

Catholic Biblical School of Michigan Books 2017-18 Year B: Proclaiming the Kingdom



Required Books for Year B:

Summer Reading: *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus*, Ann Spangler, Lois Tverberg.
ISBN 9780310284222.

A beloved favorite of students of the Biblical School and a great summer read! Two women (one Catholic, one Protestant) travel to the Near East to encounter and research the world in which Jesus lived. They bring to life Jesus' Jewish culture and help us jump into the Gospels.

Ignatius Catholic Study Bible, New Testament, 2nd Ed. Paperback, ISBN 9781586174842.
Essential for Year B! The insightful introductions to each book, extensive footnotes, textual explanations, Catechism references, word studies, maps, concordance, and theological expertise make this a delightful, informative and engaging study Bible. This New Testament is also used in Year D. There are hardcover and leather versions available; we sell the paperback.

The Gospel of Mark, Mary Healy in the *Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture* series. ISBN 9780801035869.

Dr. Healy's commentary on the Gospel of Mark offers in-depth cultural, historical, and theological explanations for every verse of Mark's Gospel. Dr. Healy's research, presented in an engaging format, helps us to encounter Christ, to understand His words and His mission on a deeper level, and to embrace the Good News of all the Gospels.

Choose one of the following on Acts of the Apostles.

We read Acts in a quick three weeks, so consider your own schedule when choosing which to purchase.

Witnesses of the Messiah: Acts 1-15 ISBN 9781931018128; and ***Envoy of the Messiah: Acts 16-28***. ISBN 9781931018302. Both by Stephen Pimentel.

This 2-volume study provides an extremely helpful overview of Acts of the Apostles. Readers will find Pimentel's insights invaluable in understanding the Mission of the Early Church, seeing the continuity of Luke's Gospel and Acts, and discovering the Old Testament's fulfillment in Acts. Reflection questions at the end of each chapter help readers to apply Acts to their own lives in the Church today. 141 and 86 pages respectively.

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Acts of the Apostles, by William S. Kurz, SJ., in the *Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture* series.
ISBN: 9780801036330.

Fr. Kurz's verse-by-verse commentary brings excellent scholarship and spirituality to help his audience encounter Acts and understand the Church founded by Christ on a deeper level. He includes information on various cultures (religious and secular) found in the 1st century to help us understand the events of the early Christian community. This includes the NAB translation of the text and is 397 pages.

Choose one of the following on Paul.

Between Acts and Paul's letters, we will spend 14 weeks with Paul. Consider your own interests and time constraints when choosing which book to purchase.

Meeting St. Paul Today, by Daniel J. Harrington, SJ. ISBN 9780829427349

This short introduction to Paul and his letters is written by one of the most recognized names in Catholic Scripture scholarship. Fr. Harrington draws upon his wealth of knowledge to craft short chapters that introduce his readers to each of Paul's letters. For those who want a quick overview to the letters, this guide will provide key highlights for your journey with Paul. 145 pages.

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Apostle of the Crucified Lord, by Michael J. Gorman. ISBN 9780802839343.

For those seeking to dig into Paul's letters, this academic study is a great assistant to understanding Paul, his mission, and his letters. Gorman provides important background to Paul and to the cultures of the Ancient Near East where Paul evangelized. He walks the reader through each of Paul's letters, providing helpful linguistic and historic background and keen spiritual insights. Although not Catholic, Gorman is fair in his presentation of theological differences among Christians. 610 pages.

Optional Books for Year B:

Our optional books for Matthew and Luke fall into two categories: an overview book for those who want the highlights, and a more in-depth option for those who want a verse-by-verse style commentary. All are authored by Catholic scholars. Please consider your own schedule, interests, and each book's length when discerning whether to order optional books.

Overview: *Mystery of the Kingdom: On the Gospel of Matthew*, by Edward Sri. ISBN: 9780966322354.

This brief overview of Matthew's Gospel invites the reader to encounter the teachings and life of Christ on a personal level. Dr. Sri makes the theology of Matthew's Gospel easy to understand and applicable to our lives as modern-day disciples. There are discussion questions with each chapter that help to draw out the Old Testament fulfillment found in the Gospel and to apply the Gospel to our Catholic faith. 160 pages.

In-depth: *The Gospel of Matthew*, by Curtis Mitch and Edward Sri in the *Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture* series. ISBN 9780801036026.

Two outstanding Catholic authors team up to open minds and hearts to the Gospel of Matthew through a Catholic lens. Well researched while maintaining a spiritual approach, this book guides readers through the life of Jesus, His teachings, and an understanding of His Kingdom. This verse by verse commentary includes the NAB translation and is 383 pages.

Overview: *Mission of the Messiah: On the Gospel of Luke*, by Tim Gray. ISBN 9780966322316.

This short book offers a solid spiritual overview of Luke's Gospel, focusing on its major themes while also including helpful cultural and theological insights. Reflective questions at the end of each chapter help the reader dig into the message of Luke's Gospel for the original audience and for us today. 156 pages.

In-depth: *Bringing the Gospel of Luke to Life*, George Martin. ISBN 9781592760343

This verse-by-verse commentary provides an excellent opportunity to sit at the feet of a master teacher in retirement and to hear a lifetime's worth of wisdom, study, and love of Jesus Christ and His Word. Martin offers cultural and religious context to the Gospel, along with reflective questions to help the us personally encounter Christ in our study. Don't let the length discourage you: the font is large, it includes the NAB translation of Luke, and it is a great resource for all the Gospels and for future study. 697 pages.

Hebrews by Mary Healy, in the *Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture* series. ISBN 9780801036033

We read Hebrews in two weeks at the end of the year, so this is not so much a reference to use in class but a guide you can enjoy over the summer. Hebrews is highly theological, and since we cannot cover everything in two weeks, this book will plumb the depths of the importance of Jesus' role as our High Priest and sacrifice. This includes the NAB translation of the text and is 300 pages.

Catholic Biblical School of Michigan 2017-18 Book Order Form: Year B



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Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus	Spangler & Tverberg	\$22		
Ignatius Study Bible – NT	Ignatius	\$35		
The Gospel of Mark	Healy	\$22		
<i>Choose one of the following on Acts:</i>				
Witness of the Messiah, and Envoy of the Messiah (2 vol)	Pimentel	\$22		
Acts of the Apostles	Kurz	\$23		
<i>Choose one of the following on Paul:</i>				
Meeting St. Paul Today	Harrington	\$13		
Apostle of the Crucified Lord (Paul)	Gorman	\$44		

Optional Titles	Author	Price	Qty	
Mystery of the Kingdom (Matthew)	Sri	\$14		
The Gospel of Matthew	Mitch & Sri	\$23		
Mission of the Messiah (Luke)	Gray	\$12		
Bringing the Gospel of Luke to Life	Martin	\$25		
Hebrews	Healy	\$22		

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