

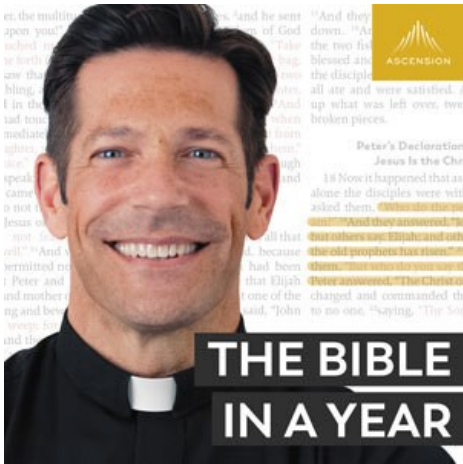
President's Report

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Resources that enriched my Lent

This Lent I was introduced to two new resources that I have really enjoyed.

The first is the Bible in a Year podcast series that has been recorded by Fr. Mike Schmitz (from Duluth, MN).



Each podcast is about 20 minutes. Fr. Mike simply reads the text—no frills, no background music, just the text. He then offers a short prayer and a bit of commentary. He closes with a prayer and words of encouragement.

The readings are structured around Jeff Cavins' Great Adventure Bible Timeline and then interspersed in those readings are the non-narrative books in their context.

I have never gotten through such heavy parts of Scripture with such ease! Although he is way ahead of me in schedule, I listen to them at my own pace for a break, a devotion, or while walking.

I feel like I am getting reacquainted with so much Scripture that I had not connected with in years and I am thoroughly enjoying the ride!

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/podcast/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/>

The second resource I am very much enjoying is the new streaming series called *"The Chosen."* The whole production of this series is an amazing testimony by itself. But the final product of the enactments of the story of Jesus have been absolutely delightful. Just Google "The Chosen" and a number of viewing options will come up. You should be able to watch Season One for free if you don't mind some ads. We have been accessing it so far on our Roku through the YouTube Channel.



After the encounter with the Woman at the Well, they are ready to spread the Gospel!



All the Scriptural parts so far are totally accurate. The imagined fiction parts are what I would describe as very creative *Lexio Divina*. Though the actor playing Jesus was new to me (he has been in some television and other productions), he has a wonderful testimony of growth in his Catholic faith, with a special devotion to Divine Mercy. If you haven't watched any of this series yet, I would highly recommend it.

Zebedee saying goodbye to his sons, James and John. Ever wonder why Jesus called them "Sons of Thunder?"