

Invitation to a Spirit/Bible Study

Church of the Holy Family/Novi

Deacon Bob & Barb Ervin invite you to a Spirit/Bible Study of St. Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians. This letter reads as 'The Word for Sin City!' When Paul wrote it around 53AD, the 4-yr-old Church in Corinth was fired up, immature, and needful. As a result, Paul's message to them is remarkably pertinent to us, as we "Zoom" in the Spirit and wrestle in the flesh. It's clear that the Holy Spirit really blew through that ancient Church, like He does among us in these days! We pray that this Spirit/Bible Study will enjoy an outpouring of that same Spirit who reveals what eye has not seen and ear has not heard.

Consider joining us on thirteen Wednesday evenings from January into early May.

Meetings

We will meet online by way of Zoom from 7 to 8:30pm on the Wednesdays shown below.

January 13 and 27

February 3, 10, and 24

March 3, 10, 24, and 31

April 7, 14, and 28

May 5.

Our Approach: (also used in studies of the Gospel of Mark and Paul's Prison Letters in 2020...)

- You don't have to know anything about the Bible... we'll show you
- We don't analyze the Bible, per se, but rather listen personally for what the Spirit may reveal
- We will use Fr. George Montague's Commentary on 1st Corinthians from the Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture. The commentary is available online for about \$22, for example at: <https://www.amazon.com/Corinthians-Catholic-Commentary-Sacred-Scripture-ebook/dp/B007TV0ZNU>
 - Persons will receive the Zoom link ahead of each meeting via email, for easy participation. If you run into any problems, we'll help.

Our Format:

1. We will study one and sometimes two of the shorter chapters for each meeting.
2. Deacon Bob will teach in the first part of the meeting, followed by small breakout groups.
3. Each participant is asked to prepare ahead of time for the breakout group by:
 - a) reading the assigned chapter(s) and...
 - b) praying for the Spirit to reveal one thing in the text that speaks personally to you,
 - c) consulting Fr. Montague's Commentary in the vicinity of that specific text,

- d) preparing to share what that text and commentary passage stir in you, personally,
 - e) preparing to offer a short informal prayer to the Lord, by way of response
4. Each small group will have a facilitator to encourage and aid in the discussion

Experience with this approach has been very satisfying. Participants get a stimulating and altogether- Catholic look at the Scriptures, plus a lively period of candid sharing that deepens their own personal response to God while also building a rich fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ.

TO REGISTER: just send an email to bervin@hfnovi.com by Wednesday, January 6th, and we'll save a spot. Also, feel free to invite others who may wish to join us. Questions?...send a message.