

Saint Patrick High School

Curriculum Guide

Department	Religious Studies	Grade	Sophomore – Semester 1
Class	The Old Testament		

Required Text	The Bible - The Living Word of God by Lauren M. Lefrancois (downloaded from Intel Study)
Additional Materials	<p><u>iPad Apps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showbie • Good Reader • Mindmeister • Keynote • Haiku • Educreation • Cell Storming • FlowVella <p><u>Other</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USCCB Bible (Online) • Catechism of the Catholic Church

Class Website:
https://sites.google.com/a/stpatrick.org/old-testament-mr-eberle/

Course Description

The **Old Testament** is offered during the first semester of sophomore year at Saint Patrick High School. It begins the process of a full year of Scripture study, completed with the study of the New Testament in the second semester. We will study the foundations and spiritual roots of our biblical faith. The academic element to the course, we will allow the student to gain the necessary tools to use the bible to enhance their spiritual and life experiences.

- **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:

What is the Bible?

Theme 2:	How can we know God? Revelation, Inspiration and Vocation
Theme 3:	What is Salvation History?
Theme 4:	God's Call to the Early Leaders of Israel
Theme 5:	Israel's Response to the Covenant under the Judges and Kings
Theme 6:	The Prophets: The Bearers of Challenge and Hope

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/old-testament-mr-eberle/>) will serve as the source of Assignments and Worksheets along with due dates of the required work we will cover this during the semester.

The Bible Unit Affirmation Statements

Unit 1 – What is the Bible?

Duration:

4 Weeks

Unit 1

Overview

This first unit provides a wide and deep foundation for the rest of the course

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

- The Bible is the story of our salvation and tells us of God’s enduring love for humanity
- Bible is a word that means “books” and is a collection of sacred books containing the truth of God’s Revelation
- Biblical exegesis or the critical interpretation and explanation of a biblical text can lead to a deeper understanding of the Bible’s meaning for the people it was written to and a more accurate interpretation of what it means for us today.
- Catholics both read the Bible and believe in the Church’s Tradition. Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Catholic Church leaders and scholars help to explain and interpret the Sacred Scriptures

Unit 1	Essential Questions
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- What is the Bible
- What is in the Bible?
- How can I make sense of the Bible if it was written so long ago and to different people?
- How do Catholics read the Bible?

Unit 2 – How Can We Know God? Revelation, Inspiration and Vocation	Duration	4 Weeks
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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

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

- Divine Revelation refers to God’s self-communication through which he makes known the mystery of his divine plan.
- God Reveals himself in many different ways in the Bible and continues to do so today.

- Divine Inspiration is the divine assistance the Holy Spirit gave the authors of the books of the bible so the authors could write in human words the salvation message God wanted communicated.

Unit 2	Essential Questions
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- How can I know God?
- How has God communicated with humanity in the Scriptures?
- What is the relationship between Revelation, Inspiration and Vocation?
- How does God call us in our everyday lives?

Unit 3 – What is Salvation History?	Duration	4 Weeks
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Unit 3	Overview
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The third Unit sets the stage for the remaining Units by giving an overview of salvation history, an explanation of why salvation was necessary and a context for understanding the significance of Christ's redemption

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

- Salvation history is the pattern of specific events in human history in which God clearly reveals his presence and saving actions. In one sense we can say that all human history is salvation history – God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit has been present and active in the lives of his People since the beginning of time!
- Salvation history began with humanity's first sin and ended in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Original Sin led to the loss of original holiness – made humans subject to death and brought sin into the world. Christ's saving Death/Resurrection gave humanity the grace to be in communion with God.
- Although human beings may have turned from their relationship with God during salvation history, God always remains faithful to them

Unit 3	Essential Questions
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- Why do we need to be saved?

- What is salvation history?
- Why did God allow Original Sin?
- How does salvation history help me to better understand the Bible?

Unit 4 – God Calls the Early Leaders of Israel	Duration	4 Weeks
Unit 4	Overview	

The Fourth Unit focuses on God’s call to the patriarchs and their wives and to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, asking them to lead the people of Israel. These calls were significant for the forming the people of Israel and give us insight into God’s call to us today.

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

- The first leaders of Israel received a unique calling from God.
- The people of Israel became who they were through significant events such as the call of Abraham and the other Patriarchs, the Exodus and the Covenant at Mount Sinai.
- From the beginning of their covenant relationship with God, the people of Israel had a specific pattern. This was the cycle of redemption, in which they sinned and moved away from the covenant but were able to return to God because of God’s faithfulness and love.

Unit 4	Essential Questions
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- Who were the first leaders of Israel that God called?
- What role did these leaders play in founding Israel?
- What role did these leaders play in the covenant relationship with God?
- What characteristics do these early leaders model for us today?

Unit 5 – Israel’s Response to the Covenant under the Judges and Kings	Duration	4 Weeks
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Unit 5	Overview
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The fifth unit examines Israel's covenant relationship with God under different leaders. The Israelites were in a cycle in which they moved away from God and then needed a servant leader to bring them back to the Covenant. We will become familiar with the various judges and kings and reflect on the personal qualities that were in line with what God wanted.

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

- The covenant relationship between the Israelites and God required specific responsibilities from the people of Israel and their leaders.
- God wanted the judges and the kings to rule in a way that was faithful to the Covenant. The judges and kings were tempted by other gods and pleasures and sometimes turned away from the Covenant.
- Servant leadership was the model of government that ensured fidelity to the Covenant with God.

Unit 5	Essential Questions
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- What was the Covenant between God and the Israelites after they entered the Promised Land?
- What was the relationship between the people of Israel and their leaders?
- What characteristics made it possible for judges and kings to rule the way God wanted them to?
- What can the failures and successes of the Israelite judges and kings teach us about leadership today?

Unit 6 – The Prophets: Bearers of Challenge and Hope	Duration	4 Weeks
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Unit 5	Overview
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The sixth unit introduces the prophets who participated in the cycle of redemption by calling the kings back to the covenant relationship with God. Then you will consider how God calls you to be prophetic today

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

- The prophets were individuals called to speak to the people on his behalf. They reinforced that God wanted a close relationship with his People, which meant the people must be faithful to him alone and treat one another with justice
- The prophets gave the people hope when they had strayed from God and were in trouble.
- God calls us today to hear the words of the prophets and apply them to our lives.

Unit 6

Essential Questions

- What is the role of the prophets in salvation history?
- Who were the prophets and what messages did they deliver to Israel and why?
- What was the prophets' effect on Israel?
- What difference can the Old Testament prophets make for us today?