

The Faith, Our Faith, My Faith: Jesus' Good News of Rescue and Joy

A seven-evening series of lectures and discussions (7:30pm to 9pm)

Donnelly Hall: St Mary Student Parish

Fr Ben Hawley, SJ

These evenings will provide participants the chance to read texts of merit on matters of faith, hear a brief lecture on the material, then engage in discussion with Fr Ben and other participants. The point is to come to know more fully central principles of our Catholic faith and how these principles apply to our lives as individual Catholics and Catholics in the communio of the Church, the People of God. Photocopies of brief portions of the following texts will be available through the parish office in the week prior to the session. Participants at one session will receive copies of readings for the next session.

I. Why Do We Need to be Rescued? The Reality of Limitation and Evil Thursday, September 29, 2011

Poverty of Spirit, Johann Baptist Metz. In a brief book a German theologian reflects on Jesus' experience of the human temptation to go it alone and his choice to follow the one he called Abba Father.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, III. Original Sin, Paragraphs 396-406.

II. Who is Jesus Who Rescues Us? Thursday, October 13, 2011

Benedict XVI, Jesus of Nazareth: From the Baptism in the Jordan to the Transfiguration, pp. 1-8, 319-312, 345-355.

De Profundis, Oscar Wilde. In an insightful flight of imagination Wilde sees Jesus as the ultimate artist and individual, the one who sees the truthfulness of all things, as the mouthpiece of the poor and suffering, the one who brings peace and healing.

III. How Does Jesus Rescue Us? Thursday, October 27, 2011

A Pilgrim's Journey: the Autobiography of St Ignatius of Loyola, Chapter 1. Loyola – Chapter 5. Paris, pp. 13-55

IV. Why Did Jesus Die? What is the Good News? Thursday, November 3

A Crucified Christ in Holy Week: Essays on the Four Gospel Passion Narratives, Raymond Brown.

Ben Hawley, “The Good News of Our Lord Jesus Christ” (photocopy)

Ben Hawley, “The Passion Narratives with Points for Prayer” (photocopy)

V. How Do I and We Grow in Faith?

Thursday, November 17, 2011

After You Believe, Nicholas Thomas (NT) Wright. Chapter 7 Virtue in Action: The Royal Priesthood, pp. 219-255.

VI. Finding God in My Daily Life

Thursday, December 1, 2011

Jim Manney, A Simple Life-Changing Prayer: Discovering the Power of St Ignatius of Loyola’s Examen. Copies of this book will be distributed to all participants.

VII. Coming into Complete Joy and More Abundant Life: Interior Healing

Thursday, December 15, 2011

Healing, Francis McNutt, sections to be announced.

Bibliography

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The following texts are available in hardback, new or used through Amazon.com. They may also be available as a Kindle text. Selections to be used in each session will be available to participants at the preceding session and through the parish office.

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Metz, Johann Baptist, Poverty of Spirit, Paulist Press, Mahwah, NJ, 1998. ISBN-10: 081461442; ISBN-13: 978-081414440. Available through Amazon.com.

A Pilgrim's Journey: the Autobiography of St Ignatius of Loyola in Saint Ignatius of Loyola: Personal Writings, Translated with introductions and notes by Joseph Munitiz and Philip Endean, Penguin Books, 1996. ISBN:0-14-043385-6.

Wilde, Oscar, De Profundis and Other Writings, Penguin Books, London/New York, 1986: ISBN-13: 978-0-140-43089-9; ISBN-10: 0-140-43089-X

Wright, NT, After You Believe: Why Christian Character Matters, HarperCollins, New York, 2010: ISBN: 978-0-173055-9