

Logistics

- Meet 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 0830-1030 AM in the Lecture Hall
- **FREE on-line Catholic resources**
 - Don't have to buy books
 - Reading links posted to the ministry webpage
- About one chapter of reading every 2 weeks (~10 to 16 pgs.)
- Independent readings- If you miss a meeting you can jump right back in!
- Bring your Catechism and Catholic Bible (we can share if you don't have one)
- Light breakfast & Joe provided!
- Bring curiosity and a heart to



Saint Basil

seek Truth

- Bring a desire to apply our shared knowledge in fellowship and in service to others



Saints Augustine, Gregory the Great, Jerome and Ambrose (left to right)



▶ Practical Catholicism

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8:30-10:30 AM
Lecture Hall (in St. Peter School)
St. Peter Church, Monument, CO

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Verum Interius, Conversa Cordis

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What is Practical Catholicism?

A group of Catholics who seek to challenge ourselves and others to grow in faith through practical application of the gifts of knowledge, understanding and good counsel imparted by the Saints. The group investigates original Catholic texts in “bite-sized” portions so they can be discussed and explored during our 2 hour meetings.



Saint Augustine

Together, we examine the teachings of the Doctors, Fathers and theologians of the Church. We

also seek context and uncover the foundations of our faith as we connect the readings to Sacred Scripture and our traditions/church teachings (the Catechism of the Catholic Church). Most importantly, together, we enrich each other’s lives by building up His Holy Church in exploring how we can apply the lessons in our lives, in our families, at our workplaces and in our community. We ask ourselves, “How is God inviting us to change?” Or, sharing “How our lives are already enriched by God’s teachings, so that we may give Him thanks.” We hope you will join us in growing interiorly and serving others.

Understanding Truth

We will investigate near original text (translated into English) focusing primarily on the Doctors, Fathers and Saints of the Church. Each selection will be examined by the group for its theological intent and message. The discussion will then shift to anchoring points in Holy Scripture and the CCC. **Understanding why we believe what we believe as Catholics** is a central theme of our group. Not only will you learn about these vaunted Saints and theologians, you will begin to be able to defend your faith— understanding the thinking that surrounds Catholic teachings and traditions. This group is perfect for cradle Catholics and anyone who wants more from Mass, their prayer life and their relationships with others and God.

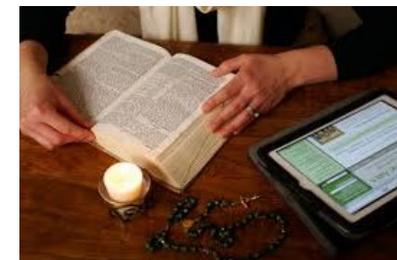
Applying our Faith

Understanding our Catholic faith is good and necessary but **applying our knowledge in service to others** is what we are called to do. *“If you know these things, you shall be blessed if you do them.”* (John 13:17). The central focus during each



Saint Teresa of Ávila

meeting is to encourage each other to share how they plan to or have already applied the lessons the Church Fathers lead us towards. The lessons are timeless and we find that they can be applied to our times as well as theirs. The Church’s Saints and Doctors often had the luxury of Holy Silence which enabled them to deeply reflect on subjects that they write about. Each member of our group is encouraged to emulate that same Holy Silence, as they read and reflect on each reading. *“Hear in silence, and for thy reverence good grace shall come to thee.”* (Ecclesiastes 32:9). Spend time in silent spiritual communion with God seeking to understand how our lives must change to serve Him and others in a more holy and loving way. Everyone’s needs and everyone’s specific application may be different. Through non-attribution sharing of these personal and private reflections, each of us is strengthened as we learn from each other and build-up our fellowship and His Holy Church.



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