



Confirmation

Bible Report!

Due date: January 15, 2024

As a full member of the Catholic Church, you will want to know scripture! The Bible contains everything you could possibly need to know about the origin and destiny of the created world, the secrets of the human heart, all the ways we can fall, and how we can find wisdom in this life and eternal joy in the next. Most importantly, prayerfully reading the Bible is one of the best ways to learn about your redeemer Jesus Christ. *You can't love what you don't know!* So, as part of your first year of Confirmation prep, you will be asked to select just *one* book of the Bible and read it, start to finish. You may choose any of the options below:

Old Testament

- Genesis
- Exodus
- 1 Samuel
- Judith
- Job
- Wisdom of Solomon (also called "Wisdom")
- 1 Maccabees

New Testament

- Gospel of Luke
- Gospel of John
- Acts of the Apostles (also called "Acts")
- First Letter or Epistle to the Corinthians (also called "1 Corinthians")
- Letter or Epistle to the Philippians (also called "Philippians")

It goes without saying that you'll need a Catholic Bible to do the assignment. Some English examples are the Revised Standard Catholic Edition, the Knox Bible, the English Standard Version Catholic Edition (also called the "Augustine Bible"), and the Douay-Rheims Edition. Examples of Bibles you *may not* use are the King James Version, the New International Version, or the New World Translation, because they are not Catholic Bibles. It's preferable that you use something other than the New American, but if that's all you have access to, you can use that one too. You may also read it in Spanish or any other language you're comfortable in.



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Once you've read your chosen book in its entirety, you're going to do some written reflection on it. The written reflection will be at least 1,000 words. It will include:

- A very brief overview. If your chosen book has a narrative to it like in Exodus, Job, one of the gospels, etc., describe in short some of the central characters. If your chosen book doesn't really have a narrative like in Wisdom or 1 Corinthians, instead describe some of the main ideas throughout.
- A personal response. This will take up the majority of the report. Did you know something about your book before reading it for this report? Did you learn something new? What reactions/questions has reading this book raised for you?
- A connection to some of the things we've learned about our faith in class. Were you reminded of anything covered either in the large group or small groups? Do any terms, names, or ideas jump out at you? Was there a place, name, or event in your book that reminds you of a moment from Mass or maybe one of the other sacraments?

***Note:** Responding to this final bit will need to entail something more than "This book talked about God, and I remember us talking about God in class." An example of a good connection to draw would be something like "In Acts of the Apostles, the apostles receive the Holy Spirit, which is what I'll be receiving at Confirmation."