

Scripture Study in 2009–2010

Short Courses presented by Felix Just, S.J., Ph.D.

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE: Both literally and spiritually!

Tuesdays: October 6, 13, 20, 27, 2009, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Should we take the Bible literally? The answer may surprise you: YES, we need to read the Bible "literally" (but not "literalistically")! Yet we ALSO need to read the Bible spiritually, historically, liturgically, and prayerfully. This course will explain the basic principles of contemporary Catholic interpretation of the Bible, and give you tools for understanding our Scriptures more deeply and fully. Please bring your Bible; handouts will be provided.

Location: St. Joseph Center, Classroom 3; **Registration:** \$40

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE: Journeying with Jesus

Tuesdays: January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 2010, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Readings from Luke's Gospel are used at Sunday Masses throughout 2010 (Lectionary Cycle "C"), but do you really understand how different the four Gospels are from each other? This course will explore the main stories, principal themes, and distinctive theology of Luke: how Luke portrays Jesus the Savior, and how we as Christians are expected to respond and live. Please bring your Bible; handouts will be provided.

Location: St. Joseph Center, Classroom 4; **Registration:** \$40

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: Birth of a Spirit-filled Church

Tuesdays: April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 2010, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

We hear readings from the Acts of the Apostles every year during the Easter Season, but do you really understand what this book is about? This course will explore the overall structure, main stories, and distinctive themes of this important biblical book. Come learn about the growth of the early Christian Church, and what this story can teach us still today. Please bring your Bible; handouts will be provided.

Location: St. Joseph Center, Mother Louis Room; Registration: \$40

St. Joseph Center is at 480 S. Batavia St., Orange, CA 92868 (next to the 22 freeway at the corner of La Veta and Batavia Streets).

Directions are provided with registration.

To register, call 714-744-3175, x4409, or e-mail gscharff@csjorange.org

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