



# DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

## Office of Worship

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# Memo

TO: Pastors and Parochial Administrators

FROM: Dcn. Greg McAvoy-Jensen

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RE: Sunday of the Word of God 2022

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The Diocesan Liturgical Commission provides the below information as an aid to the observance of Sunday of the Word of God for this and future years. Feel free to share with your liturgy and faith formation leadership.

## Sunday of the Word of God

Celebrated on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 23, 2022

On the Memorial of St. Jerome on September 30, 2019, on the 1,600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death, Pope Francis instituted in his Apostolic Letter, "*Aperuit illis*" (meaning "opened to them") that the third Sunday in Ordinary Time "be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God." As St. Luke writes in his Gospel account, of the risen Lord on the road to Emmaus, "He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures" (Lk 24:45).

### The Word of God

**Celebration** – Within the Eucharistic celebration the Sacred Scripture is proclaimed. Priests take us deeper into the Word through their homilies. In the Eucharist, we participate in the same "breaking of the bread" that opened the eyes of the disciples in Emmaus, who had just received the first Bible study that outlined how the Messiah fulfilled all that was foretold in the Old Testament.

**Study** – This a short list of the many ways to encounter the Word of God.

#### Listen

- Ascension Press *Bible in a Year* with Fr. Mike Schmitz Podcast [Using the Great Adventure Bible Study.] <https://ascensionpress.com/>

## Read

- FORMED – St. Augustine Institute – Bible in a Year – a 20 minute read each day takes you through the Bible in a year’s time. <https://formed.org/>
- Magnificat Magazine - <https://us.magnificat.net/> - \$47.00/year
- The Word Among Us - <https://wau.org/> - \$36.05/year

## Reflect

- Bishop Robert Barron – Word on Fire Catholic Ministries - <https://www.wordonfire.org/>

## Learn

- CatholicBoard.com– *The Understanding the Scriptures Podcast – 30 Episodes. Genesis to Revelation. 100% Free.* - <https://catholicboard.com/>
- St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology – Free online Bible Study for Catechists and Priests. - <https://stpaulcenter.com/>

**Dissemination** – The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has a wealth of resources. <https://www.usccb.org/committees/divine-worship/sunday-word-god>

- Catechetical Material
- Ecumenical Material
- Liturgical Material
- Prayer Material

**Going Deeper** – The Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC) has also provided free resources for parishes “to aid in the authentic implementation and celebration of the liturgy.” <https://fdlc.org/2022/01/sundayoftheword2022/>

- Apostolic Letter *Aperuit Illis*:
- Readings for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Pastoral Suggestions
- Universal Prayer – Sample Intercessions
- Music Suggestions
- Related Documents and Texts / Articles
- Outline: The Lectionary for Mass

*“To be ignorant of Scripture is to be ignorant of Christ.”*

*St. Jerome*