



*Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,  
our life, our sweetness and our hope.*

*To thee do we cry,  
poor banished children of Eve;  
to thee do we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping  
in this valley of tears.*

*Turn then, most gracious Advocate,  
thine eyes of mercy towards us, and  
after this our exile, show unto us  
the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*

*O clemens, O loving,  
O sweet Virgin Mary.*

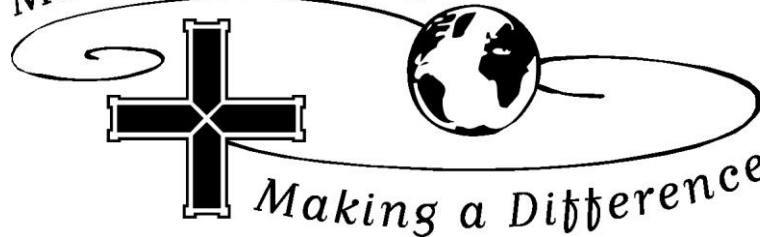


## ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH ADULT CONTINUING FAITH FORMATION ACTIVITIES

### 2022 Calendar Year

# Adult Faith Formation

*Making Disciples*





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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings and blessings in the name of Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ!

From the teaching documents of our last three Pontiffs—Popes St. John Paul II, Benedict XVI, and now, Francis—we have instances where they often re-emphasized the need for a New Evangelization within the Church and that Catholic education (for children, youth and adults) should have three goals in order to be able to fulfill their primary mission, to allow the faithful to “encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth” (Pope Benedict XVI). These goals are: (1) to provide an environment in which participants are enabled to build and deepen their relationship with God; (2) to foster an academic culture aimed at the pursuit of truth; and (3) to actively promote growth in virtue and faith.

When Christ is at the center of all we say and do, then we are enabled to redirect our focus of life towards a greater understanding of the world in which we live; that is geared towards the promotion of human dignity and respect, stewardship, religious freedom and our baptismal call to promote the common good vs. merely being guided by our personal feelings and desires.

In an effort to create increased opportunities for adult faith formation within our parish and faith community, I will be offering a variety of presentations, bible studies, etc., during the 2022 calendar year. This booklet identifies these presentations or study courses’ dates and times.

I invite you to please attend and participate in all or as many of these opportunities, as possible.



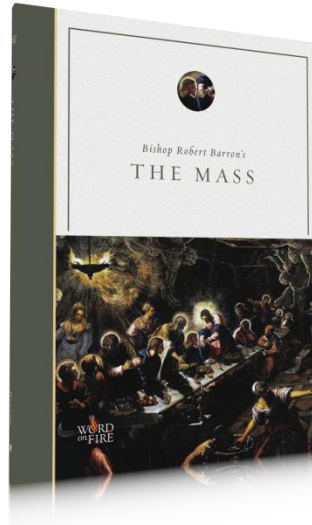
PLEASE FOR EACH PRESENTATION YOU WISH TO ATTEND.

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Walk through the Liturgy of the Mass with Bishop Barron and you will be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and, most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus, the Christ through the Holy Eucharist.

This 6-week presentation, *The Mass*, will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life: the Liturgy of the Mass.

1.	A Privileged Encounter	January 14, 2022	7 p.m.
2.	Called Out of the World	January 21, 2022	7 p.m.
3.	God Speaks Our Story	January 28, 2022	7 p.m.
4.	Responding to God	February 4, 2022	7 p.m.
5.	Preparing the Sacrifice	February 11, 2022	7 p.m.
6.	The Real Presence: Creates Communion	February 18, 2022	7 p.m.

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**Fridays, January 14, 21 and 28, February 4, 11 and 18, 2022  
7 - 9 p.m.**

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**WHAT ARE THE “GNOSTIC” GOSPELS?**

**WERE THESE PART OF THE INITIAL CHURCH HERESIES  
TO THE CHRISTIAN FAITH?**

**WHY ARE THEY NOT IN THE BIBLICAL CANON TODAY?**

The Gnostic Gospels are among the fifty-two texts discovered in Nag Hammadi, Egypt circa 1947; 'secret' *gospels* poems and myths attributing to Jesus' sayings and beliefs which are very different from the New Testament. As we know them today, they were written approximately 50 to 255 AD. Gnostic authors often attributed their own traditions, defenses and interpretations in writings of persons who stood inside and outside the circle of the Twelve Apostles, such as the: Gospel of Adam, John, Paul, Peter, Thomas, the Egyptians, James, Judas, Mary Magdalene, Philip, Pontius Pilate, Thomas, Truth, and the Hebrews.

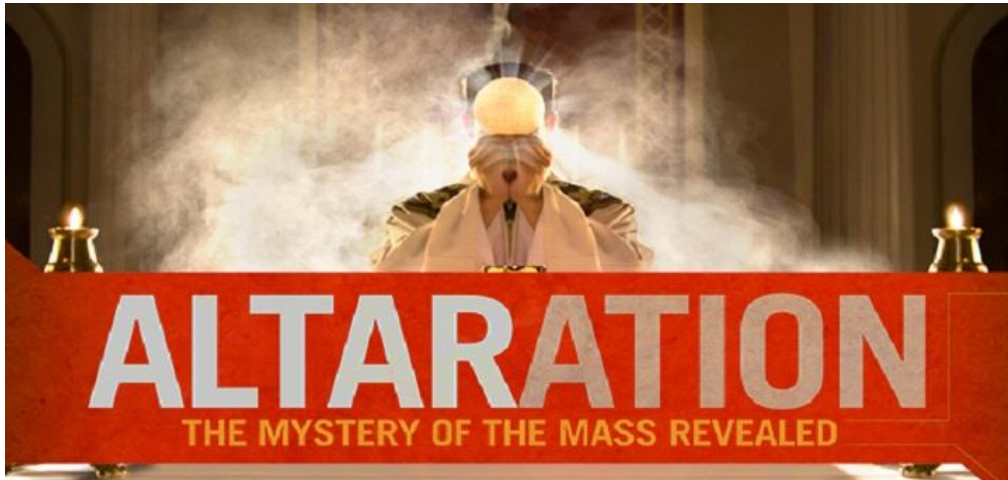
We will discuss what distinguishes the current biblical (true) Gospels from the Gnostic Gospels.

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**Wednesday, February 23, 2022  
7 - 9 p.m.**

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*Altaration* addresses head-on one of the biggest problems we all face today: how do we get Catholics (teens, young adults and adults) to better appreciate the awesome beauty and mystery of the Mass and to actually look forward to attending and participating?

Through a unique learning experience, including powerful cinematography, we will come to see the Mass and the priesthood in a dramatically new way. *Altaration* is designed to stir thought, create conversation, dispel myths, and inspire souls to a deep and lasting love for the Mass. The goal of *Altaration* is not to merely fill the heads of the Catholic faithful with information, but to pierce their hearts with transformation—to participate in the New Evangelization.

This 3-DVD Set provides five lessons (approximately 20 minutes each) and features some of the top Catholic faith formation presenters in the Church today.

After experiencing the “why” behind the “what” of the Mass, listeners will:

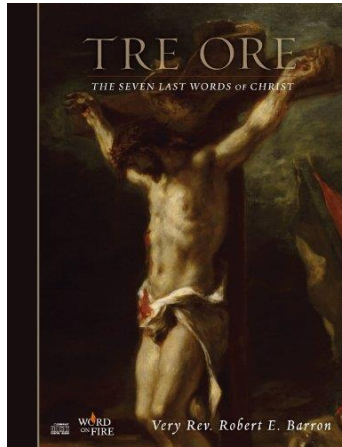
- Enter prepared,
- Participate with sincerity, and
- Exit with purpose!

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**Thursday, March 10 and 17, 2022  
7 - 9 p.m.**

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The "Three Hours' Agony" or *Tre Ore* is an audio CD of a liturgical service held on Good Friday from noon until 3 o'clock to commemorate the Passion of Christ. Specifically, it refers to the three hours that Jesus hung on the Cross and includes a series of homilies on the seven last words of Christ. Bishop Barron was invited by Timothy Cardinal Dolan to preside over the *Tre Ore* service at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, and the content of his audio CD presentation is featured here.

**First Hour - The first, second, and third words**

- Introduction
- First: Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.
- Second: Today you will be with me in paradise.
- Third: Woman, behold your son. Behold your mother.

**Second Hour - The third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh words**

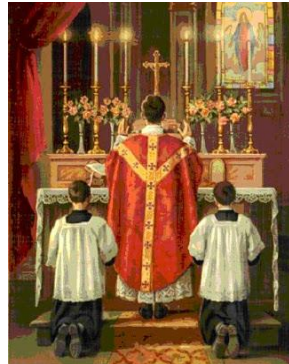
- Fourth: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
- Fifth: I thirst.
- Sixth: Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.
- Seventh: It is finished.
- Conclusion.

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**Wednesday, April 13, 2022 (during Holy Week) 7 - 9 p.m.**

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**Ever been to a Tridentine Mass (the Traditional Latin Mass)?**

The term "Latin Mass" is frequently used to denote the Tridentine Latin Mass, that is, the Roman-Rite liturgy of the Mass (celebrated in Latin and in accordance with the successive editions of the Roman Missal, published between 1570 and 1962). Weekday Masses were the "Low Mass", while Sundays were the "High Mass".

A series of liturgical changes involving the "Tridentine Mass" or "Latin Mass" was brought about by the Second Vatican Council (SVC) (1964) with its publication of the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, which established that the Mass was to no longer be offered solely in Latin, but in the vernacular (the language of the respective country (e.g., English, Spanish, Italian, French, etc.) where the Mass was being celebrated.

However, neither the SVC nor the subsequent revisions of the Roman Missal abolished Latin as the liturgical language of the Roman Rite: the official text of the Roman Missal, on which translations into vernacular languages was based, continues to be in Latin, and Latin can still be used in the celebration (such as we do in our Sunday Masses when we use: Kyrie eléison, Agnus Dei, Sanctus/Benedictus, Glória en excélsis Deo, Ave María, etc.). After the promulgation of the *Novus Ordo Missae*, by Pope Paul VI (1969) however, celebration of Mass in the vernacular for pastoral reasons became increasingly needed. After all, aside from theologians, biblical scholars, or clergy members: who still speaks conversational Latin? Thereafter, the Traditional Latin Mass became the liturgical *Extraordinary Form*.

What are the differences between the Tridentine Mass and the Novus Ordo (we use today)?

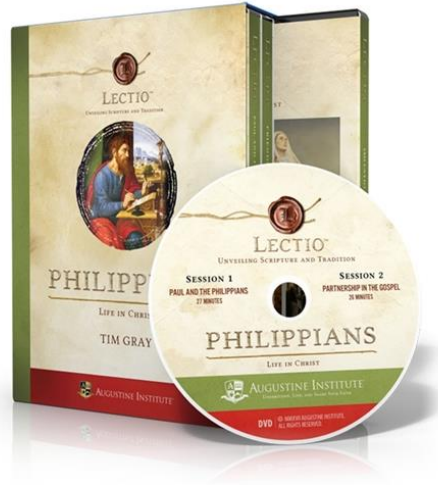
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**Friday, May 20, 2022**

**7 - 9 p.m.**

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## LECTIO DIVINA: THE BOOK OF PHILLIPIANS

Towards the end of his life, under arrest and awaiting trial in Rome, Saint Paul writes a short but powerful letter to the Philippians. Paul's affection for the Christian community at Philippi is apparent from his opening words. The Philippians were not only Paul's sons and daughters in the Faith but also his partners in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

At the heart of this letter is Paul's eloquent hymn of Christ's total gift of self, the model for Paul's life. With his words and the example of his life, Paul exhorts the Philippians to have the mind of Christ, to live a life worthy of the Gospel, and, by God's grace, to gain Christ.

In six sessions on three DVDs, Dr. Tim Gray combines insight and practical guidance using the *Lectio Divina* disciplines to make the Scriptures come alive in *Philippians: Life in Christ*.

- 1. Paul and the Philippians**
- 2. Partnership in the Gospel**
- 3. Friendship in Christ**
- 4. The Mind of Christ**
- 5. Imitatio Christi**
- 6. All Things in Christ**

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7 - 9 p.m.

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## Who were Annas and Caiaphas?

The Bible states that during the time of John the Baptist preaching the repentance of sin in the desert, up until the trial of Jesus, there were two high priests, Annas and Caiaphas (mentioned in Luke 3:1-3; Matthew 26:57-64; John 11:47-52; and Acts 4:5-12).

So, what does sacred scripture and Jewish Historian records tell us about these two Jewish religious officials, who are the most well-known in history for being directly responsible for the trial, conviction, sentence, and delivery to the Roman Officials – at the hands of the Procurator Pontius Pilate?



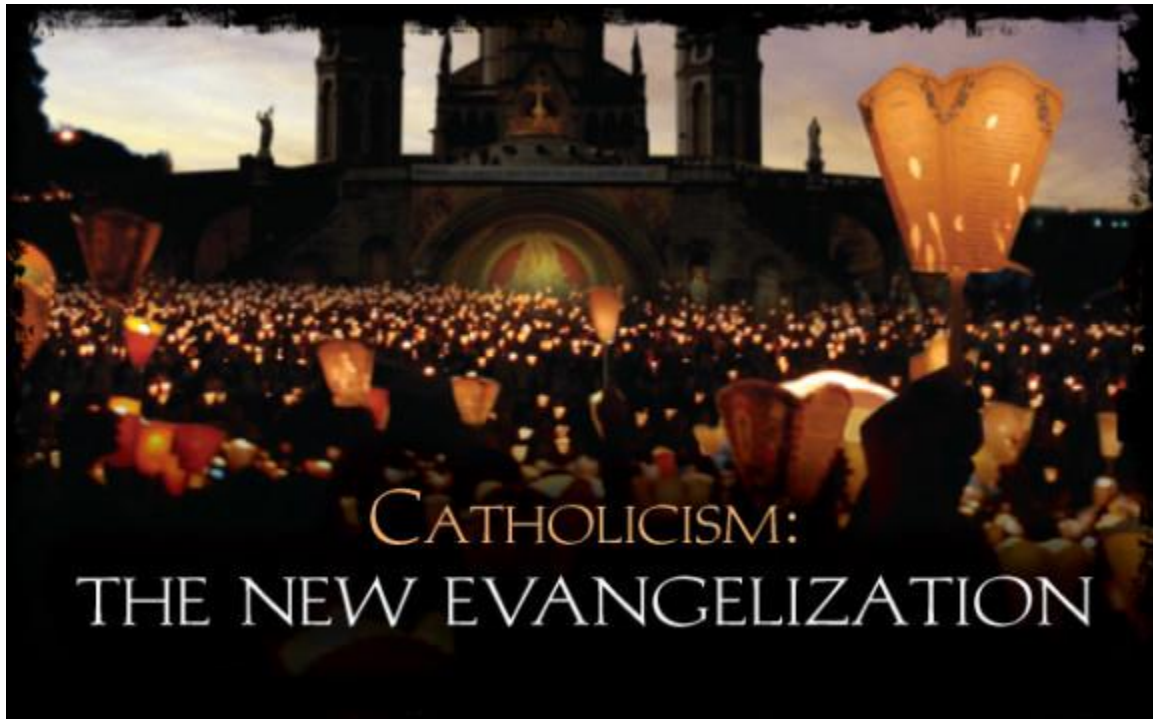
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7 - 9 p.m.

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The Catholic Faith is not about myths or legends, symbols or literary devices. It's about an encounter so overwhelming that you want to tell the whole world. It is an encounter with Jesus Christ.

Throughout history the call of Christ has sent people to the corners of the earth with a message of great joy, a message that has built civilizations, inspired cultures, and even sent some to prisons and to their graves. We have the same call - that is the New Evangelization.

This new documentary series from Bishop Barron's Word on Fire, continues the story of *CATHOLICISM* and explores the Church's mission and the challenges of contemporary culture.

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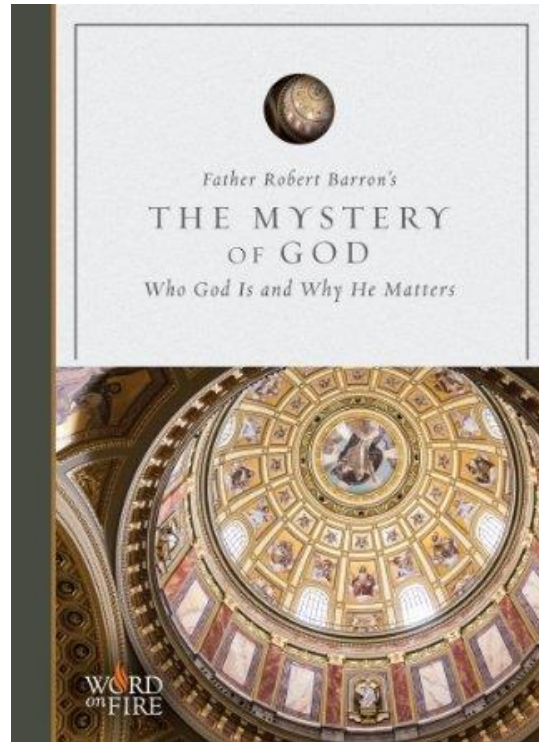
Friday, August 19 and 26, 2022

September 2, 9, 23 and 30, 2022

**(NO presentation on September 16, 2022)**

7 - 9 p.m.

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**THE MYSTERY OF GOD:  
WHO GOD IS AND WHY HE MATTERS**

Atheism is on the rise. Skeptical thinkers vigorously attack belief in God as irrational, or, even worse, dangerous. The so-called New Atheism has attracted millions of young people, thanks to bestselling books such as *The God Delusion* and *God Is Not Great*. How should Christians respond? How can we turn the tide of secularism and raw people back to God and His Church?

In the *Mystery of God* DVD presentations (6 presentations over a period of 2 weeks) by Bishop Robert Barron reaches into our rich intellectual tradition to teach us how to respond. Using the insights of St. Augustine, St. Thomas Aquinas, and Pope Benedict XVI, he uncovers a clear yet sophisticated understanding of what we mean by “God”.

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Friday, October 21 and 28, 2022  
7 - 9 p.m.

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# BOOK OF REVELATION

“What does the book reveal to us in our time?”

The Apocalypse, or Revelation to John, the last book of the Bible, is one of the most difficult to understand because it abounds in unfamiliar and extravagant symbolism. Symbolic language, however, is one of the chief characteristics of apocalyptic literature. Such literature enjoyed wide popularity in both Jewish and Christian circles from ca. 200 B.C. to A.D. 200. This book contains an account of visions in symbolic and allegorical language borrowed extensively from the Old Testament, especially Ezekiel, Zechariah, and Daniel. The Book of Revelation had its origin in a time of crisis, but it remains valid and meaningful for Christians of all time. In the face of insuperable evil, either from within or from without, all Christians are called to trust in Jesus' promise, “Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20). No matter what adversity or sacrifice Christians may endure, they will in the end triumph over Satan and his forces because of their fidelity to Christ the victor.

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Friday, November 11, 18 and 25, 2022

Friday, December 2, 9 and 16, 2022

7 - 9 p.m.

## **Our St. Michael Parish's Religious Education Mission Statement**

In the Rite of Baptism, parents/guardians accept the responsibility to train their children in the matters and practices of the Catholic faith. Additionally, within the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) (and children over the age of 7), we as parishioners accept the responsibility to catechize and model to those wishing to enter into full communion with the Roman Catholic Church practices of the faith by words and deeds.

The multi-faceted Religious Education Program of our Parish is here to assist parents, guardians and all Christian adults in their life-long faith formation process and development of a well-formed conscience, in the following ways.

- **Teaching children and youth to worship God in Spirit and Truth**, especially through the celebration of the sacraments with a special devotion to the Holy Eucharist.
- **Nourishing Christian Community** in the family, in the life of the parish, and in the communities in which we live.
- **Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ** to all persons, inviting children and youth to carry on this mission.
- **Teaching the saving message of Christ** so that all believers may come to a deeper understanding, conversion, and love of the living God through the work of the Holy Spirit.
- **Teaching compassion toward our brothers and sisters**, particularly the poor and needy, by generous acts of charity and by promoting peace and justice in the world.

Why is adult faith formation so important today? Because, in this day and age of challenges and secular ways that are contrary to the Christian faith, we must more than ever gain more understanding and familiarity with our Christian Catholic faith.

The age-old adages remain so true for us today:

**You cannot teach, what you do not know.**

**You cannot give, what you do not have.**

**You cannot pass on faith, that you do not fully understand and possess.**

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