



# LIS Biblical Courses

## Loyola Institute for Spirituality

LIS can help you “fill in the gaps” in your understanding of the Sunday Mass readings. Our team of academic and pastoral teachers offers mini-courses that blend biblical study with practical application for personal reflection, family sharing, and community building.

### Courses Offered in 2015–2016:

#### **The Parables of Jesus: Stranger than You Might Think**

**Instructor:** Fr. Felix Just, S.J.

**Dates:** Sept. 10, 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 2015

**Description:** We often think of Jesus’ parables as simple stories that he told in order to get his message across more easily. But the parables are much more difficult to understand than most people assume. Not only do they reflect Jesus’ first-century culture (very different from today!), but each parable has a “twist.” Come learn the KEY to understanding the parables!

#### **Women in the Old Testament: Models of Faith and Hope**

**Instructor:** Sr. Christine Hilliard, C.S.J.

**Dates:** Oct. 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3, 10, 2015

**Description:** Discover some of the unknown heroes of our faith! The focus of these sessions will be on God’s active care for Israel through the women whose stories found their way into the Old Testament. These women witness the reality that our God invites a diversity of people to carry forward the wonderful design of salvation.

#### **Dialogue in Gospel Ecology: The World around Us as Garden and Desert**

**Instructor:** Sr. Nadine McGuinness, C.S.J.

**Dates:** Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 2016

**Description:** Studying the Bible, we need to address 21<sup>st</sup> century questions about the relationship between creation and humanity. Reflection on key passages in each Gospel challenges us to ask the faith question: How does this text urge us “to change the world, to transmit values, and to leave this earth better than we found it”? (The Joy of the Gospel, par. 183).

#### **The Bible and Mass: Experiencing the Liturgy More Deeply**

**Instructor:** Mr. Randy Lopez, M.T.S.

**Dates:** Feb. 25, March 3, 10, 17, 31, April 7, 2016

**Description:** The Mass is overflowing in biblical allusions from the words that we say and hear to the actions we perform. So let’s dig deeper into scripture and uncover a better understanding of the Mass and a fuller immersion into God’s love! This course is designed to enhance your Mass experience, promote faith-sharing, and provide resources for catechists.

#### **The Acts of the Apostles in the Season of Easter and Pentecost**

**Instructors:** Fr. Felix Just, S.J., and Mr. Randy Lopez

**Dates:** April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2016

**Description:** As the liturgical year enters the Easter season, journey with us as we recount, study, and reflect on the birth of the Church and the ministry of the Apostles. In this team-taught course, Fr. Just will introduce the intricacies of reading and praying with Acts of the Apostles, while Mr. Lopez will serve as the historical and narrative guide through the Book of Acts.

### Useful Details:

**Meeting Location:** St. Joseph Center, 480 S. Batavia St., Orange, CA

**Day/Time:** Thursdays, 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

**Tuition:** \$150 Reduced to \$100 per course

Participants can receive recertification credit from the Diocese of Orange.

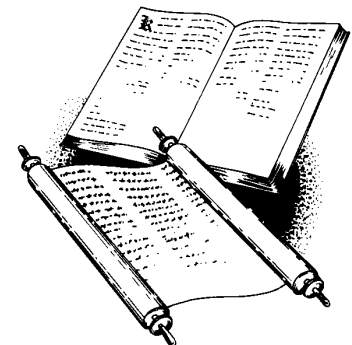
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## Biblical Instructors

**Fr. Felix Just, S.J., Ph.D.:** Fr. Felix received his S.T.L. in Sacred Scripture from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley and his Ph.D. in New Testament Studies from Yale University. For several years, he taught scripture and theology at Loyola Marymount University, the University of San Francisco, and Santa Clara University. He was also Director of the Center for Religion and Spirituality at LMU and Academic Dean of the Lay Ecclesial and Deacon Formation programs for the Diocese of Las Vegas. He is now Executive Director of LIS and an instructor for the Catholic Bible Institutes of several dioceses in Southern California and Arizona. His ministry takes him throughout the USA, giving many lectures, workshops, retreats, and parish missions.



**Sr. Christine Hilliard, C.S.J.:** Sister Christine is a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, CA. She holds a Master's Degree in theology from St. John's University in Collegeville, MN. After teaching in elementary and high schools, she shifted to working with adults in their faith formation through teaching, spiritual direction, and retreats. Among the topics she enjoys are Scripture, prayer, spirituality, Church history, and the saints. Currently she continues in her ministries while serving as co-coordinator for her congregation's Liturgy and Ritual and Spirituality Ministries Committees. She is a member of the Board of Directors of Loyola Institute for Spirituality and serves on the core team of the Catholic Bible Institute in Orange.



**Sr. Nadine McGuinness, C.S.J., Ph.D.:** Sister Nadine is a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, CA. She has served as an adjunct faculty member with the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University, and earned her doctorate in systematic theology from the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto. She also worked as the Director of the Ministry Formation Institute for the Diocese of San Bernardino, where she contributed to the development of systematic faith formation programs for lay leaders involved in church ministry and those seeking ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. In August 2015, she delivered a reflection on Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si* at a diocesan event at Christ Cathedral.



**Mr. Randy Lopez, M.T.S.:** Randy Lopez graduated from Loyola Marymount University with a degree in Theological Studies. He also earned a Certificate in Religious Education from the University of San Francisco and a Master in Theological Studies from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley. Since 2001, Randy has been a high school theological studies teacher in both Northern and Southern California. He currently teaches at Santa Margarita Catholic High School. Outside of the classroom, he enjoys facilitating dynamic and interactive presentations at local parishes. Randy is especially interested in the Gospels, ancient Rome, and lay spirituality. He has worked with LIS since 2013 as Program Coordinator for the Catholic Bible Institute, Orange.



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I wish to enroll in the following biblical courses (\$100 each):

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Women

Ecology

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Acts

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