



*“All scripture is inspired by God
and is useful for teaching,
for refutation, for correction,
and for training in righteousness.”*

—2 Timothy 3:16

Knowing the Word of God

Scripture is the Word of God written under the influence of the Holy Spirit. Through it we come to know and understand God’s loving plan of salvation and share in the Good News of Jesus Christ. In this way, the **50+Scripture Study** offers catechesis, spiritual growth, and fellowship in faith-sharing.

The **50+ Scripture Study** explores both Scripture and Tradition as expressions of the Word of God. Scripture is the written account of God’s self-revelation and Tradition is the living faith handed on from generation to generation. For Catholics, Scripture and Tradition are inseparable, forming one “*sacred deposit of the Word of God*” (CCC, 97).

Parish Mission Statement

St. Bartholomew is a diverse Catholic community welcoming to all. Called to serve, we are united by faith, bonded by prayer, and committed to living the Gospel message.

Mass Schedule

Saturdays: 5 pm (Vigil)

Sundays: 8, 9:30 & 11 am, 12:30 pm

Monday – Friday: 8 am

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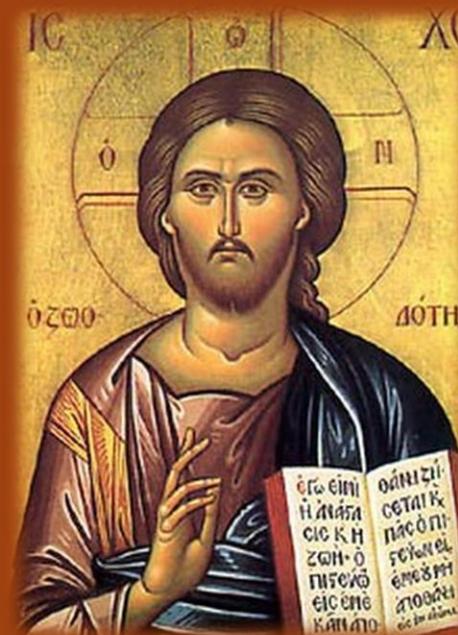
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SCRIPTURE STUDY

For Adults 50+



*“The Word of God
is living and active,
sharper than any
two-edged sword,
penetrating . . . soul and
spirit . . . able to discern
reflections of the heart.”*

—Hebrews 4:12



“Let us read the Gospel, a small section each day. This way we will learn what is most essential in our lives: love and mercy.”

—Pope Francis

Authentic Interpretation

The Catholic Church encourages the use of reasoned scholarship—an interpretative approach—to understanding the Scriptures. The **50+ Scripture Study** uses the historical-critical method in its exploration of Scripture. This approach focuses on the author’s original intent, the audience, and interpretation of the text based on the historical context, cultural situation, and literary form.

The **50+ Scripture Study** uses a study version of the *New American Bible (Revised)*. The interpretation and application of Scripture—especially in the realm of one’s personal life—should encourage us to ask, “*What is the message for me?*”

‘Bread of Life’

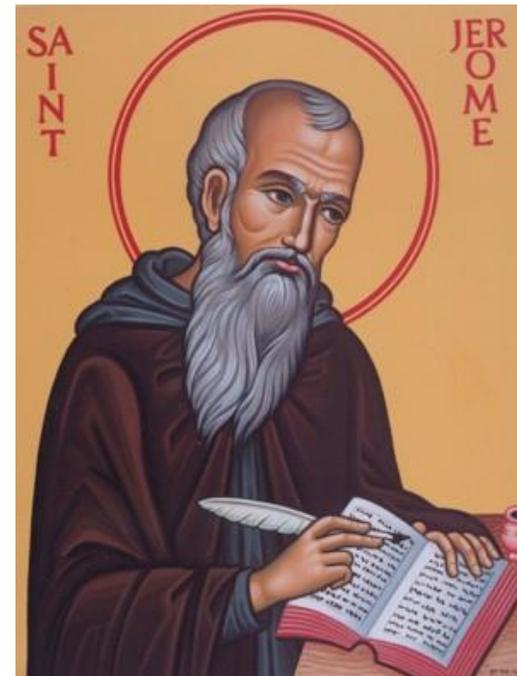
When the fathers of the Second Vatican Council approved the “**Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation**” (*Dei Verbum*), they restored the balance between Word and sacrament, and from it came one of the most important teachings of the Council:

“The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures as she venerated the Body of the Lord . . . particularly in the sacred liturgy, to partake of the bread of life and to offer it to the faithful from the one table of the Word of God and the Body of Christ,” DV21.

“. . . is able to build you up and give you inheritance among all those who are sanctified,” (Acts 20:32).

Paragraph 21 of *Dei Verbum* proclaims the truth that holy scripture “is able to build you up and give you inheritance among all those who are sanctified” (Acts 20:32).

Paragraph 25 exhorts all the faithful to become more familiar with Scripture. In the 50 years since the council, there has been tremendous growth among Catholics in biblical literary and biblical spirituality.



St. Jerome, Monk and Doctor of the Church 331 – 420

St. Jerome wrote the Vulgate, the Latin translation of the Bible, which was the official text of the Church for more than 1500 years.

*“Ignorance of the Scriptures
is ignorance of Christ.”*

—St. Jerome

The **50+ Scripture Study** meets every other Thursday from 8:30-10 am in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Room.

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