



# The Diocese of Victoria



## PASTORAL INSTITUTE Extended Program

### Introduction to the New Testament & the Synoptic Gospels

*Sr. Digna Vela, IWBS: Instructor*

Did you know that the Gospels are not all the same? Why are they different? In this course, Sr. Digna Vela will offer a brief introduction to the New Testament, highlighting the social, religious, and political environment of Jesus' time through the lens of the writers of the Synoptic Gospels.

We will take a look at how each evangelist (Matthew, Mark and Luke) present Jesus in a different, but not contradictory manner from the other writers, and how these differences can enhance and deepen our faith and relationship with Christ.



The Synoptic Gospels (viewed together) tell one of the greatest stories ever written, which has great relevance to the Christian life in today's world.

#### Tuesday Mornings

or

#### Thursday evenings

Sept. 3 – Oct. 8, 2019

9:15 – 11:30 am

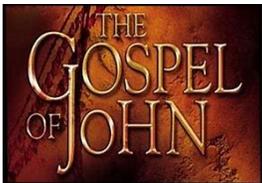
Sept. 5 – Oct. 10, 2019

7:00 – 9:15 pm

### The Gospel of John & the Book of Revelation

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**The Gospel of John**, probably written in the 90s of the first century, differs from the three Synoptic Gospels. Symbolized by an eagle, John is distinctive for its lofty spiritual vision, and its spiraling presentation of the message of Jesus. Join our quest through this Gospel to discover a Word of glory!



The **Book of Revelation**, the last book of the Bible, has fascinated and puzzled Christians for centuries with its vivid imagery of disaster and suffering - the Battle of Armageddon, the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, the hideous Beast whose number is 666. Come and discover the true meaning of this final book in the Bible.

#### Tuesday Mornings

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#### Thursday evenings

Oct. 15 – Nov. 19, 2019

9:15 – 11:30 am

Oct. 17 – Nov. 21, 2019

7:00 – 9:15 pm

• Each is a Six-week course for adults Catholics • Cost is \$30 per person • Book fees additional



**Understanding and Living our Faith is a Lifelong Commitment!** The courses offered through the Pastoral Institute are designed to help further an adults understanding of the Scriptures, sacraments, prayer and other topics which effect our everyday lives. Participants can attend either morning or evening sessions (and can change sessions anytime).

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#### 2019 Fall Pastoral Institute Course Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Cell number: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish/City: \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend the NT & Synoptic Gospels course       I will attend the John & Revelation course

Cost for Course: \$30.00 per course       Payment Enclosed

For office Use:  Cash       Check / Check #: \_\_\_\_\_       Other \_\_\_\_\_