

O.L.V. SMALL GROUP OFFERINGS FOR WINTER 2021

*** Please note that some small groups will be offered on campus while others will be offered online via Zoom. To sign up, visit the OLV website small group page. All small groups that meet in person will have some mask requirements.***

To Register for a Small Group: Visit the OLV Website- ourladyofthevalley.net or Sign-up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084FA5AF2AA3F85-olvsmall1>

*those unable to sign-up online may contact the office (970) 686-5084

Consecration to St. Joseph Small Groups

Consecration Day is on March 19th – St. Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin

2 OPTIONS TO ATTEND A ST. JOSEPH CONSECRATION GROUP

Monday (Men) – 6:30-8:00pm - Start date: February 8th

Tuesday (Adults) – 6:30-8:00pm - Start date: February 9th

Drawing on the wealth of the Church's living tradition, Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, calls on all of us to turn to St. Joseph, entrust ourselves, our Church, and our world to our spiritual father's loving care, and then watch for wonders when the Universal Patron of the Church opens the floodgates of Heaven to pour out graces into our lives today. Definitely a book for our time, Consecration to St. Joseph is dedicated to meeting the challenges of the present moment and restoring order to our Church and our world, all through the potent paternal intercession and care of St. Joseph.

Group for/Location: Adults/On OLV Campus

Materials/Cost: Book/\$10

Day of Week/Time: Mondays (men) / Tuesdays (Adults)

Contact Info:

Mondays – Michael Tschetter - michael.tschetter@gmail.com

Tuesdays – Renee Pifer - reenepifer4@gmail.com

Lenten Retreat Series – 2 Options: MONDAY AM / THURSDAY PM

The Lenten Retreat Series will teach you about holiness and practical ways to grow in it during these unprecedented times. The topics will include: Prayer, Virtues, the Practice of the Presence of God, Understanding God's will, sacrifice, and how to incorporate a plan of life. With the hope of gaining knowledge in these principles (used by the saints), we will explore how to use them practically to grow in love of God and others, and bring new beginnings in your own spiritual life.

Group for/Location: Adults/OLV Campus

Materials/Cost: Materials/\$5

Day of Week/Time: Mondays 9:45-11:15am / Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm

Start Date/Duration: Monday, February 8th / Thursday, February 11th (7 Weeks)

Leader: Andrew Logan

Contact: Andrew Logan – andrew@ourladyofthevalley.net

Time for God by Fr. Philippe (The basics of prayer) – MONDAY PM (ZOOM) & THURSDAY AM

Are you too busy to pray? What if you could actually gain time and be more productive by praying? Would you pray more? We often forget the real secret to gaining time and being productive is to *seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well* (Mt 6:33). If we make time for God through prayer, He multiplies our time and makes it fruitful and productive in all areas of our life. But have you ever felt unsure about how to pray? For that matter, what exactly *is* prayer and who is it for? And where, when and how should you pray?

Group for/Location: Adults/On OLV Campus and Zoom

Materials/Cost: Book/\$14 OLV Bookstore or Amazon

Day of Week/Time: Mondays 4:00-5:00pm (Zoom)/Thursdays 9:45am – 11:15am

Start Date/Duration: February 8th or February 11th (6 Weeks)

Leader: Andrew Logan – andrew@ourladyofthevalley.net

The Way of Perfection by St. Teresa of Avila (Study Edition) – TUESDAY AM

In *The Way of Perfection*, St. Teresa gives practical counsels and advice on prayer, destined originally for the few nuns who embraced the reformed Carmelite life she established. Over the centuries, the book's appeal has reached far beyond the walls of Carmelite monasteries, and *The Way of Perfection* has become a spiritual classic. More and more today, Teresa's instructions speak to all those interested in prayer, providing them with basic guidelines for praying and showing how to avoid potential pitfalls.

Group for/Location: Adults/OLV Campus

Materials/Cost: Book/\$20

Day of Week/Time: Tuesdays 9:45-11:15am

Start Date/Duration: Tuesday, February 9th (11 Weeks)

Leader: Stephen Choate - dschoate@comcast.net

No Greater Love – TUESDAY PM

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you—grow closer to Jesus than you ever have before.

Group for/Location: Adults/OLV Campus

Materials/Cost: Book/\$30

Day of Week/Time: Tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm

Start Date/Duration: Tuesday, February 16th (10 Weeks)

Leader: Bob and Kathy Wingert

Contact: Andrew Logan – andrew@ourladyofthevalley.net

Men Growing in Faith – TUESDAY PM on Campus and Zoom option

Catholic men, consider joining Men Growing in Faith. We are an ongoing group since 2014 and welcome new members anytime. We meet most Tuesdays from fall to spring for about an hour starting at 7:00 pm. Meetings include group prayer, an open forum where any religious topic or question can be brought up and discussed and a short program followed by discussion. We offer support and encouragement.

Group for/Location: Men/OLV Campus and Zoom

Materials/Cost: TBA

Day of Week/Time: Tuesdays 7:00-8:00pm

Start Date/Duration: Ongoing – New members welcome!

Leaders: Dennis Spencer and Will Geiger - dennisspencer@gmail.com

The Crucified Rabbi: Judaism and the Origins of Catholic Christianity – WEDNESDAYS AM

This small group book study will seek answers to the following questions: How does Jesus fulfill over three hundred Old Testament Prophecies? (each listed inside this book) Is Catholicism inherently Anti-Semitic? Do the Hebrew Scriptures accurately predict Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah? How does Jewish thinking presuppose devotion to Mary? Is the Catholic Church a fulfillment of historic Israel? How do Jewish water rituals relate to Catholic baptism? Is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass a Passover meal?

Group for/Location: Adults/OLV Campus

Materials/Cost: Book/\$15

Day of Week/Time: Wednesdays 9:45-11:15am

Start Date/Duration: February 10th (6 Weeks)

Leader: Sharon Carr - sharoncarr341@centurylink.net

4 Week Lenten “Quick Group” – WEDNESDAY PM (Zoom)

For those who want a brief Lenten group that lasts only 4 weeks. What can we accomplish in four short weeks? A lot! This group intends to provide help to those interested getting into some good spiritual habits. We will cover the why, what and how of spiritual practices that can be simple to implement.

Group for/Location: Adults/Zoom

Materials/Cost: Free

Day of Week/Time: Wednesdays 4:00-5:00pm (Zoom)

Start Date/Duration: Wednesday, February 24th (4 Weeks)

Leader: Andrew Logan

Contact: Andrew Logan – andrew@ourladyofthevalley.net

"Into the Breach": An Exploration of Catholic Husbandry and Fatherhood" – DURING R.E. (WED)

"Into the Breach: An Exploration of Catholic Husbandry and Fatherhood" is a free 7 week gathering of men to study and to discuss a man's role in solid Catholic leadership in the home and beyond. "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another" (Proverbs 27:17). Through shared experience and small group discussion, men build a brotherhood through Into the Breach, strengthening them in their mission as disciples.

Group for/Location: Men/OLV Hall

Materials/Cost: Free

Day of Week/Time: Wednesdays 6:00-7:00pm

Start Date/Duration: Wednesday, February 24th (7 Weeks)

Leader: Jim Bramer

Contact: Jim Bramer (Jbramer@bramerlegal.com) (970) 460-0266

Unbound / Freedom in Christ By Neal Lozano – WEDNESDAY PM (Zoom)

Unbound is a program designed to help Catholics break free from the chains that bind them to their past and enjoy freedom in Christ by understanding how their past may be blocking their full potential to live a happy and faith-filled life. It teaches us loving and effective healing prayers and gives us insights into our negative emotions, habits, and practices which each Catholic can break and change through repentance and faith, forgiveness, renunciation, and taking authority over these negative influences. In 8 weeks we will go through the complete Unbound program, step-by-step, and learn how to find freedom through Christ!

Group for/Location: Adults/Zoom

Materials/Cost: Unbound Book and Freedom in Christ Workbook - \$35.00

Day of Week/Time: Wednesday Evenings from 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Start Date/Duration: February 17th - April 7th, 2021

Leader: Linda Parker

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A Quick Journey Through the Bible – DURING R.E. THURSDAYS

Many Catholics want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word, but they give up because it seems so complicated. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* helps you get the "big picture" by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows you how to read the Bible so that you can actually understand it.

Group for/Location: Adults/OLV Campus

Materials/Cost: Chart/\$5

Day of Week/Time: Thursdays 6:00-7:00pm

Start Date/Duration: February 4th (8 Weeks)

Leader: Andrew Logan - andrew@ourladyofthevalley.net