



Traveling Home

Basic Episcopal Christian

Formation Course, 2022

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This course will help you engage questions of faith from a Christian perspective in the Anglican tradition. It also will provide you with opportunities to form relationships with fellow explorers on the same journey. Because we form a community of fellow spiritual travelers during this course, we ask you to commit to being part of all the sessions. Of course, we also understand life happens and it may be the case that you miss a session.

Required written resources:

1. A Bible – Any version is fine, but some versions are more difficult to read and understand than others. For example, while the King James translation is one of the most beautiful pieces of English literature, it may be difficult for us to understand. Two translation choices are recommended – the *New Revised Standard Version* (NRSV), the translation we use in the readings at mass, and the primary translation used in the Episcopal Church, or the *Common English Bible* (CEB), a recent translation aimed at conveying a clearer meaning in everyday language.
2. *Traveling Home: Tracking Your Way Through the Spiritual Wilderness, (TH)* by Fr. Mark Kowalewski. This book from Church Publishing, Emerged from the basic Formation class. It is available for purchase on line or directly from Fr. Mark.

Class Sessions and Other Events:

Attend class sessions Saturday Mornings, 10:00 a.m. PLEASE NOTE. There will be no class session on Saturday February 26. Instead, we will have our first gathering as a group on Sunday the 27th at the 10:00 a.m. mass.

Attend the 10:00 a.m. mass weekly starting the week before Lent, through the end of the program (February 27- April 16).

Attend the services of Holy Week, especially Maundy Thursday, AND the Great Vigil of Easter -- the culmination of our class!

Weekly Class Format:

What you want to know about the Episcopal Church (10-15 min.) Discussion of weekly topic and readings (1 hour)

2022 Schedule:

| DATE | TOPIC | READINGS |
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| February 5 | Introduction – The existence of God in a secular age | ----- |
| February 12 | A Creator who has a dream | TH, ch. 1-2 Genesis 1-2 |
| February 19 | Wandering – the reality of human sin | TH, ch. 3 Genesis ch. 3-4:16 |
| <i>February 26</i> | <i>NO SESSION</i> | <i>-----</i> |
| March 5 | God's search – The people of Israel | TH ch. 4 Genesis 15, Exodus 20:1-21 |
| March 12 | Jesus' journey | TH ch. 5 Mark ch. 1-8 |
| March 19 | Belief in the Risen Lord | TH ch. 6 Mark ch.9-16 |
| March 26 | Following Jesus | TH ch. 7 John 3:1-22; John 4:1-42 |
| April 2 | The Anglican way of being a Jesus follower Part 1 | TH 8 Baptismal Questions and Covenant, Book of Common Prayer, pp.302-305 |
| April 9 | The Anglican way of being a Jesus follower Part 2 | TH ch. 9-10 |
| HOLY WEEK April 10-April 17 | PLEASE ATTEND THE SPECIAL SERVICES THIS WEEK especially, Maundy Thursday at 7:00 pm (April 14) Formation group has a special role in the liturgy And MOST IMPORTANTLY The Great Vigil of Easter April 16 at 8:00 pm with Bishop Taylor | |