

Saint Patrick High School

Curriculum Guide

Department	Religious Studies	Grade:	Sophomore – Semester 1
Class	The New Testament		

Required Text	The New Testament: The Good News of Jesus Christ by Rita E Cutarelli and Carrie J. Schroeder (downloaded from Intel Study)
Additional Materials	<u>iPad Apps</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Showbie• Good Reader• Mindmeister• Keynote• Haiku• Educreation• Cell Storming• FlowVella <u>Other</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• USCCB Bible (Online)• Catechism of the Catholic Church

Class Website:

<https://sites.google.com/a/stpatrick.org/mr-eberle---new-testament/home>

Course Description

This second semester sophomore course provides an introduction to the **New Testament** based on the understanding of the Old Testament studied in the previous semester with a focus on a deeper understanding of the Catholic approach to Sacred Scripture. It examines the relationship between the Old and New Testament as well as the history, Christology, and ecclesiology of the books of the New Testament as the fulfillment of Salvation History in the person of Jesus Christ.

- **CREED:** Understand, believe and proclaim the Triune God as revealed in the signs of creation, Sacred Scripture, Catholic Tradition and human experience.
- **SACRAMENTS:** Understand and participate in the sacraments of the Church as efficacious signs of God's grace instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church.
- **CHRISTIAN LIVING:** Understand and live the moral teachings of the Church through a life of discipleship in Jesus Christ expressed in love for God, conversion, the dignity of the human person, positive self-image, personal integrity, social justice, and love of neighbor
- **SACRED SCRIPTURE:** Read, comprehend and articulate salvation history as conveyed in God's revelation through the signs of scripture.
- **LITURGY:** Understand and celebrate the liturgical rites of the Church as expressed in the Church Year and epitomized in the Eucharist the source and summit of Christian life.
- **CHRISTIAN PRAYER/ SPIRITUALITY:** Understand and express the different forms of prayer consciously recognizing the work of the Holy Spirit and the meaning of self-surrender to God.
- **CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Understand and appreciate the mystery of the Church, the Body of Christ, the community of believers, as expressed in the Church's origin, mission of evangelization, hierarchical structure, marks, charisms, members and the communion of saints.
- **PARISH LIFE:** Understand and participate in the life of the Church as lived in the parish through its community, cultural aspects, worship, sacramental life, service, missionary endeavors and organization.
- **VOCATION:** Understand and undertake discipleship in Christ responding in faith by participating in the mission of the Church through living a specific call in the life of the Church
- **ECUMENISM AND DIALOGUE:** Understand and participate in the call of the Church to be a sign of unity in the world through knowledge of and collaboration with Christian churches, Jews, Muslims and all faith traditions.

Unit Themes (Table of Contents)

Theme 1:	Introduction to the New Testament
Theme 2:	A Catholic Approach to Scripture: Exegetical and Interpretive Methods
Theme 3:	The Development of the Gospels and the Writings of Mark
Theme 4:	The Gospels of Matthew and Luke
Theme 5:	The Gospel of John
Theme 6:	Acts of the Apostles & the Pauline and Deutero-Pauline Letters

Agreed Upon Assessments

Forms of assessments may include but are not limited to....

- Pre-assessments
- Class Discussions
- Small Group Discussions
- Group or Individual Projects
- Quizzes
- Unit Exam

Homework

All homework will be assigned and turned in using the iPad. We will be using a variety of methods. The Catholic Foundations website (<https://sites.google.com/a/stpatrick.org/mr-eberle---new-testament/home>) will serve as the source of Assignments and Worksheets along with due dates of the required work we will cover this during the semester.

Introduction to the New Testament Unit Affirmation Statements

Unit 1	Overview
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The first unit lays the groundwork for this course's exploration of the New Testament enables us to integrate our prior Scripture study with new material regarding a Catholic approach to Scripture.

Unit 1 – Introduction to the New Testament	Duration:	4 Weeks
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Students will be able to master the following ideas through discussion, projects and testing:

- The New Testament continues the story of God’s loving relationship with humanity through the life of Jesus Christ and the early Church.
- Scripture and Tradition are the means by which Divine Revelation is transmitted.
- Scripture informs the doctrine of the Church.
- Scripture plays an essential role in the life of the Christian community.

Unit 1	Essential Questions
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- How does the New Testament continue the story of God’s loving relationship with humanity?
- By what means is Divine Revelation transmitted?
- What is the relationship between Scripture and the doctrine of the Church?
- Why does Scripture play a significant role in the life of the Christian community?

Unit 2	Overview
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The second Unit examines Divine Revelation; the Inspiration God gave the authors of the Bible and the connection between God’s Revelation and call

Unit 2 – A Catholic Approach to Scripture: Exegetical and Interpretive Methods	Duration	4 Weeks
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Students will be able to master the following ideas through discussion, projects and testing:

- Various exegetical methods enable us to read and interpret Scripture contextually
- Literary criticism enables us to analyze a Scriptural text by examining its genre, plot, characters and symbolism
- Socio-historical criticism enables us to understand the culture and world in which a scriptural text was written
- Ideological criticism enables us to understand how our own worldview shapes our interpretation of the Scriptures.

Unit 2	Essential Questions
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- What is the purpose of exegesis?
- How does socio-historical criticism inform our interpretation of Scripture?
- How does literary criticism inform our interpretation of Scripture?
- How does ideological criticism inform our interpretation of Scripture?

Unit 3 - The Development of the Gospels and the Writings of Mark

Duration

4 Weeks

Unit 3

Overview

Now that we possess a basic understanding of a Catholic approach to Scripture, including a firm foundation in exegetical methods, this unit offers a general overview of the development of the four Gospels before focusing our study on the Gospel of Mark, the first gospel written.

Students will be able to master the following ideas through discussion, projects and testing:

- The canon of the New Testament was formed over a period of nearly two centuries in a process that began with the life and teaching of Jesus and proceeded through oral tradition to written tradition and finally the inclusion of the inspired texts.
- Mark, Matthew and Luke created synoptic Gospels because they share much in common; John differs in form and content.
- Mark portrays Jesus as a suffering Messiah who experiences all the joys and sorrows of human life.
- In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus proclaims the Reign of God in parables and miracles.

Unit 3

Essential Questions

- Through what process was the canon of the New Testament formed?
- Why Mark, Matthew and Luke are called synoptic Gospels?
- What is Mark's Christology?

- In the Gospel of Mark, how does Jesus proclaim the Reign of God?

Unit 4 - The Gospels of Matthew and Luke

Duration

4 Weeks

Unit 4 Overview

Now that we have an understanding of the Gospels and in particular the Gospel of Mark, this unit focuses on the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. We will study each Gospel's Christology as well as how Jesus proclaims the Reign (Kingdom) of God in each of these Gospels.

Students will be able to master the following ideas through discussion, projects and testing:

- Matthew portrays Jesus as the New Moses, the fulfillment of the ancient promise made to the people of Israel.
- In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus proclaims the Kingdom of Heaven in powerful teachings to disciples of every generation.
- Luke portrays Jesus as a universal Savior, extending God's love and mercy to all people.
- In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus proclaims the Reign of God in acts of compassion on behalf of the poor and marginalized.

Unit 4

Essential Questions

- What is Matthew's Christology?
- In the Gospel of Matthew, how does Jesus proclaim the Kingdom of Heaven?
- What is Luke's Christology?
- In the Gospel of Luke, how does Jesus proclaim the Reign of God?

Unit 5 – The Gospel of John

Duration

4 Weeks

Unit 5

Overview

Now that we have completed an in-depth study of the synoptic Gospels, this unit will immerse us the theological emphasis and literary features of the Gospel of John.

Students will be able to master the following ideas through discussion, projects and testing:

- The Gospel of John consists of a prologue, the Book of Signs, the Book of Glory and an epilogue.
- John portrays Jesus as the Divine Son of God.
- The Gospel of John presents the person of Jesus through the use of metaphors and symbols.
- Careful exegesis of John's Gospel enables us to avoid any damaging anti-Semitic misinterpretations.

Unit 5

Essential Questions

- What is the structure of John's Gospel?
- What is John's Christology?
- What literary tools does John use to present Jesus?
- Why must we carefully examine John's portrayal of the Jewish people?

Unit 6 – Acts of the Apostles & the Pauline and Deutero-Pauline Letters

Duration

4 Weeks

Unit 6

Overview

In this unit we will continue our progress through the New Testament by engaging in close study of the Acts of the Apostles. By presenting biographical information about Saint Paul, this unit provides important background for the upcoming unit. In this unit we will continue our progress through the New Testament by studying the Pauline and Deutero-Pauline letters

Students will be able to master the following ideas through discussion, projects and testing:

- The Acts of the Apostles presents an ideal vision of the early Christian community.
- The Acts of the Apostles recounts the expansion of the Apostles' ministry to include the Gentiles.

- The Acts of the Apostles recounts the Apostles missionary activities “to the ends of the earth.”
- Paul was instrumental in the growth of the early Christian community.
- First-century letters, including Paul’s follow a specific format and have recognizable characteristics.
- Many of Paul’s letters respond to specific problems that the early Christian communities were facing.
- In his letters, Paul presents a vision of the Church as Christ’s own body, animated by the Holy Spirit.
- In his letters, Paul helps the early Christian community to understand the saving effect of their faith in Jesus.

Unit 6

Essential Questions

- How does the Acts of the Apostles describe the early Christian community?
- What was the significance of the Apostles mission as recounted in the Acts of the Apostles?
- What was the mission of the Apostles?
- What role did Saint Paul play in the growth of the early Christian community?
- What are the format and characteristics of first-century letters?
- How does Paul try to support the early Christian communities?
- What is the ecclesiology found in the First Letter to the Corinthians?
- According to Letter to the Romans, how are we saved?