

## Adult Faith Formation

*Disciples of our Lord Jesus, here at St Oliver Plunkett:*

As you recall from a few weeks ago, Fr. Cyriac announced that Adult Faith Formation was coming back to St Olivers, in response to the articulated desires of the parish community. In the opening months of our new program, it is my desire to bring meaningful events and classes to our parish, which help fortify the lived faith experience of our parish adults.



While an overused description for things, “*diversity*” will mark our program in various ways:

**Diversity of Subjects:** traditional subjects such as Sacred Scripture, Church Teaching, Spirituality and Prayer will be offered. But other programs such as healing ministries (both existing and new), spiritual direction and various family-focused classes are also in planning.

**Diversity of Catechists:** familiar catechists from our parish will continue to share their gifts, but new catechists will be identified and trained, along with outside speakers and presenters, to bring fresh voices.

**Diversity of Scheduling:** many offerings will have traditional evening sessions, but we will also offer morning opportunities for the same classes (usually after 9am Mass).

**Diversity of Method:** various teaching/sharing methods will be employed, including traditional interactive presentations, faith-sharing groups, videos, music and self-paced online classes --- the possibilities are endless.

### **Adult Faith Formation Offerings in September and October:**

**Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University:** Humberto Guzman will facilitate this popular 9-week series which explores sound biblical principles to assist in your personal financial decision making. **Tuesdays, Sept 11 thru Nov 6<sup>th</sup>** (7:00-8:30pm) in Room 24.

**Hymns of Praise, Laments of the Soul: Hearing and Considering the Psalms:** The sacred Psalms captivate our imagination and draw us into a deeper relationship with God, both through our struggles and in our joys. Deacon Randy Ory and Paul Hedges (Life Teen Music Minister) will lead this engaging series, with Paul providing wonderful musical interpretations of many of the Psalms. The place of the Psalms in the ongoing life of the Church will also be explored.

**Tuesdays, Sept 25<sup>th</sup> and Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>** (7:30-9:00pm) in the Church.

Morning option offered on **Weds Sept 26<sup>th</sup> and Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>** (10:00-11:30am) in the Church.

**St Mark’s Story is Our Story:** Deacon Randy Ory will lead this 3-part series focused on the key themes found in St Mark’s Gospel. As Year B (the Gospel of St Mark) comes to a close in November, this Scripture class will consider some of the wonderful readings from St Mark we heard proclaimed during this Liturgical Year. Applications to our faith journey will be explored.

**Tuesdays, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and Nov 6<sup>th</sup>** (7:30-9:00pm) in Adult Ed Center.

Morning option offered on **Weds Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, Oct 31<sup>st</sup> and Nov 7<sup>th</sup>** (10:00-11:30am) in Adult Ed Center.

**Always check the Parish Bulletin, Parish APP and Parish Website for more details.**

Coming in November and December:

**Bringing Advent Alive in your Home (November 15<sup>th</sup>)**

**To the Greater Glory of God: Ignatian Spirituality and Prayer Forms (December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>)**

The good people of St Olivers deserve an edifying Adult Faith Formation program, so that we might all “*grow in faith and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*” (2 Peter 3:18).

**Deacon Randy Ory**

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