

RCIA

Class 1: Sources of Faith- Scripture and Tradition

Objective: To better understand the sources of the faith. Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition is the foundation of everything we will be learning in this class. We need to understand what these are, why we can trust them as authentic, and how to use them. This foundation will aid us in both the work we do in class over the next several months, as well as the work done at home over the next several months.

Scripture Reading Assignment: Read Genesis 1-3

There is a treasure of meaning in Genesis 1-3. The creation accounts in Genesis 1 and 2 give us an understanding of who God is, why he creates, and how he creates. Read for what is unique in these readings and what they reveal about God. Also pay attention to how man and woman were created, and what this means for our understanding of God, ourselves, and our relationships with others and the world. Genesis 3 tells about the fall of man. Focus on what Adam and Eve did or didn't do. Why did this happen, why did God allow it?

Catechism of the Catholic Church Assignment: Read Introduction, pg 1-7, and Prologue, CCC1-26

The Introduction and Prologue give information about the background and creation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Before this document, catechisms, such as the Baltimore Catechism, attempted to provide the basics of the faith in simple question-answer form. However, this document, the Catechism of the Catholic Church is a much larger undertaking aimed at addressing many more issues in a way that is thorough yet concise. It is a resource that allows us to look up almost any topic regarding faith and morals and read what the Church says about that topic. The footnotes that are included allow us to see the sources of those teachings and can be very useful for further study.

Video Assignment (if not completed): Symbolon Part 1 Episode 3: The Bible

Symbolon Part 1 Episode 3 introduces the Bible and provides a foundation for our deeper investigation of the sources of our faith.

Additional Assignment: Write down questions about the class or assignments.

A big part of the RCIA process is answering your questions. We cannot answer questions that you don't give us! In particular, write down any questions you might have on class tonight, or any of the reading assignments. We will also have an open topic night where we will take any and every questions, so you can start writing down questions for that!