



## Introductory Bible Course *in Spanish*

This course is based on the outline presented in the book: *The Bible Blueprint: A Catholic's Guide to Understanding and Embracing God's Word*, Loyola Press, written by Joe Paprocki, D. Min.

This course does not require students to have prior biblical training, in fact, it is designed to begin a learning journey about scripture. Students will be given some basic concepts to understand how the Bible is organized, what types of writings can be found in it, how to navigate through the Bible and how to interpret the Bible as Catholics.

This course is offered as part of the series *Foundations of the Faith* of the Newman Institute under the Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis, and as a direct response to the pastoral priorities of the V Encuentro.

For more details, or interest in being able to offer these courses, contact the Office of Lay Formation at [layformation@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:layformation@dioceseofjoliet.org) (In English) or the Office of Hispanic Ministry with William Becerra [wbecerra@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:wbecerra@dioceseofjoliet.org) (in Spanish).

### Course Details

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The course is offered in 6 sessions of 2 hours.</li><li>• Professors: Ricardo López, PhD and William Becerra, D. Min. candidate</li><li>• The only cost related to the course is optional: <b>Book \$10</b></li><li>• All sessions will be at:<br/><b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b><br/>205 E Jackson Street<br/>Joliet, IL 60432<br/>In Social Room<br/>from 7:00 to 9:00 PM</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Please ensure your registration with: Sr. Carmen Sotelo @ 815-727-7187.<br/><i>The maximum of students accepted is 40.</i></li><li>• Whoever completes the six sessions will receive a certificate for completing all six sessions.</li></ul> |
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**Sessions Schedule**

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@ Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Session Title</b>	<b>Central Ideas of the session</b>	<b>Material of support</b>	<b>Professor</b>
<b>Session 1:</b> Tuesday April 24	How was the Bible Formed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The concept of Revelation</li> <li>• Relationship between Scripture and tradition</li> <li>• Removing the fear of the Bible</li> </ul>	<i>The Bible Blueprint Sessions 1 &amp; 2</i>	William Becerra
<b>Session 2:</b> Tuesday May 1	History of Salvation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authors of the Bible</li> <li>• The Old and New Testament</li> </ul>	<i>The Bible Blueprint Sessions 3 &amp; 4</i>	Ricardo Lopez, PhD
<b>Session 3:</b> Tuesday May 8	Bible Grammar: How does the Bible Speak?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Symbolic language in the Bible</li> <li>• The danger of Biblical Fundamentalism</li> </ul>	<i>The Bible Blueprint Sessions 5, 6 &amp; 7</i>	Ricardo Lopez, PhD
<b>Session 4:</b> Tuesday May 15	How to Study the Bible?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biblical interpretation</li> <li>• The Bible and the teaching of the church</li> </ul>	<i>The Bible Blueprint Session 8</i>	Ricardo Lopez, PhD
<b>Session 5:</b> Tuesday May 22	Great Stories of the Bible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An immigrant people</li> <li>• God walks with his people</li> <li>• The new alliance with Jesus</li> <li>• The first Christian communities</li> </ul>		William Becerra
<b>Session 6:</b> Tuesday May 29	The Bible and Spiritual Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lectio Divina</li> <li>• Biblical Resources</li> <li>• Biblical Ministry</li> </ul>	<i>The Bible Blueprint Session 9</i>	William Becerra