



St. Anthony Adult Faith Formation  
**TOPICAL BIBLE STUDIES**  
“Word on Fire” by *Bishop Barron*  
“My people perish for lack of knowledge”

As Christians, we need to be growing in our faith every day. It is vital to learn and do the will of God in order to become better disciples of Christ. Jesus called us to pray, go and do. Therefore, we are to be more than spectators. The topical Bible Studies by “Word on Fire” can help you grow in your knowledge and understanding of God’s Word as you grow in a deeper relationship with the Lord.

**Mark Your Calendar to Attend One or More Studies!**  
**St. Anthony Catholic Church--in the lower church**  
**Tuesdays, 6:30PM**

**STUDY I (7 WEEKS / SEP 11 – OCT 23)**

***DAVID THE KING*—DAVID IS THE PARADIGMATIC KING IN THE OLD TESTAMENT**

His kingship recalls that of Adam in the Garden of Eden, and yet it points toward the King par excellence, Jesus Christ. Adam was the first king and steward of the rightly ordered Garden of Eden. He was called to govern the garden according to God’s mind and purpose, but by allowing negative influences to wreak havoc on Eden, he did not fulfill his kingly responsibility. Long after Adam, David emerged as the definitive king who would restore order in the Garden and bring the world under the lordship of God. But like Adam, David fell, and his reign ushered in a succession of compromised kings and rejected prophets.

The New Testament, however, foretold a son of David who would realize the fullness of Israelite kingship...but whose actual reign defied expectation.

King David causes us to look back toward Adam’s kingship and forward toward Christ the King, seeing Christ as the fulfillment of the Davidic line and the realization of the Kingdom of God on earth. In *David the King*, Bishop Barron helps us to understand this pivotal figure in light of the first king and the King of kings.

**STUDY II – (6 WEEKS / OCT 30 - DEC 11)**

***PRIEST PROFET KING*--A DEEP, BIBILICAL LOOK AT JESUS CHRIST**

The better we understand Jesus, the better we understand ourselves. But who was Jesus, this itinerant preacher whom many called the Messiah? In *Priest, Prophet, King*, you’ll discover Jesus as the Anointed One—the ultimate priest, prophet, and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. Using biblical insights and engaging stories, Bishop Barron affirms that we see Jesus most clearly through the lens of the Old Testament.

Through this deeply biblical program, you will better understand Jesus, become more familiar with Scripture, and realize your own priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission, received when you are baptized “into Christ.”

### **STUDY III – (8 WEEKS / JAN 8 – MARCH 5)**

#### ***CONVERSION – Following the Call of Christ: A LIFELONG JOURNEY OF CONVERSION***

In this film and study program, Bishop Robert Barron illuminates six biblical stories of conversion, demonstrating how six ordinary people, just like you, were met by Jesus where they were and called to a better life through him. The common theme in each story is the turning of all one's attention and energy toward an ever deeper, personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

In his characteristically energetic style, Bishop Barron explains how conversion is not so much a one-time event, but a life-long process. “Jesus Christ calls us in thousands of different ways to follow Him, as we strive on the path for spiritual excellence,” explains Bishop Barron.

### **STUDY V – Lent (9 WEEKS / MARCH 12 – May 7)**

#### ***Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues***

#### **Book, “Now I See” A DEEP LOOK AT SIN AND VIRTUE**

An engaging presentation concerning the seven deadly sins, those great spiritual blocks that inhibit our flourishing in relationship with God and one another.

Based on Dante’s writings, the seven deadly sins correspond to the seven levels of Dante’s Mt. Purgatory. Pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, avarice, and lust are all presented as patterns of dysfunction within us that lead to unhappiness. However, Bishop Barron shows us how to counteract these seven sinful patterns through a conscious process of opposition, which are the “seven lively virtues.” The seven lively virtues offer antidotes to each sin and help set us on the right path to healing and happiness.

### **STUDY VI – Easter ( 6 WEEKS / MAY 14 – JUNE 18)**

#### ***Deeper understanding of the Eucharist:***

#### **Video Eucharist, Audio, as well as a book “The Three Motifs Laid Out”**

#### ***THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF OUR FAITH***

Inspiring insights into the mystery of Christ's presence in our lives and the centrality of the Eucharist as an important part of that presence. So many believers do not understand the Eucharist, which Vatican II said is the “source and summit of the Christian life.” This fresh look at the Eucharist brings to light its reality as sacred meal, the sacrifice necessary for communion with God, and the Real Presence of Christ.

BIBLE STUDIES END IN THE SPRING—SUMMER BREAK

Schedule Subject to Change

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