

St. Patrick Church Thursday Morning Scripture Group
Fall 2014 Session: September 25 – December 4

Faith, Hope and Love:
The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Syllabus

September 25 Introduction

“To all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Rm 1:7

Commentary **Read** pp. vii-viii, pp. 53-58
Glossary **Read** *Faith* (p. 177), *Hope* (p. 180), *Love* (p. 182)

October 2 Address, Greeting, Thanksgiving, and Theme of Letter

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel. It is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: for Jew first, and then Greek.” Rm 1:16

Scripture **Read** ♦ Romans 1:1-17
Commentary **Read** pp. 59-68
Glossary **Read** *Apostle, Gospel, Scripture*
Optional **Read** 151-163 *Reading the New Testament* by PHEME PERKINS

October 9 Everyone is in Deep Yogurt, Gentile and Jew Alike

“We have already brought the charge against Jews and Greeks alike that they are all under the domination of sin.” Rm 3:9

Scripture **Read** ♦ Romans 1:18 – 3:20
Commentary **Read** pp. 68-80
Glossary **Read** *Gentiles, Law, Sin, Wrath*

October 16 **God's Righteousness Available in Christ through Faith to All**

"Does God belong to Jews alone? Does he not belong to Gentiles, too? Yes, also to Gentiles, for God is one and will justify the circumcised on the basis of faith and the uncircumcised through faith." Rm 3:29-30

Scripture **Read** ♦ Romans 3:21 – 4:25

Commentary **Read** pp. 80-93

Glossary **Read** *Faith, Promise, Righteousness, Salvation, Works of the Law*

October 23 **The Hope of Salvation**

"And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us." Rm 5:5

Scripture: **Read** ♦ Romans 5:1 – 6:23

Commentary **Read** pp. 93-106

Glossary **Read** *Death, Justification, Hope, Spirit*

October 30 **Free from the Law -- but Free for What?**

"For what the law, weakened by the flesh, was powerless to do, this God has done: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for the sake of sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the righteous decree of the law might be fulfilled in us, who live not according to the flesh but according to the spirit." Rm 8:3-4

Scripture **Read** ♦ Romans 7:1 – 8:13

Commentary **Read** pp. 106-120

Glossary **Read** *Desire, Flesh, Law, Freedom*

November 6 **Sufferings of the Present Time and Coming Victory of God's Love**

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Rm 8:38-39

Scripture **Read** ♦ Romans 8:14 – 9:5

Commentary **Read** pp. 120-133

Glossary **Read** *Reconciliation, Redemption*

November 13 Guest Speaker: Rev. John Lodge
Professor, University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein Seminary

“In respect to election [Israel is] beloved because of the patriarchs. For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.” Rm 11:28-29

Scripture **Read ♦ Romans 9:6 – 11:36**

Commentary **Read pp. 133-148**

Glossary **Read *Mystery***

November 20 Living Out the Gospel in Love

“Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.” Rm 13:8

Scripture **Read ♦ Romans 12:1 – 14:23**

Commentary **Read pp. 148-162**

Glossary **Read *Body of Christ, Church, Communion, Love***

November 27 Happy Thanksgiving!

December 4 To Rome and Beyond

“I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain and to be sent on my way there by you, after I have enjoyed being with you for a time.” Rm 15:24

Scripture **Read ♦ Romans 15:1 – 16:27**

Commentary **Read pp. 162-173**

Glossary **Read *Glory, Grace***