

MLR Daily Bible Reading Schedule

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“And he said to me: Son of man, eat all that thou shalt find: eat this book, and go speak to the children of Israel. And I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that book: And he said to me: Son of man, thy belly shall eat, and thy bowels shall be filled with this book which I give thee. And I did eat it: and it was sweet as honey in my mouth.”

(Ezechieel 3:1-3)

“From thy infancy thou hast known the holy scriptures, which can instruct thee to salvation, by the faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture, inspired of God, is profitable to teach, to reprove, to correct, to instruct in justice.”

(2 Timothy 3:15-16)

If you read the Catholic Bible every day, God will guide, console, and speak to you daily, especially during critical moments in your life. How many men are so anxious to read a letter from a loved one, which proves they love that person. Yet, how few read the Bible, God’s love letter to mankind, which proves they do not really love God. Reading the Catholic Bible is one of the main and necessary ways we come to know and love God. Before your daily Bible reading, pray the following prayer to the Holy Spirit:

“Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created, and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

“O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit didst instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

The following prayers are my personal ones that I pray before reading the Bible:

“Mary, seat of wisdom, pray for me. St. Gabriel the Archangel, most glorious prince of the heavenly messengers, pray for me. Ss. Isaias, Jeremias, and Ezechieel, pray for me. Ss. Daniel and John the Evangelist, pray for me. Ss. John the Baptist and Elias, pray for me. Ss. Moses and Paul, pray for me. Ss. Matthew, Mark, and Luke, pray for me that I may explain the Holy Scriptures in all truthfulness, holiness, and simplicity. The good St. Anne, pray for me. Ss. Josue and Emperor Constantine, pray for me. Ss. King David and Emperor Charlemagne, pray for me. Ss. Abraham and Peter, pray for me. Angels and saints of God, pray for me and intercede for me that these Holy Scriptures may sink deep into my heart, my mind, my soul, my flesh, and my entire being and become my very life itself, the holy words of God, the true meaning thereof as interpreted by the holy Catholic Church.”

Prayer before reading the gospel:

“May the reading of the gospel blot out my sins. May the reading of the gospel be my health and protection. May Christ, the Son of God, teach me the words of the holy gospel.”

It is good, but not necessary, to memorize some key Bible verses. I pray the following prayer before I memorize Bible verses:

“May I memorize these Holy Scriptures with the greatest of ease with the assistance of God’s grace, without which I could not do anything good with a good motive. And may this memorization be for edification and enlightenment and not for vanity and pride.”

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“Let not the book of this law depart from thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate on it day and night that thou mayest observe and do all things that are written in it; then shalt thou direct thy way and understand it.”

(Josue 1:8)

There are six sections of the Catholic Bible that you will read from within two days. The six sections are as follows:

- 1) Old Testament history – from “Genesis” to “Job” and then the two Machabees books
- 2) Psalms – the “Psalms”
- 3) Wisdom books – from “Proverbs” to “Ecclesiasticus”
- 4) Prophetical books – from “Isaias” to “Malachias”
- 5) Gospels – from “Matthew” to “John”
- 6) Epistles – from the “Book of Acts” to the “Apocalypse”

The First Day

- 1) Read one chapter from the Old Testament history
- 2) Read one Psalm (because Psalm 118 is long, read only two sections at a time)
- 3) Read one chapter from the Wisdom books

The Second Day

- 1) Read one chapter from the Prophetical books
- 2) Read one chapter from the Gospel books
- 3) Read one chapter from the Epistle books

By the end of the second day, you will have completed one chapter in each section. Start with the first book in each section followed by the next. When you finish the last book of a section, start again at the first book of that section. For instance, when you finish reading the last chapter of the Gospel of St. John, your next gospel reading is the first chapter of the Gospel of St. Matthew. And when you finish the last chapter of the Wisdom book of Ecclesiasticus, your next Wisdom reading is the first chapter of the book of Proverbs.

Bible Reading Chart

The below chart may be helpful to you in keeping track of your daily Bible readings. You can use the following abbreviations: Old Testament History (O) - Psalms (Ps) - Wisdom books (W) - Prophetical books (P) - Gospels (G) - Epistles (E). Every time you start a new book within a category, put the abbreviation for that book in the appropriate box. By the end of the second day, your chart will look like this:

O	Ps	W	P	G	E
Gen.	Ps.	Prv.	Is.	Mt.	Acts
1	1	1	1	1	1

By reading the Bible this way, instead of from beginning to end, you get the benefit of reading from each of the main sections in the Bible in two days. You then see better and more often how each section relates to the others, spiritually and historically.

When reading passages that are difficult to understand, read the Catholic commentary. If there is no commentary, just read through the passage and do not get discouraged. You may understand it later on. Even if you do not, it will not affect other unrelated passages. Just keep reading the Bible according to the schedule, and do not let the Devil or your own sloth stop you from reading the Catholic Bible. You will find that the more you read, the easier it is to understand difficult passages. The Catholic commentaries solve most of the difficulties.

Read only Catholic Bibles, which thus have good Catholic commentaries. The only Catholic Bible I know of with a good Catholic commentary is *The Catholic Bible*, revised by me (by RJMI). Beware of the *Clementine Vulgate*, the *Douay-Rheims*, and *Haydock* Bibles and all other nominal Catholic Bibles because they contain many erroneous texts and heretical commentaries.

Treat the Catholic Bible with the utmost reverence. Kiss it when you begin and finish reading it. Never place another book or item on top of it. However, you can place it on a bookshelf side by side with other books.

“For what things soever were written, were written for our learning:
that through patience and the comfort of the scriptures we might have hope.”
(Romans 15:4)

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