

CATHOLICISM

Adult Study Program

Newly Released - DVD presentations by Father Robert Barron w/ facilitator-led discussions

Open to all adult parishioners --- Anyone wanting a broader perspective of the Catholic Faith!

Come to one or all! No registration required.

DATE TIME LOCATION	LESSON TITLE SUMMARY	QUESTIONS TO EXPLORE
October 6, 2011 7:00 – 8:30 pm Gathering Hall	“Happy Are We – The Teachings of Jesus” The revelation of Jesus as God is accompanied by a stunning invitation to a unique new way of life, explained in the teachings of Jesus. To every generation, the words of Jesus have proven fascinating, disorienting, sometimes confounding, deeply transformative, and always unforgettable.	How do the beatitudes challenge my priorities? Why are they difficult to accept?
October 20, 2011 7:00 – 8:30 pm Gathering Hall	“A Vast Company of Witnesses – The Communion of Saints” The story of the church is told in the examples of those men and women who dedicated their lives to knowing and serving Jesus Christ. The Catholic Faith is made visible in real human lives.	What holds us back from embracing God’s call and will in our lives?
November 8, 2011 7:00 – 8:30 pm Gathering Hall	“The Fire of His Love – Prayer and the Life of the Spirit” In this lesson, Fr. Barron explores Catholic spirituality, which is centered on prayer. As the <i>Catechism of the Catholic Church</i> states: “Prayer is the lifting up of the mind and the heart to God.”	What distractions hinder our prayer life? What is the “interior castle?”
December 8, 2011 6:30 – 7:30 pm and 8:30 – 9:30pm Gathering Hall <i>Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation</i>	“Our Tainted Nature’s Solitary Boast – Mary, the Mother of God” In this episode, Fr. Barron masterfully correlates the Catholic Faith’s testimony to the revelation of God in Christ with the vivid practices of reverence offered to his Mother. Mary is explained as “an on-going presence, an actor in the life of the Church.”	What does God’s calling of a young Jewish girl reveal about His nature and about His plan for salvation?
January 8, 2012 1:00 – 2:30 pm (after 12:00 Mass) Gathering Hall <i>Baptism of our Lord</i>	“Amazed and Afraid – The Revelation of God Become Man” The strange and dangerous words of Jesus of Nazareth set up a drama that will culminate in a surprising battle between two kings and in the wake of this conflict an empire will be defeated and the world will be changed.	What enemies did Jesus conquer and how did He do battle?
February 16 7:00 – 8:30 pm Gathering Hall	“Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven – The Mystery of the Church’s Sacrament and Worship” Fr. Barron explores the ancient practices of the Church’s worship that endure to this very day, and the notion that “all value is summed up in the liturgy, the supreme act by which we commune with God.”	Why is the Eucharist “a glimpse of heaven appearing on earth?” John Paul II