

Scripture Recommendations for RCIA

*When I discovered your teaching, I devoured it.
Your words brought me joy and gladness;
you have called me your own, O Lord my God.*

—Jeremiah 15:16

Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament)

- Read extensively in Genesis and Exodus for the stories of creation, the Fall of Adam, the covenant with Abraham, the exile and slavery in Egypt, the call of Moses, the Passover, the Exodus, the Ten Commandments, the covenant at Sinai.
- Read extensively in Isaiah, who prophesied the Messiah.
- Read extensively in one of the Wisdom books (such as Ecclesiastes, Sirach, Wisdom).
- Read several of the psalms. Search to find one that particularly moves you in some way. You are welcome to share your favorites with the class.

New Testament

- Read the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) in full. Note that all four are covered in the Mass over the course of 3 years.
- Read extensively in the Acts of the Apostles, the story of the very early Church, including the Descent of the Holy Spirit and the conversion of St. Paul.
- Read extensively into the letters of St. Paul (e.g., Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians) particularly for his theology of Christ.
- Read the letter 1 John. Essential teaching that God is love.