

All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted.

Parish Spiritual Renewal Days and Retreat

February 7-11, 2009 Presenter: Father Felix Just, S.J.

Theme: *Are You Ready for a Transforming Relationship with Jesus?*

Through homilies at all the weekend masses and in talks after the 8:30 a.m. mass Monday thru Wed. as well as evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the parish center, Fr. Felix will help us explore how the biblical readings at mass can help us to deepen our relationship with Jesus. He will show how scripture, in connection with liturgy and community, can help us to grow closer to Jesus and how our relationship with Him is reflected in our service to community.

Father Felix did his theology studies at Berkeley and Ph.D. in New Testament studies from Yale University. He has served as director of the Catholic Bible Institute a joint project of the L.A. Archdiocese and LMU, where he taught Scripture classes for 10 years. A frequent presenter at the R.E. Congress, he is currently associated with the Loyola Institute for Spirituality in Orange, CA engaged in full time retreat ministry and adult faith enrichment in parishes throughout the southwest. Check his website www.catholic-resources.org

Scripture/Liturgy/Discipleship/Spirituality

****Interfaith Dialogue February 19 (Thurs) "Catholics and Jews Dialogue on Islam"**

Members of the congregations of St. Bernardine and Temple Aliyah react to the portrayal of North American Muslims in a television series.

Panelists include Rabbi Stewart Vogel and Father Robert McNamara

February 26 7:30 p.m. and March 11 9:30 a.m. "Raising Children Of Faith in a Secular World"

A conversation among members of the congregations of Temple Aliyah and St. Bernardine with **Rabbi Stewart Vogel and Father Robert McNamara**

Lenten Series

**March 5 (in church),
12, 19, 26,**

**April 2
(Thursdays)**

Speaker/Series: Vatican II: Did anything Happen? Does it Really Matter?

With **Father Doug Glassman** Father Doug will explore the continuities/discontinuities moving from Trent – Vatican I – Vatican II. The anxiety about change and the differences between what happened in the '60s and where we are now in the areas of liturgy, theology, ecumenism and the bible.

Companion book: What Happened at Vatican II by John W. O'Malley, S.J.

Ecclesiology/Scripture/Liturgy

**May 7, **21, 28
(Thursdays)**

"Finding Francis, Following Christ" with Fr. Doug Glassman

Three part series on the life, faith and message for today of St. Francis of Assisi. Who is the real St. Francis? Come and look beyond the wolves and the birds for the challenge of this saint's life and work.

Companion book: Finding Francis, Following Christ by Michael Crosby

Discipleship/Social Justice

**September 10, 17, 24
(Thursdays)**

Faith and Film. Introduction/Screening and Small Group Discussion.

Facilitated by Angela Taufer and Patrick Nichelson

Ethics/Discipleship/Social Justice

**October 15, 22, 29,
November 5, 12, 19**
(Thursdays)

“Wisdom Literature in the Bible” with Fr. Doug Glassman

There is a charming legend in the Talmud that says King Solomon wrote the “Song of Songs” in his youth, “Proverbs” in his maturity, and the skeptical “Ecclesiastes” as an old man. Beyond legend, a few books in the Bible can specifically be labeled “Wisdom” because they focus on life’s problems, the quest for universal truth, the rules for life and the nature of created reality before God. Join us as we cultivate the “Wisdom” found in the books of Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, Sirach, and The Wisdom of Solomon.

Scripture/Ethics