

New Testament

Student Information Sheet

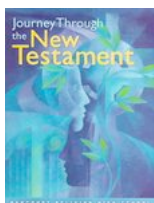
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Materials:

- There are three required texts for this course that must be brought to class each day. Failure to bring these books to class will inhibit the student's ability to comprehend the material discussed in class.



○ 1. **Journey Through the New Testament** : This textbook is on loan to you. A \$15.00 charge will occur if this book is damaged, not covered, or lost. There is an option to purchase it.

○ 2. **Catholic Youth Bible: NAB Revised**. Be sure you have the revised edition. Use of other editions will result in confusion. Unless noted by instructor, all biblical work is to be done from this particular bible. If you do not have this particular bible, you may borrow one from Campus Ministry. (See the instructor.) The option to purchase one for \$25.00 is also available.



○ 3. **Scripture Study Book: New Testament**: This text will be kept in the classroom.

- Required Supplies:

- 1. **Loose-leaf writing paper**. This paper is for written assignments handed in for grading. Also this is the paper you will use for your responses to the *Scripture Study Book: New Testament*.
- 2. **Binder**: A one and one half inch, three ring binder with sheet protectors.
 - "TIP" → Get together with a couple of students and share a package of sheet protectors.

· Set up binder in this fashion

- NOTES / LOOSELEAF NOTEBOOK PAPER
- HANDOUTS
- BIBLE WORKSHEETS
- TESTS/QUIZZES
- HOMEWORK
- LECTIONARY / SCRIPTURE WORK
- PROJECTS/PAPERS
- PRAYERS
- SYLLABUS AND INFORMATION

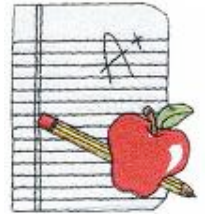


- 3. **Writing Utensils**: # 2 pencils and pen. Failure to bring these to class will result in disciplinary action.



GRADED WORK:

- It is best if all graded work, outside of class, is typed. This is most efficient for the student and the instructor. In this way all work can be saved and organized. Keep all graded work in your binder, in order.
- Any written work handed in for grading must be written in either blue or black ink on clean edged, lined, loose leaf paper. Homework turned in with ragged edges will not be accepted.
- The following information is to be included in the top right hand corner of the page of graded work:
 - o the student's name,
 - o the student's ID number for this class
 - o the course period the student is in
 - o the name of the assignment.
 - o the due date of the assignment,
- All work is to be done in **complete sentences** with no abbreviations (@, b/c, w/, LOL, etc.) unless other directions are given.
- Homework is due at the beginning of the class period. Late homework will not be accepted unless one has been absent, or special arrangements are made in advance with Br. Mike.
- All formal, typed written work, ie essays and projects, are to be typed with 1" margins and double spacing.



Prayer:

Each day will begin with prayer. Students are expected to be in their assigned seats when prayer begins. Initially, the instructor will lead the prayer. Eventually, each student will be assigned to be prayer leader for the day. More details to follow.



Class behavior:

- Class begins IMMEDIATELY when the bell rings. We will be ON TIME AND ON TASK. The time between classes is meant to prepare oneself for the class. It is not a time for socializing. Come into class, sit down and organize all your class material before the bell rings. When the bell rings you should be prepared to pray and take notes.
- Everyone is to be **treated with kindness and respect**. Failure to do so is considered a distraction to the class and will result in disciplinary action.
 - The best rule is that **ONLY ONE PERSON SPEAKS** at a time. While someone is speaking, all others are to listen attentively. If one wishes to speak, please raise a hand and wait to be called on. During group work, be sure that only one person in the group is speaking and all others are listening.
 - Once the bell rings, **NO ONE** is permitted to leave the classroom unless it is an emergency.
- **Bathroom rules.** If you need to use the facilities, do so before the bell rings.
- Purses are NOT permitted on desks. Purses and all personal items are to be placed UNDER the SEAT of your desk. For safety reasons, no items are to be placed at your feet or in the aisles.



○ Preparation for class:

- The best way to study for this class is to do it **every day**. Make a schedule and **REVIEW** the notes **every day**. This will keep the information fresh in one's mind and will reveal one's understanding of the class material. Also, be sure to complete all reading assignments.



Class Participation:

- The student is expected to participate in class discussions and in small group work. Each member of the small group will evaluate the others in the small group. (Details to follow.)
- Student is not to work on any other class material during class. Any material not relating to the New Testament Class will be taken by Br. Mike.

Quizzes and Tests:

- Expect a quiz everyday. Come to class prepared. Some quizzes will be announced and some will not be announced. For the most part, quizzes will be on the assigned reading and the previous day's notes.
- Tests: Tests will be announced at the very least one week before the test date.
- There will be a final exam at the end of the semester. Be sure to keep all of your tests. They serve as "study guides" for the final.



Homework:

- Homework is not busy work. It is meant to reinforce class discussions and to challenge the students to think on **THEIR** own. It is meant to both affirm and challenge students in their understanding of the material to learn critical thinking skills. Homework is also an indication of the students' comprehension level. It is meant to assist the students in their ability to comprehend new material. I suggest that working on homework alone.



Projects:

- There may be two to four projects for the semester. Depending on time and the class the students may work in groups. Each student will be assigned to a small group that will meet on various occasions. At the end of the semester, each small group may be required to give a presentation to the class. More information will follow. This option may change to an individual project depending on the needs of the class.

Lectionary Work/Scripture Study

- For the most part, each Friday the class discussion will focus on the Sunday Lectionary. Students will be given the Sunday Readings during the week with questions to be answered about the text. This preparation will assist the group discussion. There could be one of these a week.
- The *Scripture Study Workbook* will help the students apply knowledge acquired in class.



Homily Reflection



- Students will be required to write a reflection paper based on the experience of the homily given at a Sunday Mass. One will be assigned each quarter. Non-Catholics may attend their own faith tradition's service and reflect on the sermon given by the pastor. Non-Christians are to meet with Br. Mike to discuss options. Any exceptions are to be agreed upon in collaboration with the instructor.

Teacher Website

- Nearly all the information needed for this class will be on Br. Mike's website. You may access the site via the Padua website: www.paduafranciscan.com. / academics & guidance / teacher websites
- The address of the site is <http://www.teacherweb.com/OH/PaduaFranciscan/BrMike/>
- The contents of the website:
 - A summary of each day's class discussion
 - All homework assignments
 - All written assignments
 - Calendar of due dates.
 - Any announcements you may need to be aware of
- Check the website every day. This will enforce what was discussed in class.
- Br. Mike's email: mward@paduafranciscan.com



Absences



-If you are absent, you are responsible to make up the work required. You are responsible to find out what work needs to be made up. The instructor will NOT come and find you. Check the website for this class to be up to date with assignments and notes. You are expected to check the website on the days you are absent and come to class prepared with questions.

