

Parents, **get a head start for sacrament preparation for next year!**

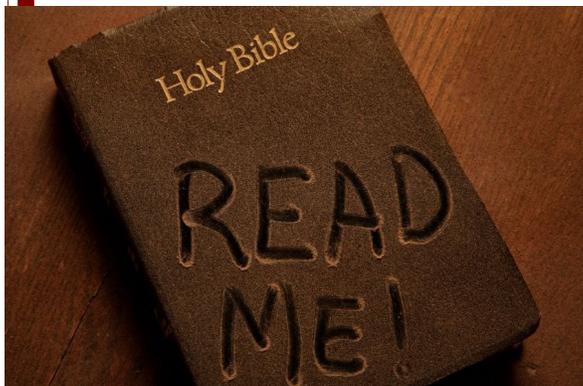
- **Take an archdiocesan Scripture course during the week of June 16th – 20th right here at St. Helen in Helena Hall.**
- **All courses meet the requirements for sacrament preparation.**
- **Take just one or all three!! Each course is \$25.**

Intro to Scripture

Focuses on how the Bible came about, what were some of the cultural factors which influenced the events around the writing of the Old and New Testaments, and what Church documents today tell us about the Bible.

Old Testament

This course helps develop a deeper understanding and appreciation for the biblical context, structure, authorship, meaning and historical impact of the Old Testament. Participants are introduced to methods of reading, the importance of cultural contexts in interpretation, how to respect the integrity of the texts, and current trends in biblical research. This assists one to acquire new skills to navigate through the Old Testament and apply its wisdom to one's spiritual life and ministry.



New Testament

Explore the stories in and behind the New Testament. The course is a general overview introducing the cultural context, composition, themes, and pastoral application of the New Testament. We will study the texts from the threefold perspective of the world within the text, the world behind the text, and the world in front of the text. Through this study, one can grow in New Testament knowledge, understanding, and application to one's life and ministry.

Full schedule and registration information
can be found at <http://archgh.cvent.com/SummerIntensive2018>

These are part of the FTCM program which we will be offering the next 3 summers here at St. Helen. Who knows . . . You may get hooked!

Formation Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM)

The Formation Toward Christian Ministry (FTCM) program offers basic theology and spiritual development to Catholic adults who want to deepen their commitment to Jesus and more fully answer their baptismal call to service as a mature disciple. As a core program offered by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, FTCM provides authentic Catholic teachings taught by approved instructors with Masters or Doctoral degrees in theological disciplines. There are several formation programs within the Archdiocese that require FTCM as either a portion of their overall program or as a pre-requisite for entry into the program. These include, among others, catechist formation, catechetical leader formation, and youth ministry leader formation.