

## BIBLE STUDY

***We gather together to learn the Scriptures, deepen our faith, and grow closer to God.***

We all have an innate longing to know God, and it has been said that the Scripture is a "place of encounter" with God. By studying the Word we develop our ability to defend our faith and to help others in their search for faith.

***What we do:***

Our facilitator, Father Elvis Elano, leads the group in reading the Scriptures and uses the *Catholic Scripture Study* written by the Church's foremost Bible Scholar, Dr. Scott Hahn and award-winning author, Mark Shea. The pages of the Bible are examined from a Catholic frame of reference, in light of Catholic tradition and Church teachings. Father Elvis draws our attention to the faith lessons that are found in Scripture and how they are related to some of the moral questions of today. We study the Bible with an eye to personal applications and life parallels. The questions posed in the study program are relevant and get to the heart of the text.

*Our group really digs into the text and learns much more than any individual reading of the Bible can give.*

To get the most out of the program, we read and reflect on our lessons in advance of each meeting. This takes some time and effort, but is well worth it, for our knowledge of God and our relationship with Him is deepened.

<b>WHEN:</b>	<b>Thursday evenings throughout the year</b>
<b>WHERE:</b>	<b>Rectory Meeting Room</b>
<b>TIME:</b>	<b>7:30 pm – 9:00 pm</b>

***Volunteer Opportunities:***

We would love to have more participants, and more facilitators. **Participants** read the lessons in advance and prepare answers to the questions posed. The **facilitator** leads the group in discussion of their responses to the readings. Currently, we have about 25 members and one leader, Father Elvis.

***Qualifications:***

Have a desire to know God better through study of His Word. Be willing to share personal responses to the Scriptures and to listen to others with an open mind.