

**Catholic Bible Institute – Diocese of San Bernardino**  
**Schedule of Readings for Year Two: New Testament (2009)**

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**Primary Text:** *The Holy Bible* (any “Study Edition” that has extensive introductions, notes, maps, etc.)

**Secondary Text:** Raymond E. Brown. *An Introduction to the New Testament*. NY: Doubleday, 1997.

*NOTE:* Please do the scheduled readings **before** coming to each month’s session, *especially* the biblical texts!

*NOTE:* The chapters in Brown’s book are long and detailed, so you are *not* expected to read every single word.

For each chapter, **carefully read** the sections called “General Analysis of the Message” and “The Background,” but only **briefly skim** the concluding “Issues and Problems for Reflection” and any other sections in between.

**January 10:** *Introduction to the NT & Gospel according to Mark*

**BIBLE: The Gospel according to Mark**

**BROWN:** Chapters 1, 6A (pp. 99-111), Ch. 7; also *skim* Ch. 2 & 3 (*as time permits*)

Reflection Paper, due in Feb.: on **Mark 5, or Mark 7, or Mark 13**

**February 14:** *Gospel according to Matthew*

**BIBLE: The Gospel according to Matthew**

**BROWN:** Chapter 6B (pp. 111-122) and Ch. 8 (also *skim* Ch. 5)

Reflection Paper, due in March: on **Matt 7, or Matt 18, or Matt 25**

**March 14:** *Luke’s Two-Volume Work*

**BIBLE: The Gospel according to Luke & The Acts of the Apostles**

**BROWN:** Chapters 9-10 (also *skim* Ch. 4)

Reflection Paper, due in April: on **Luke 10, or Luke 16, or Acts 7, or Acts 19**

**April 4:** *Johannine Literature*

**BIBLE: The Gospel according to John & The Johannine Letters (1, 2, 3 John)**

**BROWN:** Chapters 11-14

Reflection Paper, due in May: on **John 3, or John 15, or John 17, or 1 John 3**

**May 9:** *Paul’s Early/Undisputed Writings*

**BIBLE: 1 Thessalonians, Galatians, Philippians, Philemon, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Romans**

**BROWN:** Chapters 18-24 (also *skim* Ch. 15-17)

Reflection Paper, due in Sept.: on **Rom 11, or 1 Cor 15, or 2 Cor 8–9, or Phil 2, or 1 Thess 2–3**

**September 12:** *Deutero-Pauline Letters*

**BIBLE: 2 Thessalonians, Colossians, Ephesians; 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus**

**BROWN:** Chapters 25-31

Reflection Paper, due in Oct.: on **Eph 4, or Col 1, or 1 Tim 3–4, or 2 Tim 2, or Titus 1–2**

**October 10:** *Hebrews & Catholic Epistles*

**BIBLE: Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, [1 & 2 & 3 John], Jude**

**BROWN:** Chapters 32-36

Work on longer research paper, due in November – see separate instruction page

**November 14:** *Book of Revelation*

**BIBLE: The Book of Revelation**

**BROWN:** Chapter 37

Longer research paper due – see separate instruction page

One-page Reflection Paper, due in Dec.: on **Rev 2, or Rev 4–5, or Rev 18, or Rev 21**

**December 12:** *New Testament Theology & Early Christian Writings*

**EARLY CHRISTIAN TEXTS: selections will be handed out in November**

**BROWN: reread** Chapters 1-3; also read Appendices I & II (pp. 817-840)

*Last chance to turn in any late or missing papers.*