

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.

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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.

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Calendar

- 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

April 24, 2022



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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
Thur 8:00 am †Stella, Frank & Joseph Wozniak
Fri 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