days focused on scripture
- Seasonal study of the Sunday readings during Advent and Lent
- Use of Scripture as the primary source in the catechesis of parents in preparation of their children for the sacraments of Baptism, Penance, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- Scripture workshops at the annual Faith Formation Conference

Summer school courses are offered at our local Catholic colleges and universities and are listed on the websites of religious studies or theology departments at:

- Santa Clara University
- Notre Dame University in Belmont
- University of San Francisco
- Holy Names College in Oakland
- Dominican University in San Rafael
- Dominican School (Graduate Theological Union)
- Jesuit School of Theology (Graduate Theological Union)
- Franciscan School of Theology (Graduate Theological Union)

Some Catholic institutions offer scripture study through on-line courses

- Boston College C21 Online Learning www.bc.edu/c21online
- University of Notre Dame Institute for Church Life- STEP (Satellite Theological Education Program) <http://step.nd.edu/>

Catholic Resources Website

- Fr. Felix Just, S. J. Catholic Resources website; <http://catholic-resources.org>
- Catholic Church Documents related to Biblical Studies:
<http://catholic-resources.org/ChurchDocs/>
 - Electronic New Testament Web resources
<http://catholic-resources.org/Bible/index.html>