



Most Precious Blood Adult Faith Enrichment Classes 2024-2025

We are excited to announce the 2024-2025 programs for adult faith formation classes at Most Precious Blood. Our classes are offered on **Mondays throughout the year, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. and from 6:30 - 8 p.m. (Please note the**

change in time from last year.)

Contact Kathy McGovern (kathy.mcGovern@thetoryandyou.com) with any questions.

Offerings by Teacher (listed alphabetically)

John Bickham

John Bickham, a parishioner since 2006, is a member of the choir and Peacemakers for Racial Equity. John has been a professional musician for over 50 years and has produced and recorded several CD's including the Contemplative Taizé style "Inner Room" CD with the late Fr. Thomas Keating. John entered the Catholic Church as an adult and is married to Rita Niblack. They have five adult children.

Unless you Turn and Become like Little Children...

October 7 morning and March 10 - evening

Jesus said that unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven and that whoever humbles himself like a child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Let's join together and unpack Jesus' message of discovering the beauty, joy, and innocence of drawing close to God as children entering the kingdom of heaven.

Tim Buckley

Tim Buckley, a parishioner of MPB for 25 years, has a background in philosophy, theology, and adult spiritual formation. He is an author, spiritual director, and retreat leader. Also, he and his wife, Maria Cecília, have been involved in ministry with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities for decades.

Spiritual Disciplines

September 30 morning and February 3 evening

We are familiar with the three traditional spiritual disciplines that Christianity carried forward from our Jewish ancestors of prayer, fasting and acts of charity, but there are many other practices that can help us to grow as persons of faith. We will explore these other disciplines.

Interconnectedness – Community and the Ecology of Relationships

November 11 morning and March 3 evening

Belonging is a basic human need, but interrelationships can be messy and complicated. What is at the heart of the various ways we humans try to gather and to grow together? What does St. Paul's image of the body tell us about how to be Church together?

A Christian Anthropology

October 14 evening and March 17 morning

What does it mean to be human, from the perspective of our Christian faith, where Jesus serves as model for us?

The Way – Accessibility and the Incarnation

October 28 morning January 19 evening

People with disabling conditions of all kinds can teach us how and where we are blocking or impeding others and ourselves to be and to do all they /we are able to be and do. What might accessibility teach us about the central mystery of our faith?

Patty Holloway

Patty enjoyed 31 years as an English teacher for Community College of Denver, Holy Cross Abbey in Canon City; and Admornings, Mesa, and Douglas County school districts.. Some of her writing appears in Rattle, The Explicator, The Ekphrastic Review, The Explicator, and Winning Writers.

Many Voices

October 7 evening and March 3 morning

In his August 5, 2024 "Letter on the Role of Literature in Formation," Pope Francis speaks of the spiritual power of literature. He notes that reading literature "can stimulate...a great spiritual openness to hearing the Voice that speaks through many voices." Come join us in listening closely to many voices of poets, writers, and each other as we "open our human words to welcome the WORD that is already present."

<https://tinyurl.com/49rhzw9z>

Tell Me a Story (Lenten Edition)

March 24, 31 and April 7 morning

This is an interactive workshop in which we will share stories, listen to stories and find faith together. You will have a chance to write your own story as well. This class is team taught by Patty Holloway, Kathy McGovern and Rita Niblack.

Angeline Hubert

Angeline Hubert has been a member of the MPB community since 1992. After 18 years of teaching high school students, she joined the faculty of the Denver Catholic Biblical School where she taught for 20 years. Following her time at the Biblical School, Angeline taught Scripture at the University of Dallas School of Ministry. Since returning from Dallas, she has offered classes, lectures, workshops, and days of reflection on Scripture, spirituality and other related topics.

The Biblical Roots of Social Justice

January 13, 27, February 3 and 10 morning

Catholic Social Justice teaching is a key part of our faith, and it is deeply rooted in Sacred Scripture. It runs like a thread through both the Old and New Testaments. Together we will explore the scriptures and reflect on our call to be people of justice and peace.

Session One: Biblical themes of justice and peace and their expression in the Pentateuch.

Session Two: Social justice in the Prophets and Wisdom Literature.

Session Three: The Gospel call to justice and peace.

Session Four: Justice and peace as they are found in Acts, the Letters and Revelation.

The Passion Narratives of Luke and John

April 14 evening

Come and enrich your Holy Week experience by deepening your understanding of the passion of Jesus. Explore how Luke and John, whose Passion Narratives we hear during Holy Week, tell the story of the final days of Jesus' life. Discover their unique insights into the person of Jesus and what it means for you to be his disciple.

Ben Lager

Ben Lager has always loved the saints. He holds a Master of Scripture degree, and taught for ten years at the Catholic Biblical School. He is married to Kathy McGovern.

St. Martin of Tours

Presented morning November 4

St. Catherine of Siena

Presented morning April 28 morning

Kathy McGovern

*Kathy McGovern has master's degrees in Liturgical Studies and Sacred Scripture. She was honored to teach in the Denver Catholic Biblical School for 17 years. She authors the weekly scripture column *The Story and You*, and is a frequent contributor to the daily devotionals *Give Us This Day* and *Words of Grace*.*

C.S.Lewis; Chronicler of our Hearts

November 18 morning and March 31 evening

He wrote forty books and was the favorite children's author then and now. His Chronicles of Narnia are even movies! But what he gave the world was his huge heart and his tender concern for us. Come and bask in his warmth and immense wisdom.

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Rita Niblack

Rita Niblack is a retired Lasallian educator. During her career she has taught art, art history, theology, presented at conferences, and worked as a liturgist. She has earned master's degrees in Art History, Art Education and Theology and continues to practice art. She is married to John Bickh morning and they have five adult children.

Pope Leo XIII

December 2 morning on zoom only

Pope Leo XIII, who was the head of the church from 1878 to 1903, was one of the greatest influences on Catholic social teaching, through his promulgation of *Rerum Novarum* and *In Plurimis*, the encyclical which abolished slavery. He was influential in the lives and decisions of women saints including Therese of Lisieux, Katherine Drexel, and Francis Cabrini. And it was he who wrote the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel. It's time to find out more about this influential pope! This class is on zoom only.

Art to Pray the Advent Season

December 9 on Zoom only

Come to experience a mini Advent retreat as we pray with the beautiful art for the season of Advent. You can do this from the comfort of your home, since we will be on zoom only.

Incarnational Faith

December 16 on Zoom only

What does it mean to assent to not just the doctrine of the incarnation of Jesus, but also the reality of the mystery in our lives every day? Please join us on zoom only for this morning of reflection on the Christmas mystery.

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History of the Black Catholic Church

May 5 morning

Black Catholics have been influential in the Catholic Church in the United States since the early days of our country. While frequently treated with discrimination by fellow Catholics, their contribution to the faith continues to grow.

Gail Rowe

Gail Rowe, a long time MPB parishoner, has been involved in the Society of St Vincent de Paul as a spiritual advisor for many years. She is committed in sharing her faith. She guides the Meditation and Movement class where we praise God using our entire beings. Being a former educator, Gail enjoys interacting with groups at informative events.

Playing Jazz with God

September 23 morning and April 7 evening

To be in sync with God we must practice *discernment* and *practice Listening* for how we use our varied *talents* to mesh with the Great Maestro's masterpiece.

The New Beatitudes

October 28 evening and May 12 morning

In 2016, Pope Francis spoke of these spiritual concepts at a talk in Switzerland. They are additional reminders of how we can better live our lives as Christians.

Martha Terrillion and Dorian Arellano

Dorian Arellano joined FOCUS as a missionary in 2014 after graduating from the University of Texas. It has been his joy to share the scriptures from the heart of the Church and watch them make people alive in Christ! He received his Masters degree in Theology in 2021 and got married in 2022. He and his wife, Sarah, and daughter, Kateri, live in Lakewood, CO.

Martha Terrillion is a graduate of Ave Maria University and the Augustine Institute. She has served with FOCUS for 13 years. She has spent time on campus, time in the Missions department, and has spent the past 3 years on the Lifelong Missions Team. Her and her husband Derek got married on April 5th and reside 5 minutes from Most Precious Blood.

Evangelization 101

October 21 in the morning and February 10 in the evening

Vie Thorgren

Vie Thorgren is a spiritual director and retreat director. She has been a member of Most Precious Blood parish for over 40 years and has served the broader Church as a catholic school teacher, youth minister, religious ed director, youth outreach coordinator for the archdiocese and seminary professor. She is married with grown children and 4 grandchildren.

Aging as a Spiritual Journey

September 23 evening and July 21 morning

Our culture has tended to overvalue youth and is only recently beginning to awaken to the value of the elder years. Late adulthood presents opportunities for healing and for a more contemplative life. It also invites us beyond a focus on self-development to the creation of a more cooperative, just society. These are the wisdom years if we choose the journey. Choosing to say “yes” to the journey transforms the aging process into a privileged opportunity to lay down one’s life for others. So what is wisdom and how do we grow in wisdom and grace? How is our “yes” the greatest legacy we can leave our young people?

Francis of Assisi—Saint for Our Times

September 30 evening and March 10 morning

St. Francis is known as a saint who loved creation and reached out to those in poverty. The Eucharist was the foundation on which his faith life was built. He saw all life as one unified body of Christ. The loving Christ in the Eucharist drew him. It draws us also into relationship with others and can heal our broken relationship with creation. How might reflection on St. Francis’ spirituality enrich our experience of liturgy and enliven our response to the pressing global needs today?

Simplicity Frees Us for Real Life

October 14 morning and March 17 evening

Most people think of simplicity as living with less. In reality, the practice of simplicity, deeply connected to the eucharistic life, enriches our freedom to love, to respond to God’s grace and to transform our world. How might we welcome the practice of this virtue in our own lives?

Marie Whiteside

Marie Whiteside is a retired Developmental Pediatrician with a special love for infants and babies. Her recent work as a Hospital Chaplain has revealed the extraordinary beauty of meeting people in medical crisis and at times of death and dying. She is a mother of 5 grown children and a grandmother to 1. She and her husband, Grant, are long term members of MPB church.

Now and at the Hour of our Death November 11 evening

Together we will think about our thoughts and fears of death, dying. How can we think of this event with some anticipation of joy and expectation?

Ministry to the Sick February 24 morning

Many of us have experienced the need to care for and support friends and family members who are perilously ill. This class will provide an interactive presentation about how to approach family and friends who are sick/dying.

View Classes by Date

Mondays in September		
	10: - 11:30 a.m.	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Sept.. 23	Playing Jazz with God	Aging as a Spiritual Journey
Sept. 30	Spiritual Disciplines	St. Francis of Assisi

Mondays in October		
	10: - 11:30 a.m.	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Oct. 7	Unless You Turn and Become Like Children	Many Voices
Oct. 14	Simplicity Frees Us to Real Life	Christian Anthropology
Oct. 21	Evangelization 101	Justice Matter Meeting at 6:30
Oct. 28	The Way—	The New Beatitudes

	Accessibility and the Incarnation	
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Mondays in November		
	10: - 11:30 a.m.	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Nov. 4	St. Martin of Tours	No class
Nov. 11	Interconnectedness - Community and the Ecology of Relationships	Now and at the Hour of Our Death
Nov. 18	CS Lewis: Chronicler of our Lives	Justice Matter Meeting at 6:30

Mondays in December All morning classes on Zoom only No evening classes		
	10: - 11:30 a.m.	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Dec. 2	Leo XIII	No evening Class
Dec. 9	Art to Pray the Advent Season	Mass for the Holy Day
December 16	Incarnational Faith: How we live the Christmas mystery	Justice Matter Meeting at 6:30

Mondays in January		
	10: - 11:30 a.m.	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Jan. 6	Christmas break	Christmas break
Jan. 13	Biblical Roots of Catholic Social Teaching, Part 1	The Way– Accessibility and the Incarnation
Jan. 27	Biblical Roots of Catholic Social Teaching, Part 2	Justice Matter Meeting at 6:30

Mondays in February		
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	10: - 11:30 a.m.	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Feb. 3	Biblical Roots of Catholic Social Teaching, Part 3	Spiritual Disciplines
Feb. 10	Biblical Roots of Catholic Social Teaching, Part 4	Evangelization 101
Feb. 24	Ministry to the Sick	Justice Matter Meeting at 6:30

Mondays in March		
	10: - 11:30 a.m.	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
March 3	Many Voices	Interconnectedness - Community and the Ecology of Relationships
March 10	St. Francis of Assisi	Unless You Turn and Become Like Little Children
March 17	A Christian Anthropology	Simplicity Frees Us for Real Life
March 24	Tell Me a Story	Justice Matters at 6:30
March 31	Tell Me a Story	CS Lewis: Chronicler of our Lives

Mondays in April		
	10: - 11:30 a.m.	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
April 7	Tell Me a Story	Playing Jazz with God
April 14	Celebrating the Triduum	Passion Narratives in Luke and John
April 21	No class, Easter break	
April 28	St. Catherine of Siena	Justice Matters at 6:30

Mondays in May		
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	10: - 11:30 a.m.	6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
May 5	History of the Black Catholic Church	PRE Book Club
May 12	The New Beatitudes	PRE Book Club
May 19	No class	Justice Matter Meeting at 6:30

Summer Offering	
	10: - 11:30 a.m.
Monday, July 21	Aging as a Spiritual Journey