

**Catholic Bible Institute – November 19, 2016**  
**Opening Prayer – John the Evangelist Group**

Opening Song:

**OPEN MY EYES**

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1. O-pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.  
2. O-pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.  
3. O-pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.  
4. I live with - in you. Deep in your heart, O Love.



1. O-pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.  
2. O-pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.  
3. O-pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love.  
4. I live with - in you. Rest now in me.

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**Gospel Reading (Luke 24:13-22, 25-33)**

**Leader:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:



That very day two disciples were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about the things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What is this conversation which you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there these days?” And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priest and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since this happened”. And he said to them, “O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scripture the things concerning himself.

As they drew near to the village to which they were going, he appeared to be going further, but they constrained him, saying “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he vanished out of their sight. They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road while he opened to us the scriptures?” And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem.

The Gospel of the Lord!      **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## **Responsorial Psalm** (paraphrase of Psalm 23, from *Psalms Now*, by Leslie Brandt & Corita Kent)

**Response:** *He is by my side; he is ever present with me.*

**Women:** The Lord is my constant companion. There is no need he cannot fulfill.  
Whether his course for me points to the mountaintops of glorious ecstasy  
or to the valleys of human suffering. (*Response*)

**Men:** He is close beside me when I tread the dark streets of danger,  
and even when I flirt with death itself, he will not leave me. (*Response*)

**Women:** When the pain is severe, he is near to comfort.  
When the burden is heavy; he is there to lean upon. (*Response*)

**Men:** When depression darkens my soul, he touches me with eternal joy.  
When I feel empty and alone; he fills the aching vacuum with his power. (*Response*)

**Women:** My security is his promise to be near me always,  
and in the knowledge that he will never let me go. (*Response*)

## **Intercessions:**

**Leader:** As travelers we now put ourselves on the road to Emmaus. We fix our hearts on you, O God,  
and implore your help as we pray. The response to each petition is:

*May the Spirit burn within us, so that we may share his Love.*

Empower those who look to you for help in times of trial. We pray to the Lord...(*Response*)

Instill courage in those who suffer for righteousness and justice. We pray to the Lord...(*Response*)

Enlighten the minds and hearts of all believers to know the truth of your love. We pray to the Lord...(*Response*)

Welcome all the faithful departed into the light of your presence. We pray to the Lord...(*Response*)

Strengthen us that we may respond to grace and make love visible to others. We pray to the Lord...(*Response*)

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Leader:** Together let us pray as Jesus taught us...

## **Concluding Prayer**

**All:** Dear Jesus, help me to spread your fragrance everywhere I go.

Flood my soul with your spirit and life.

Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly  
that my life may be only a radiance of yours.

Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come  
in contact with may feel your presence in my soul.

Let them look up and see no longer me, but only Jesus!

Stay with me and then I will begin to shine as you shine,  
so to shine as to be a light to others.

The light, O Jesus, will be all from you; none of it will be mine.

It will be you, shining on others through me.

Let me thus praise you in the way that you love best,  
by shining on those around me.

Let me preach without preaching, not by words but by example,  
by catching force of the sympathetic influence of what I do,  
the evident fullness of love my heart bears to you. Amen.



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**Closing Prayer – Luke Group**



**Call to Prayer** (*Fall in Love*, by Fr. Pedro Arrupe, S.J.)

Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, whom you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in Love, stay in love, and it will decide everything.

**Gospel Reading** (Luke 10:25-28)

**Leader:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test him and said, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

Jesus said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read it?” He said in reply, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”

He replied to him, “You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Responsorial Psalm** (Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12)

**All/Response:** *The Lord is kind and merciful.*

**Women:** Bless the LORD, my soul; all my being, bless his holy name!  
Bless the LORD, my soul; and do not forget all his gifts. (*Response*)

**Men:** He pardons all your sins, and heals all your ills.  
He redeems your life from the pit, and crowns you with mercy and compassion. (*Response*)

**Women:** Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger, abounding in mercy.  
He will not always accuse, and nurses no lasting anger. (*Response*)

**Men:** For as the heavens tower over the earth, so his mercy towers over those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us. (*Response*)

**Concluding Prayer** (Excerpts from Pope Francis’ *Jubilee Year of Mercy Prayer*)

**ALL:** Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: “If you knew the gift of God!”

**Final Blessing**

(Fr. Just, S.J.)

**THE SERVANT SONG**

Richard Gillard

**Closing Hymn:**

(verses 1-3)



1, 6. Will you let me be your ser - vant, Let me be as  
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, We are trav - lers  
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you In the night - time  
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; When you laugh I'll  
5. When we sing to God in heav - en We shall find such



1, 6. Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to  
2. on the road; We are here to help each oth - er  
3. of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
4. laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
5. har - mo - ny, Born of all we've known to - geth - er




1, 6. Let you be my ser - vant, too.  
2. Walk the mile and bear the load.  
3. Speak the peace you long to hear.  
4. 'Til we've seen this jour - ney through.  
5. Of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.



From November 13-19, 2016, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) invites families, parishes, schools, and other Catholic groups to participate in National Bible Week. The week also commemorates the 51st anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, *Dei Verbum*. This year's theme, "The Bible: A Book of Mercy," builds on this year's Jubilee Year of Mercy.

The USCCB has made resources in both English and Spanish available to assist parishes, schools, ministry groups and individuals to celebrate this week. See <http://www.usccb.org/news/2016/16-137.cfm>. For example:

- Incorporating lectio divina or Scripture readings into opening prayers before classes or meetings
- Scripture studies from the Diocese of Little Rock
- Enthroning the Family Bible (in English and Spanish)
- Praying a Scriptural Rosary
- Reflections by Bishop Robert Barron (in English and Spanish)



### Journey of Mercy | National Bible Week 2016

The following seven-day Journey of Mercy features the work of Bishop Robert Barron, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Bishop Barron's Word on Fire ministry and his beautiful video series on Catholicism have inspired millions of Catholics around the world. Bishop Barron will highlight biblical insights that show how God is Mercy, as well as demonstrating mercy given, mercy received, and mercy lived out.

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## A Biblical Year of Mercy

**En Español**

This 13-part series is being published from December 2015 to December 2016 in *Arkansas Catholic*, the weekly newspaper for the Diocese of Little Rock. To order a subscription, visit [Arkansas Catholic](#). These articles are being written by the staff of [Little Rock Scripture Study](#) for the [Holy Year of Mercy](#). Each one includes questions for group study. To read or print an article, click on one from the list below. For more information, contact [Little Rock Scripture Study](#).

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## NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK 2015

### Resources for Families/Recursos para las familias

- [Enthroning the Bible in the Family](#) / [Cómo entronizar la Biblia en la familia](#)
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- Faith Formation Session ("Reading and Understanding the Bible" / "Lectura y comprensión de la Biblia")
- [How to Start and Sustain Parish Bible Study](#) / [Cómo iniciar y sostener el estudio bíblico parroquial](#)
- Family Retreat ("Nourishing Our Family with God's Word" / "Alimentando a Nuestra Familia con la Palabra de Dios")
- [Checklist: Assess the Role of the Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Parish](#) / [Lista de chequeo: Evaluar el rol de la Palabra de Dios en la vida y en la misión de la parroquia](#)
- [Tips for Using Scripture in Catechesis and Prayer](#) / [Usando la Sagrada Escritura en el culto y en la catequesis](#)

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/national-bible-week/nationalbibleweek.cfm>

## Enthroning the Bible in the Family

To show that God is at the center of their lives, many families enthrone the Bible, the Word of God, in a visible place in their homes. By placing the Sacred Scriptures in a prominent place decorated with flowers and art, and by gathering at this spot for daily prayer, families show that God is present and active through his Word.

Enthroning the Bible in your home is easy. Simply pick a place where the Bible can be honored. The Bible should be placed where it will be seen regularly, but the location should be apart from the noise and confusion of the family entertainment center. Place the Bible, opened to a favorite passage or the readings of the day (these can be found at [www.usccb.org/bible](http://www.usccb.org/bible)), on a table or shelf. Decorate the area around the Bible with a cloth, flowers, and/or a candle—whatever makes sense to you. Use the following ritual prayer when you gather as a family to enthrone the Bible.

### Things to Prepare

- Bible
- A shelf or table where the Bible will be placed (the shelf may be adorned with a cloth and candles)

### Ritual

When possible, the ritual may start outside the main door to the house or outside the main entrance to the room. One member of the family holds the Bible, raised slightly. The father, mother, or other leader begins the celebration with the opening litany:

**LEADER:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Word of the Father.  
**RESPONSE:** Come, Lord Jesus, come.

**LEADER:** You became one with us to tell of the Father's love.  
**RESPONSE:** Come, Lord Jesus, come.

**LEADER:** You are the light that shines in the darkness.  
**RESPONSE:** Come, Lord Jesus, come.

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/national-bible-week/upload/enthroning-2016-eng.pdf>