

The Book of Revelation

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When life gets tough, wouldn't it be nice to peer into the future to see if it (hopefully) has a happy ending? In much the same way, when reading a scary story, are you tempted to sneak a peek at the last chapter to see if it's going to turn out okay? Well, the Book of Revelation was written primarily for that very purpose — to encourage the faithful during difficult times to remain steadfast in Christ and so come through tribulation refined, renewed and transformed and even to understand the redemptive nature of our individual and collective sufferings.

The Book of Revelation builds upon both the apocalyptic tradition of the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus Himself. Its basic message is a call for the “endurance of the holy ones” (13:10). But in many ways, Revelation transcends apocalyptic because the turn of the tide, the new age has already begun. The victory of God over evil has already been accomplished through the death and resurrection of Jesus — an inchoate victory in which we and all of the faithful share.

However, wildly varying interpretations of this text have emerged over the centuries which have generated as much confusion as clarity concerning John's visions of cosmic conflict and how salvation history is yet to unfold. Join us for a provocative study of this capstone book of the Bible as we seek better to understand its enduring message for our lives, which is at once written both for our time and for all times.

Join us for our Fall Bible Study

- Who:** All are welcome
- What:** A Bible study (using a New Collegeville Bible Commentary)
- When:** Thursday mornings, September 27 - November 15
- Where:** St. Victoria Parish Family, St. Anthony Youth Room
- Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Cost:** Suggested donation \$10 (to cover the cost of the guide)

To RSVP Contact Mary Catino (952) 443-2661