Dear Padre,

My friend is doing a Bible study, and part of the program is something called *lectio divina*. Is that a Catholic practice?

This method of listening to Scripture has the Church's approval. In fact, Catholic bishops have recommended lectio divina as an easy way for Catholics to become more familiar with the Bible. The practice of lectio divina is quite simple:

First, ask the Holy Spirit to help you listen. Then slowly read a short Scripture passage aloud. Listen for a word or phrase that strikes you. Next, think about why this word or phrase is so striking at this moment. Does the word or phrase touch your life right now? Then, ask God's help in making an important choice, or ask what the word or phrase that struck you in the first step means in your life. Finally, close your eyes, let go of all thoughts, and remain silent before God.

These parts have a logical progression, but it's not a hard-and-fast method. People who have been doing lectio divina for a long time sometimes move back and forth between parts. If you practice lectio divina regularly, over time your understanding of God's word will deepen.

> Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

[Lectio divina] is first of all a matter of reading the biblical passage attentively—even more, I would say with "obedience" to the text, to understand what it means in and of itself. One then enters into dialogue with Scripture, so that those words become a cause for meditation and prayer. GENERAL AUDIENCE, JANUARY 27, 2021



Monday

APRIL 25 St. Mark, Evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday

APRIL 26 Easter Weekday Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

APRIL 27 Easter Weekday Acts 5:17-26 Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

APRIL 28 Easter Weekday Acts 5:27-33 Jn 3:31-36

Friday

APRIL 29 St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 5:34-42 Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

APRIL 30 Easter Weekday Acts 6:1-7 Jn 6:16-21

Sunday

MAY 1 Third Sunday of Easter Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14







Divine Mercy Sunday

Apríl 24, 2022



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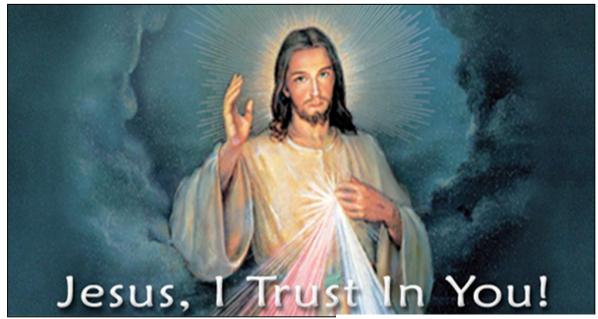
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Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of April 23 – April 29

Sat 6:00 pm †Steven Slaby Sun 11:00 am †Robert Robbins

Sun 6:00 pm Parishioners Living & Deceased

Mon 8:00 am NO MASS

Tue 8:00 am Anika Jensen (Healing) Wed 8:00 am Raquel Castillo Ruiz

8:00 am †Stella, Frank & Joseph Wozniek

8:00 am †Joe Rushing, Sr.

Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of April 23 - April 29

Sat 4:00 pm †Ann Newman Sun 9:15 am †Marian Kline

Tue 6:00 pm Falcone & Johnson Family

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before and after daily Mass, and by Appointment 1st Friday Adoration – 8:30am- 6:00pm at Holy Spirit in St. Patrick's Chapel **Adoration** at **Christ the King** – Tuesday 5:30pm-6pm