

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES SUMMER 2024

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SUNDAY

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL | THE GRAND SWEEP: A JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

June 9–July 28, 10:30–11AM | Led by Fr. Michael Petty

This summer, The Grand Sweep of Scripture will focus on the Old Testament book of Judges. While many of us are familiar with some of the stories in this book (like the stories of Gideon and Samson), we may not have thought about their deeper theological and moral significance. Over the summer, we will consider Judges as a theological narrative and attempt to understand it in connection with what has come before it and what it anticipates. Our big question each Sunday morning will be that of what it means to read Judges as Christian Scripture.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & PARENTS: FAMILY STYLE

June 9–July 28, 10:30–11AM

Children, Youth, and their families are invited to join us on the lawn for fellowship, summer snacks, games, dramatic Bible stories, and fun! We are continuing with the Gospel Project curriculum on David, Solomon and beyond. This is a time for the whole family to reconnect with others in the parish and participate in Summer Sunday School together.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

JUNE 12–JULY 31 | CLASSES: 6:15–7:30PM

DINNER SERVED IN THE PARISH HALL FROM 5–6PM

SUPER SUMMER NIGHTS | RISING PREK–5TH GRADE

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Join us for summer fun on Wednesday nights. Each week we have a special and fun activity and an enriching lesson!

WEDNESDAY, *continued*

PARENTING FOR FAITH

Led by Jason and Frances Merritt

As parents, we are perfectly positioned and perfectly equipped to daily and easily show our children the reality of day-to-day life with God. God has shared with us in the Bible a simple plan for us to encourage our children into a vibrant, two-way relationship with God. This class will help parents to understand this plan and put it into practice. Class topics include finding a spiritual framework to make sense of life, unwinding false views of God, conversational prayer, discipling children in any season of life, prayer ministry for children, and connecting children with the Church.

PERSPECTIVES ON CHRISTIANS AND POLITICS: A DISCUSSION

Led by Cliff Nilson

Who does God want you to vote for in November? We don't have the answer to that question, but we will look at what the Scriptures say about being a good citizen. Using the book, *Jesus and the Powers*, by N.T. Wright and Michael F. Bird, this class will discuss the role of Christians in politics. We will consider the historical perspective, the relationship of church and state, the impact of the kingdom of God in this age, whether Christians can oppose laws or rulers, and what kind of government God approves. The book is recommended but not required.

BEING FORMED IN BEAUTY

Led by Clifton Rogge, *Charles Simeon Summer Fellow*

This seven-week class examines the Christian life through the concept of beauty. From God's redemptive act expressed in Scripture, to our responding to his active work in us, we behold God more completely when we open ourselves to the various forms of beauty within this self-revelation. This requires a sacrifice on our part that conditions our faith to make us into disciples who reflect not only Christ's restorative grace, but the beauty drawn from the life of God himself. This course is designed to conceptualize beauty as that which draws us into God and that which allows us to participate in God's self-revelation as we are further transformed into his likeness.

KNEELING WITH GIANTS: LEARNING TO PRAY WITH HISTORY'S BEST TEACHERS

Led by Ben Praamsma, *Charles Simeon Summer Fellow*

The best way to learn to pray is to kneel alongside the Church's prayer giants and to pray with them. This class will be a mix of both instruction and prayer time with each session focused on a particular giant of prayer. Over the course of the summer, we will kneel alongside St. Benedict, St. Theresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Ignatius of Loyola, George Herbert, and Jeremy Taylor. The resource book for this class is *Kneeling With Giants: Learning to Pray With History's Best Teachers* by Gary Neale Hansen.

WEDNESDAY, *continued*

PRAYER BOOK 101

Led by Fr. Michael Petty

Using The Book of Common Prayer can be difficult if you are unfamiliar with it or if you have come from a non-liturgical background. If you have found yourself puzzled by the liturgy on Sunday or would like to be able to use the Book of Common Prayer in your daily prayer life, this class is for you. Over the course of seven weeks, we will explore the origins of the Book of Common Prayer, the history of Christian liturgy, the Daily Office (Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer), the theology of the sacraments, the Eucharist, Holy Baptism as a model for the Christian life, the Sunday collects and Scripture readings, the liturgies for Holy Matrimony, the anointing of the sick, Reconciliation, Ministry at the Time of Death, the seasons of the Church year, and the Prayer Book vision for individual and common worship and prayer. By the end of the class, you will not only have a better understanding of the “how” of Anglican worship but also a better understanding of the “why”. The resources book for this class is *A Walk Through the Prayer Book* by Arnold Klukas.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE FALL

FALL MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

PRAYER BOOK 101 | *Mondays, September 12–November 4*

THE ANGLICAN CATECHISM | *Wednesdays, September 11–November 13*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES | 11 SEPTEMBER–13 NOVEMBER

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: ROMANS

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

CHRISTIAN POETRY

THE ANGLICAN CATECHISM

DISCIPLESHIP

FAMILY BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Tuesday–Thursday, 4–6 June, 5pm–8pm | We have loved 'Family Style' Bible school so much that we are doing it again! We are inviting the whole family to come and participate, learn, and grow in your faith together. Enjoy a boxed picnic each night on the lawn. After dinner, families and volunteers will join together in worship with live music. Families will be grouped together into tribes to play games, make art, and learn about God's Word together.

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MARY & MARTHA GUILD ANNUAL PICNIC

Monday, 13 May | 10:30AM | The Mary & Martha Guild will hold its annual picnic on Monday, May 13 at the home of Amy Cooksey. We will gather at 10:30. Please note that this is later than our usual meeting time. All women are invited and welcome!

HEALING PRAYER SERVICE | *Friday, 17 May* | 6:30-8PM | Please join us as we worship together, hear testimonies, and sit with the Lord in prayer as well as partake in Holy Communion. For more information, contact Ryan Cecil at RCECIL@STPETERSFL.COM