

KERYGMA

What is “kerygma”?

The word “kerygma” is a **Greek word meaning “core.”** It is used in the New Testament to refer to the “core preaching” by the Apostles--the Good News. Peter’s sermon at Pentecost (Acts 2: 14-36) an example of the kerygma because he captures the “core” of the Good News, the “core” of salvation history in a few powerful lines. The famous line John 3:16 is another prime example of the kerygma (if you don’t know it, look it up!). All other beliefs and doctrines hinge on the kerygma which is the *central* truth of God’s plan.

What is the purpose of the KERYGMA Program?

Most Catholics grow up learning about doctrines and single Bible stories without seeing how they all connect with one another. Many have barely cracked their Bible open, and even if they have read through Genesis and Exodus, they tend to give up after a chapter of Leviticus. There are passages in the Old and New Testament that seem confusing or contradictory or out of place. This Young Adult Bible Study Program is meant to help young adults achieve 3 things:

1. Deepen your knowledge of the “**core**” **truths of salvation history and our faith** by studying their progression from the *Old Testament to the New Testament*;
2. Deepen your knowledge of the **content** and **unity** of the Catholic Bible;
3. Deepen your **prayer life** by meditating on the Word of God.

Where did the KERYGMA Program come from?

The KERYGMA program is meant to provide a place for young adults at St. Agnes to meet and grow spiritually. The method of study and its content is inspired by courses in Biblical Studies at the Franciscan University of Steubenville which focus on teaching the content and unity of Scripture in a **kerygmatic** way. Learning to read the Bible **kerygmatically** will make reading the rest of the Bible easier because everything can be read **in relation to, in the context of, and oriented to God’s plan**. This program draws its sources from prominent Catholic Scripture scholars and theologians like Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. John Bergsma, and Dr. Brant Pitre.

What will we learn in the KERYGMA Program?

This year, we will be looking at **Eucharist**, which is the backbone of the entire Bible. We will be studying the 7 covenants God has made with humanity, why, and how each one builds upon the one before. Kerygmatic themes that may be covered in other years include **Mary, Covenant, Priesthood**, etc.

What to bring:

- YOURSELF!! Attendance is crucial for this Program
- Catholic Bible (has 73 books: check in Old Testament for Tobit, Judith, Wisdom of Solomon, Sirach, Baruch, 1 Maccabees, 2 Maccabees)
- A notebook (and prayer/reflection journal if you prefer to keep them separate)
- Your dinner if you haven’t had time to eat at home

Schedule 2023-24 (meetings in person at SAT at 8pm, but Zoom links available for those out of town)

Oct 20	Nov 17	Dec 15	Jan 19	Feb 16	Mar 15
Apr 19	May 31	June 21			