

The Book of Exodus  
Prince of Peace Parish  
Thursdays during Lent  
6:30 PM-8:00 at Holy Family  
Syllabus

The Goal of the class is to read the Book of Exodus in order to learn the basis for understanding the Passover of Jesus Christ memorialized in the Eucharist.

### **Schedule**

Thursday, February 27 – Introduction to Exodus

Thursday, March 5 – The Israelites in Egypt PART 1 (1:1-6:27)

Thursday, March 12 – The Israelites in Egypt PART II (6:28-12:36)

Thursday, March 19 – The Exodus from Egypt and the Journey to Sinai (12:37-18:27)

Thursday, March 26 – The Covenant at Mount Sinai (19:1-24:18)

Thursday, April 2 – THE LIGHT IS ON (No Class)

A scheduled Class – The Dwelling and its Furnishings (25:1-40:38)

### **CLASS 1**

#### **Introduction**

##### **GOALS**

- The Significance of the Exodus for the Israelites and for Christians
- The Formation of the Book
- The Divisions of the Book
- Finding Meaning in the Story

##### The Significance of the Exodus for the Israelites and for Christians

- Key elements to reading and understanding Exodus
- The Exodus is the foundational event in the life of the Israelite people
- The story of the Exodus is retold from generation to generation
- The story of the Exodus is not just a past event but a living reality
- The story of the Exodus is ritualized
- All the bible is rooted in the Exodus event
- The story of the Exodus continues to inflame the hopes and passions of people today
- Key elements to reading and understanding the Passion of Christ
- Exodus and the Christian connection

##### The Formation of the Book

- Dating the event and the book
- Traditions that formed the book
- Do's and Don'ts for reading the book

##### The Division of the Book

- The Israelites in Egypt (1:1-12:36)
- The Exodus from Egypt and Journey to Sinai (12:37-18:27)
- The Covenant at Mount Sinai (19:1-24:18)
- The Dwelling and its Furnishings (25:1-40:38)

The Book of Exodus  
Prince of Peace Parish  
Thursdays during Lent  
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM at Holy Family  
Class 2

- ❖ THE ISRAELITES IN EGYPT (1:1-12:36)
  - Jacob's Descendants in Egypt (1:1-7)
    - How did the Israelites get to Egypt?
  - The Oppression (1:8-14)
    - Why were the Israelites being oppressed?
  - Command to the Midwives (1:15-22)
    - What was their response to the order to kill all baby boys?
  - Birth and Adoption of Moses (2:1-10)
    - How is this connected to the story of Noah?
  - Moses' Flight to Midian (2:11-22)
    - Why did Moses have to leave Egypt?
  - The Burning Bush (2:23-3:3)
    - What was Moses doing when God called him?
  - The Call of Moses (3:4-22)
    - What is the pattern of all calling of Moses and all great people in Scripture?
    - What is the name of God?
  - Confirmation of Moses' Mission (4:1-9)
    - What are the three signs given to Moses?
  - Aaron's Office as Assistant (4:10-17)
    - Why does Moses need an assistant?
  - Moses' return to Egypt (4:18-31)
    - What happened on Moses' way back to Egypt?
  - Pharaoh's Obduracy (5:1-13)
    - What was the consequence of Moses' actions with Pharaoh?
  - Complaint of the Foremen (5:14-21)
    - Describe the reactions of the Israelite foremen?
  - Renewal of God's Promise (5:22-6:13)
    - How did God reaffirm Moses?
  - Genealogy of Moses and Aaron (6:14-27)
    - What do you think is the purpose of the genealogy here?