

Reading The Bible For All Its Worth

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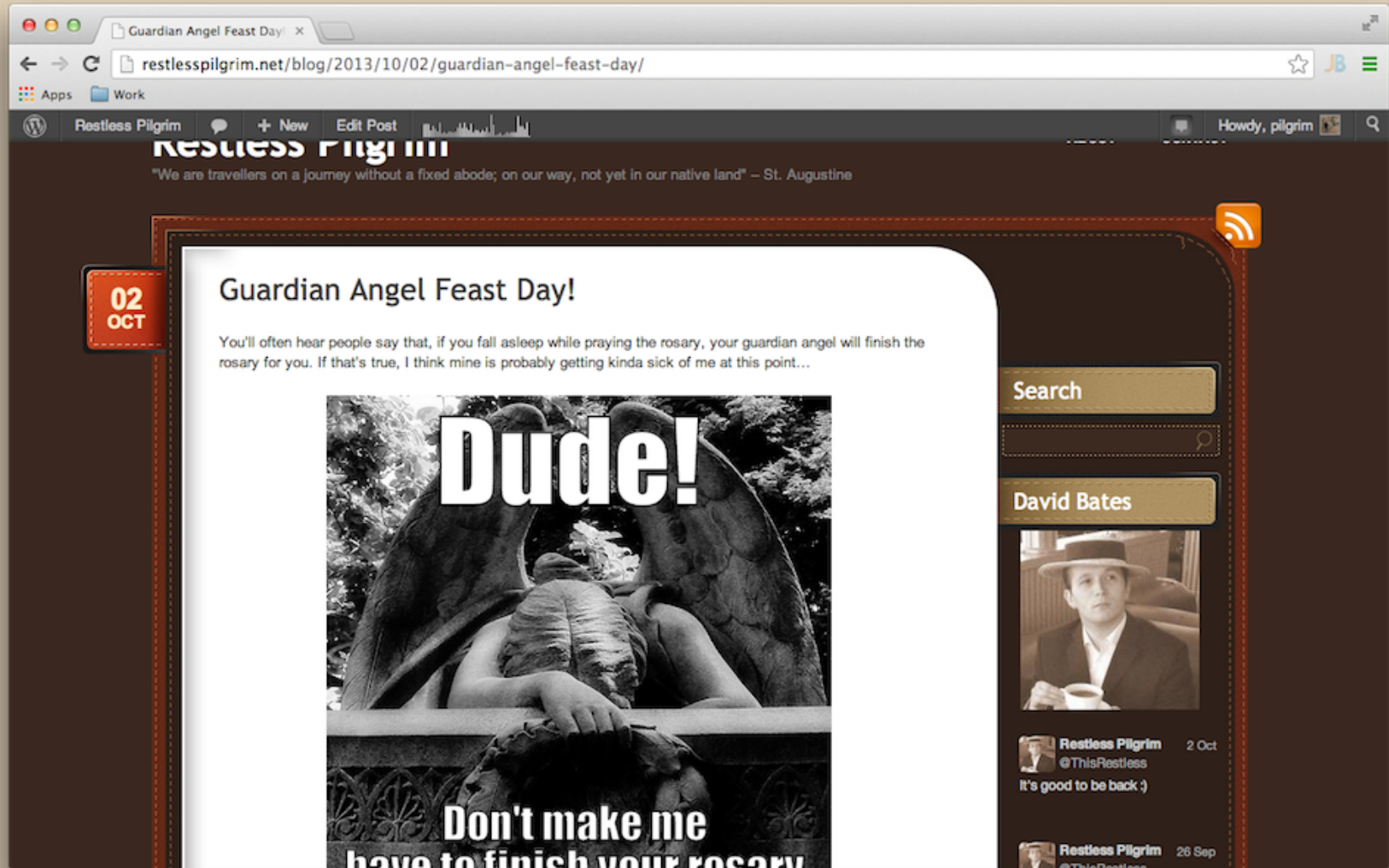
God Save The Queen!



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What we'll talk about tonight...

Part 1: Scripture & Me

Part 2: Scripture & The Catholic Church

Part 3: Scripture & The Sunday Mass

Part 4: Scripture & Study

Know your Rites...



Part 1: Scripture & Me

Encountering the Living Word

Psalty The Singing Songbook



Before I formed you in the
womb I knew you, before
you were born I set you
apart; I appointed you as
a prophet to the nations

- Jeremiah 1:5

You made us for Yourself
O Lord, and our hearts
will wander restless
...until we rest in You

- St. Augustine's "Confessions"

But [the Lord] said to me:

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness”

- 2 Corinthians 12:9

For my loins are filled
with a loathsome disease:
and there is no soundness
in my flesh!

- Psalm 38:7

When In Doubt, just say John 3:16!



Part 2: Scripture & the Church

Catholics read the Bible too!

...the Church has always
venerated the Scriptures as she
venerates the Lord's Body.

...The Church never ceases to
present to the faithful the bread
of life, taken from the one table
of God's Word and Christ's Body.

- The Catechism, Paragraph 103

The fourfold Gospel holds a unique place in the Church, as is evident...in the veneration which the liturgy accords it.

- The Catechism, Paragraph 127

The Church “forcefully and specifically exhorts all the Christian faithful... to learn the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ, by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures”

- The Catechism, Paragraphs 131-133

Holy Scripture is a stream
in which the elephant
may swim and the lamb
may wade.

- Pope St. Gregory, 6th Century

Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ

- St. Jerome, 4th Century

Part 3: Scripture & Mass

Making the most of Sundays

Homily? What homily?



Getting more out of Scripture at Mass

1. Read the Readings beforehand
2. Prepare with Prayer
3. Read along
4. Take a notepad
5. Make Sunday lunch a tradition

Part 4: Scripture & Study

Reading the Bible for all its worth

Getting ready...

Get a Catholic Bible

Decide what to read

~~Bible Bingo (Randomly open and read)~~

~~Like a novel (Genesis to Revelation)~~

~~“Heavy” books (Romans, Revelation, ...)~~

Gospel of Mark

Epistle of James

Paul’s letter to the Philippians

Wisdom Literature: Proverbs, Sirach, Psalms

Decide how much to read at a time

Boiling it down

1. Pray
2. Read
3. Ask Questions
4. Look for Answers
5. Apply to your life

Step 1: Pray

Step 2: Read

Step 3: Ask Questions

Every new thing known
about God is a new reason
to love Him

- Frank Sheed

Good Questions To Ask

1. Context Questions

- (a) Context of the book
- (b) Context of the passage

2. Text Questions

- (a) Meaning of the words
- (b) Who?
- (c) What?
- (d) Where?
- (e) When?
- (f) Why?
- (g) How?

3. Deeper Questions

- (a) Testament Questions
- (b) “End of Time” Questions
- (c) Moral Questions

Step 4: Look For Answers

Step 5: Apply To Life

The Holy Scriptures were not given to us that we should enclose them in books, but that we should engrave them upon our hearts

- St. John Chrysostom, 4th Century

If you know these things,
blessed are you if you do
them

- John 13:17

Conclusion: Pick up & Read

Q&A

Win fabulous prizes!

Group Discussion

Mega Bible Study!

First Reading

The healing of Naaman

First Reading

- What do we know about the 2nd Book of Kings?
- Who is this Naaman? Who is Elisha?
- What has happened so far?
- What do we know about the river he's washing in?
- Why does he wash seven times? Why wasn't once enough?
- What's leprosy? What is its significance?
- What happens in the story?
- How does Naaman respond to his healing?
- Why does Naaman want to take some earth home with him?
- Does this point forward to anything in the New Testament?
- Does this point to anything at the end of time?
- What lesson can we learn from this story?

Gospel Reading

The healing of the ten lepers

Gospel Reading

- What do we know about the Gospel of Luke?
- What do we know about Samaria and Galilee?
- What do we know about lepers?
- Why did they stand at a distance?
- Is there any symbolism with the number ten?
- How do they address Jesus?
- What did Jesus tell them to do? What happens?
- How does one of them respond? What significance is there that the one who returns is a foreigner?
- Does this point forward to anything?
- What lesson are we to learn from this?
- What is the link between the two Readings?
- Where is the Good News?

Announcements

“RestlessPilgrim.net is one of my all-time favourite Catholic Blogs! I urge all Catholics to visit it daily!”

- Pope Francis *

* Unconfirmed. Possibly a misquotation...