

# Discipleship Nights Schedule: Spring 2012

## *Through the Faith with Blessed John Paul II*

- January 4: **“You Have Heard it said, But I Tell You”:** Sermon on the Mount  
*Does salvation in Christ change us? What is it to be a “new creation” in Christ?  
Does a man who looks at a woman lustfully commit adultery in his heart?*
- January 11: **“Thou Art Peter, and On This Rock I Will Build My Church.”**  
*How is the Catholic Church different from Protestant churches? How is Peter the “rock”  
on which the Church is built? Why do we call the Church “she”?*
- January 18: **“Draw Water with Joy at the Fountain of Salvation”**  
*What’s a sacrament? What is grace? Why do we need it?  
What does Baptism have to do with salvation?*
- January 25: **Healing the Original Wound: Reconciliation**  
*What’s the difference between confessing our sins to a priest and going straight to  
God? How does the sacrament of reconciliation bring healing?*
- February 1: **“To Whom Shall We Go?” The Eucharist**  
*Is Eucharist the actual body of Christ? Why is it “a taste of eternity in time?”  
Why are “those who receive the Eucharist most closely united to Christ”?*
- February 8: **“And The Two Shall Become One.” The Sacrament of Marriage**  
*Why is marriage any different than just living together?  
Is getting married in the Church different than getting married on the beach?*
- February 15: **“And You Shall Be Christ’s.” Christian Virginity and the Destiny of the Body**  
*Why don’t priests and religious marry? Why would anyone commit to living a life of  
celibacy? What does it mean to be a “eunuch for the Kingdom”?*
- February 22: **Ash Wednesday, no Discipleship Night**
- February 29: **The Core of the Mystery: The Mass**  
*What makes the Mass the “source and summit” of the Christian life?  
How is it different than a “worship service”? How can I “get more” out of the Mass?*
- March 7: **The Crucifixion: “Suffering Conquered by Love”**  
*Why did Christ have to suffer? Why do we suffer? How do we “offer it up”?  
Why did JP II say “Love is the richest source of the meaning of suffering”?*
- March 14: **Death, Judgment, Purgatory, Heaven and Hell**  
*What will happen to us after we die? What is Heaven like?  
Does God really “send” people to hell?*
- March 21: **Resurrection and the Redemption of the Body**  
*What does Jesus’ resurrection mean for us?  
What does His “bodily” resurrection teach us about the destiny of our own bodies?*

- March 28: **The Holy Spirit, Pentecost and Confirmation**  
*Who is the Holy Spirit? How is He active in our lives?  
What happens in Confirmation? How does it change us spiritually?*
- April 4: **Holy Week, no session**
- April 11: **Virtue and “Life in the Spirit”**  
*What are the virtues? How do we get them?  
Why are they so difficult to live, and what can we do about that?*
- April 18: **Prayer and Spirituality**  
*How do we communicate with God? How does He communicate with us?  
How can we hear His voice in prayer?*
- April 25: **Love and Responsibility, or Sex and the Serious Catholic**  
*What does the Catholic Church teach about sex? What is the connection  
between sex and love? How does the Theology of the Body apply to us?*
- May 2: **The Gospel of Life**  
*What does it mean to really “respect life” as God calls us to do?  
What is the “scandal” of the value of every human person?*
- May 9: **The Family in the Modern World**  
*Why is the family important? What is the role of the Christian family in the  
modern world? Why did John Paul II say that man can only realize his hopes for the  
family through acceptance of the Gospel?*

**BEGINNING THIS SPRING**, we will hold adoration in the Church after each session. Please join us for this opportunity to adore Christ in the Eucharist while reflecting silently on the message of the evening’s teaching.

**DISCIPLESHIP NIGHT** is the primary catechetical event for the adults of St. Mary Parish. All sessions are free and open to the public. No registration, no tests, no pressure. Just come and enjoy -- and invite your friends!

**CAN’T MAKE WEDNESDAYS?** No worries! Podcasts and YouTube video of each session are available through our website at [www.stmarylitleton.org](http://www.stmarylitleton.org).

**THANK YOU FOR MAKING** our inaugural season a resounding success. We’ve averaged over 200 people at each session, and our numbers keep growing!