

**Youth & Family Religious Formation  
Plan for Adult Men and Women, 2024-2025**



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# Adult Men and Women Formation

## 2024-2025 Religious Formation:

During the liturgical seasons of Advent and Lent the parish offers women's and men religious formation studies that differ from year to year. Below are the descriptions of each study we will be utilizing during Advent 2024 and Lent 2025.

### Advent 2024:

#### ***Cultivate a Rich and Lasting Prayer Life***

Authored and presented by Dr. Edward Sri, *When You Pray* also features Fr. Jacques Philippe, Fr. Josh Johnson, Fr. Gregory Pine, Sister Josephine Garrett, Fr. Donald Haggerty, and Sister Maris Stella.

You know prayer is important but still find it challenging. Perhaps it's hard to find time, or you're unsure what to do when you pray. Or maybe you feel discouraged by your weaknesses and your inability to overcome them. If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Many of the saints struggled in prayer. They were like us. But each time they fell, they got up again and learned to rely more on God's grace. What God did in the lives of countless saints; he wants to do in the lives of ordinary people like us. And that's what this study is about: the journey of prayer God wants to take us on.

### Meetings:

Seven-week study, October 30, 2024- December 18, 2024

Wednesday Day Class (Women ONLY): 1 - 2:30pm

Wednesday Evening Class (Men and Women): 5:30- 7pm.

\*Men and women will watch the opening video together and then break out into men's and women's small groups for discussion.

### Lent 2025

#### ***No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion***

Authored and presented by Edward Sri, *No Greater Love* also features Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jeff Cavins, Jennifer Fulwiler, Curtis Martin, Teresa Tomeo, Fr. Josh Johnson, and Elizabeth Sri.

Will You Follow Jesus to Calvary? Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament

prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you—grow closer to Jesus than you ever have before.

### **Meetings:**

Five-week study, Wednesday March 12th, 2025 – Thursday April 10, 2025

#### **Wednesday Day Class (Women ONLY): 1 - 2:30pm**

\*Last class will be held on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

#### **Wednesday Evening Class (Men and Women): 5:30- 7pm.**

\*Men and women will watch the opening video together and then break out into men's and women's small groups for discussion.

### **Registration:**

- \$50 per person, per study.
- Fees will help to cover the cost of purchasing the program.

### **Your Participation is the Key to Our Success!**

For these formation studies to be implemented and successful we need the participation of both Men and Women to help lead one or both formation studies. The leader's task is very simple. You don't have to be an expert on Scripture, and you don't need to have a theology degree. You will be helping guide the class through the study and discussion questions by reading straight off the leaders guide which will be provided for you.

Please email the Director of Youth & Family Religious Formation, Alyssa Salazar, to sign up **TODAY** to lead one or both studies: [youth-family@fatimalafayette.org](mailto:youth-family@fatimalafayette.org)