

How to Read the Bible?

Catholic Use & Interpretation of the Sacred Scriptures



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Pope Benedict XVI's monthly prayer intentions for September 2009 focus on the Bible and on our knowledge of God's Word: "That the Word of God may be better known, accepted, and lived as the source of freedom and joy."

As Catholic Christians, we need help in understanding and interpreting the Bible properly, but fortunately our Church provides us with helpful guidelines. For example, you might ask: Should we take the Bible literally? The answer may surprise you: YES, we need to read it *both* "literally" (but not literalistically) *and* "spiritually" (prayerfully, liturgically).

This evening presentation, free and open to anyone, will introduce you to the key principles of Catholic interpretation of the Bible, and how to use and understand the Scriptures more deeply and fully. Whether you have read the Bible often, or hardly ever, you will certainly benefit from this presentation. So come eager to learn, and don't forget to bring your Bible!

When: Tuesday, September 29, 2009; 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Where: St. John Neumann Church, 5101 Alton Parkway, Irvine

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