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INSTITUTE of PASTORAL STUDIES SCRIPTURE SCHOOL

The IPS Scripture School is a center for comprehensive formation around Scripture, providing in-depth knowledge of the Bible within a Roman Catholic framework.

Who Comes to the Scripture School?

Lay Faithful

Grow in faith. Understand the bible. Know the reason for your faith. Develop a deeper relationship with God who loves you.

Graduate Candidates

IPS graduate students or Masters of Divinity Candidates seeking scriptural expertise in their academic pursuits.

Ministers

Professionals and volunteers enrich their ministry with deep scriptural knowledge that they use in their work.

And What Do They Find?

A welcoming community, perfect in God's eyes, seeking to ignite the presence of God and the work of the Spirit that is already within each of us. From this, their parish, academic, or ministerial lives are enriched, as are the lives of those around them.

7 Things You Need to Know ABOUT IPS SCRIPTURE SCHOOL

1. Originated in the Archdiocese of Chicago and Operating in Loyola's Institute of Pastoral Studies since 2017.
2. Comprehensive bible study, live online, led by degreed biblical scholars.
3. A diverse community, open to all.
4. Geographically diverse, welcoming students across the United States and beyond.
5. Students are lay faithful who want to learn scripture, parish leaders who work with Scripture, graduate students working toward course credit, and those looking to apply scripture in ministry.
6. Certificate and non-certificate students are welcome.
7. All classes can be reviewed on recording.

Registration opens July 1st

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2025 / 26 Program Schedule ➡



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2025 – 2026 SCRIPTURE SCHOOL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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**Enter into a closer relationship
with God's revealed Word in the
Roman Catholic tradition.**



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WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING?

JN 1:38 ESV

In this passage, John the Baptist has just identified Jesus as the lamb of God. Jesus asks this question of the Baptist's disciples. "What are you seeking?" It is an invitation to the disciples, and to all of us, to consider the deeper meaning and direction of our lives. **So, what are you seeking?**

To grow in relationship with Jesus Christ?

To understand the Word of God in Sacred Scripture?

To feel loved by God?

To incorporate the Bible into your ministry?

To evangelize for your faith?

To grow in faith in communion with others?

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For faithful lay adults, graduate students, and those in ministry, an advanced understanding of sacred scripture is the fuel for your personal and professional faith journeys.

Are you seeking to grow closer to God?

Are you seeking to better help those you minister to?

Are you simply seeking to better understand the bible?

The Scripture School helps seekers of all backgrounds find what they are longing for in two scripture programs.



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In the Name of Jesus

Blending scripture, art, music, and community around the readings for each week, In the Name of Jesus, presents the bible as a living book in a dynamic community of faith. Two options for weekly, online sessions or watch the recording at your leisure.

Scripture School Bible Study

Using the Catholic Biblical School Program, published by the Paulist Press, this is a comprehensive study of all seventy-three books of the bible over four years. Offered in two phases, Basic and Advanced Scripture Studies, students earn a certificate in each phase from the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University of Chicago.

What Students Say About Scripture School 

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WHAT STUDENTS SAY ABOUT SCRIPTURE SCHOOL

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3 and inclining your heart to understand, but let your heart keep my commandments; 4 if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures;

5 then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

6 For the LORD gives wisdom;

The use of music videos and artistic images as part of the instruction makes for a rich experience. It always makes me feel uplifted.

It renewed my commitment to Christ.

Enthusiasm for the Word. It's a little bit like when the Apostles found out, wait, this is a real thing!

It's that wonder and awe with scripture that was lit inside.

Live interaction is so important. Each class is like a retreat.

16 You will be saved from the loose woman, from the adventures with her smooth words.

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and the treacherous will be rooted out of it.

3 Let not loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them about your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.

4 So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and man.

7 Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

8 It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

9 Honor the LORD with your substance and with the first fruits of all you produce;

10 then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your bins will be bursting with wine.

11 Do not despise the LORD's discipline, or be weary of his reproof,

12 for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

13 Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gets understanding,

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by understanding he established the heavens;

10 by his knowledge the deeps broke forth and the clouds drop down the dew.

11 My son, keep sound wisdom and discretion;

12 and they will be life for your soul and adornment for your neck.

13 Then you will walk on your way securely, and your foot will not stumble.

14 When you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.

15 You will understand the love story in the bible between God and humanity;

the arc of salvation history; the human side of the bible: the writers, the magisterial authority and human tradition of handing down the faith.

The Bible Study is intensive and worth the effort. It's an academic approach with a variety of instructors taking a deep dive into the Bible.

You get comprehensive knowledge of the bible from true biblical scholars. You see how God is a loving God throughout the Old and New Testaments.

You'll earn a certificate and develop skills and knowledge to apply in other pursuits, perhaps becoming a bible study facilitator or serving as a minister of care.

15 The LORD's curse is on the house of the wicked,

16 but he blesses the abode of the righteous.

17 Toward the scorners he is scornful,

18 but he loves those who hate him.

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8 Prize her highly, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her.

9 She will place on your head a fair garland; she will bestow on you a beautiful crown."

12 When you walk, your step will not be caught;

13 and if you run, you will not stumble.

14 Do not enter the path of the wicked, and avoid it, do not go on its path.

15 For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong;

16 they are robbed of sleep unless they have made some one stumble.

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Academically Sound

Accredited by the Association of Theological Schools



The Association of Theological Schools
The Commission on Accrediting

Rich in Faith

Recommended by the Archdiocese of Chicago

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Expert Instruction

Taught and led by experienced biblical scholars



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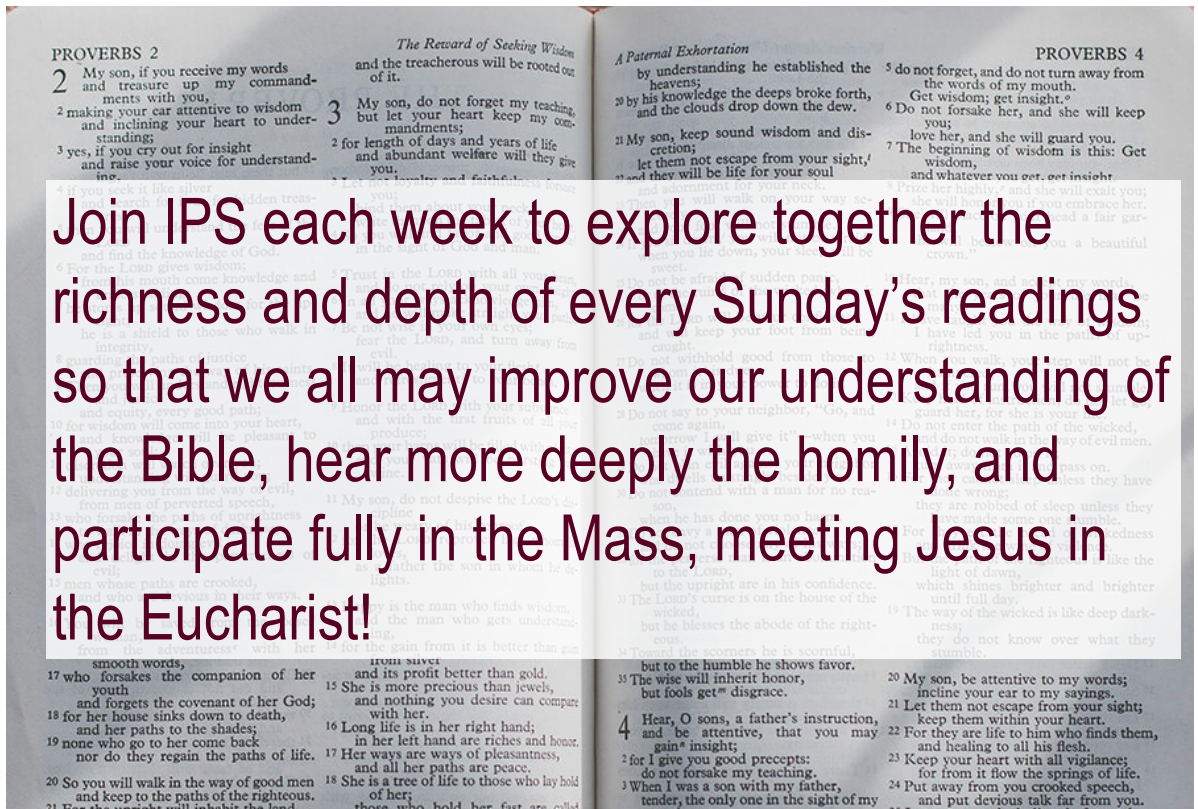
PROGRAM OPTIONS

- \$500 Year-round weekly *access
- \$300 Year-round *access for you AND a friend when registering together
- \$50 Monthly individual access
- \$15 Per week access for one person

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Can't make it to class? Watch a recording, anytime.

* Includes access to additional content only available on SAKAI, Loyola's Online Learning Resource Portal!



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Understand the Bible

Deeper Faith

Professional Growth