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One Year Bible Challenge

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*"Read the divine scriptures constantly;
indeed, never let the holy book be out of your hand."*

– St. Jerome

This year, challenge yourself to read through the Bible in 2026! The schedule of readings on the following pages will help you do it.

How to do it: Just read through the chapters assigned for each day! It's that easy.

Options: If you're up for it, read both the Old and New Testament readings for each day. Or, if you're looking to read a little less, you could read just one or the other. The New Testament sequence, in particular, would only take couple of minutes per day.

Starting later?: The days in the plan are numbered, so you could always just start on "Day One" and take it from there, ignoring the dates. Alternatively...

Drop in for particular sequences: Hop into our parish read-along for specific portions of the Bible that interest you. Some examples include: The Wisdom literature of the Old Testament, the Pauline letters, the Minor Prophets, and the "Catholic Epistles."

Connect with others: Every discipline is easier (and more fun) with some accountability partners—and every reading of the Bible is richer with more perspectives. Why not get together with others taking the 2026 Bible Challenge, and talk about what you're reading? We'll have two weekly reading groups to choose from; one on Zoom, and one in person here at St. Matthew's.

More info at: <https://stmattsaustrin.org/st-matts-2026-bible-challenge/>



Finding the Right Bible for your 2026 One-Year Bible Challenge

"Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people...
and the Levites helped the people to understand the Law.
So they read from the book, from the Law of God, with interpretation.
They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading."
– Nehemiah 8:5-8

The Bible isn't always easy to understand. Finding the right translation can make the difference between sticking with it, or throwing up your hands in frustration because "it makes no sense." And finding the right *edition* (i.e., the way a Bible is "packaged," such as a Study Bible) can also make the difference between understanding what you're reading, or just "muddling through." A good Study Bible is like those scribes with Ezra—they "give the sense" of the reading, clarifying details which might not be obvious to the layperson.

Fr. Andrew's recommended translations:

New Revised Standard Version –used in most Episcopal churches on Sundays.

Good, scholarly, fairly literal but not stilted. Inclusive language for generic humanity (e.g. "brothers" becomes "brothers and sisters")

New International Version – Pretty good, too; *does* use gendered language for generic humanity.

Common English Bible or the *Good News Bible* are great choices for the simplest language. Good choices for kids / teens.

Fr. Andrew's recommended Study Bibles:

Because Study Bibles provide *interpretation*, it's especially unhelpful to end up with one that's a bad fit for you. Some are quite biased, specifically catering to one specific denomination and its point of view. (Neither a Roman Catholic nor an "Evangelical" study bible is likely to be quite right for an Episcopalian, for example). I recommend Study Bibles which feature input from a wide spectrum of top-of-the-line Biblical scholars, as well as input from many different denominations. Some of the best ecumenical ones are:

The New Oxford Annotated Bible

The HarperCollins Study Bible

The Society of Biblical Literature Study Bible

273. 10/31: Isa 9-10; Eph 3
274. 11/1: Isa 11-13; Eph 4
275. 11/2: Isa 14-16
276. 11/3: Isa 17-19; Eph 5
277. 11/4: Isa 20-22; Eph 6
278. 11/5: Isa 23-25; Phil 1
279. 11/6: Isa 26-27; Phil 2
280. 11/7: Isa 28-29; Phil 3
281. 11/8: Isa 30-31; Phil 4
282. 11/9: Isa 32-33; Col 1
283. 11/10: Isa 34-36; Col 2
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285. 11/12: Isa 39-40; Col 4
286. 11/13: Isa 41-42; 1 Thess 1
287. 11/14: Isa 43-44; 1 Thess 2
288. 11/15: Isa 45-46; 1 Thess 3
289. 11/16: Isa 47-49; 1 Thess 4
290. 11/17: Isa 50-52; 1 Thess 5
291. 11/18: Isa 53-55; 2 Thess 1
292. 11/19: Isa 56-58; 2 Thess 2
293. 11/20: Isa 59-61; 2 Thess 3
294. 11/21: Isa 62-64; 1 Tim 1
295. 11/22: Isa 65-66; 1 Tim 2
296. 11/23: Jer 1-2; 1 Tim 3
297. 11/24: Jer 3-5; 1 Tim 4
298. 11/25: Jer 6-8; 1 Tim 5
299. 11/26: Jer 9-11; 1 Tim 6
300. 11/27: Jer 12-14; 2 Tim 1
301. 11/28: Jer 15-17; 2 Tim 2
302. 11/29: Jer 18-19; 2 Tim 3
303. 11/30: Jer 20-21; 2 Tim 4
304. 12/1: Jer 22-23; Titus 1
305. 12/2: Jer 24-26; Titus 2
306. 12/3: Jer 27-29; Titus 3
307. 12/4: Jer 30-31; Philemon
308. 12/5: Jer 32-33; Heb 1
309. 12/6: Jer 34-36; Heb 2
310. 12/7: Jer 37-39; Heb 3
311. 12/8: Jer 40-42; Heb 4
312. 12/9: Jer 43-45; Heb 5
313. 12/10: Jer 46-47; Heb 6
314. 12/11: Jer 48-49; Heb 7
315. 12/12: Jer 50; Heb 8
316. 12/13: Jer 51-52; Heb 9
317. 12/14: Lam. 1-2; Heb 10
318. 12/15: Lamentations 3-5
319. 12/16: Ezekiel 1-2

320. 12/17: Ezek 3-4; Heb 11
321. 12/18: Ezek 5-7; Heb 12
322. 12/19: Ezek 8-10; Heb 13
323. 12/20: Ezek 11-13; James 1
324. 12/21: Ezek 14-15; James 2
325. 12/22: Ezek 16-17; James 3
326. 12/23: Ezek 18-19; James 4
327. 12/24: Ezek 20-21; James 5
328. 12/25: Ezek 22-23; 1 Pet 1
329. 12/26: Ezek 24-26; 1 Pet 2
330. 12/27: Ezek 27-29; 1 Pet 3
331. 12/28: Ezek 30-32; 1 Pet 4
332. 12/29: Ezek 33-34; 1 Pet 5
333. 12/30: Ezek 35-36; 2 Pet 1
334. 12/31: Ezek 37-39; 2 Pet 2
335. 1/1: Ezek 40-41; 2 Pet 3
336. 1/2: Ezek 42-44; 1 John 1
337. 1/3: Ezek 45-46; 1 John 2
338. 1/4: Ezek 47-48; 1 John 3
339. 1/5: Daniel 1-2; 1 John 4
340. 1/6: Daniel 3-4; 1 John 5
341. 1/7: Daniel 5-7; 2 John
342. 1/8: Daniel 8-10; 3 John
343. 1/9: Daniel 11-12; Jude
344. 1/10: Hosea 1-4; Rev 1
345. 1/11: Hosea 5-8; Rev 2
346. 1/12: Hosea 9-11; Rev 3
347. 1/13: Hosea 12-14; Rev 4
348. 1/14: Joel; Rev 5
349. 1/15: Amos 1-3; Rev 6
350. 1/16: Amos 4-6; Rev 7
351. 1/17: Amos 7-9; Rev 8
352. 1/18: Obadiah; Rev 9
353. 1/19: Jonah; Rev 10
354. 1/20: Micah 1-3; Rev 11
355. 1/21: Micah 4-5; Rev 12
356. 1/22: Micah 6-7; Rev 13
357. 1/23: Nahum; Rev 14
358. 1/24: Habakkuk; Rev 15
359. 1/25: Zephaniah; Rev 16
360. 1/26: Haggai; Rev 17
361. 1/27: Zech 1-4; Rev 18
362. 1/28: Zech 5-8; Rev 19
363. 1/29: Zech 9-12; Rev 20
364. 1/30: Zech 13-14; Rev 21
365. 1/31: Malachi; Rev 22



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One Year Bible Challenge - Reading Plan, 2026

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7. 2/7: Gen 18-19; Matt 6	49. 3/21: Lev 23-24
8. 2/8: Gen 20-22	50. 3/22: Lev 25; Mark 1
9. 2/9: Gen 23-24; Matt 7	51. 3/23: Lev 26-27; Mark 2
10. 2/10: Gen 25-26	52. 3/24: Num 1-2; Mark 3
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13. 2/13: Gen 31-32	55. 3/27: Num 7-8
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16. 2/16: Gen 39-40; Matt 11	58. 3/30: Num 15-16; Mark 6
17. 2/17: Gen 41-42; Matt 12	59. 3/31: Num 17-19
18. 2/18: Gen 43-45	60. 4/1: Num 20-22
19. 2/19: Gen 46-48; Matt 13	61. 4/2: Num 23-25; Mark 7
20. 2/20: Gen 49-50	62. 4/3: Num 26-28; Mark 8
21. 2/21: Ex 1-3; Matt 14	63. 4/4: Num 29-31; Mark 9
22. 2/22: Ex 4-6	64. 4/5: Num 32-34
23. 2/23: Ex 7-8; Matt 15	65. 4/6: Num 35-36; Mark 10
24. 2/24: Ex 9-11	66. 4/7: Deut 1-3
25. 2/25: Ex 12-13; Matt 16	67. 4/8: Deut 4-6; Mark 11
26. 2/26: Ex 14-15; Matt 17	68. 4/9: Deut 7-9
27. 2/27: Ex 16-18	69. 4/10: Deut 10-12; Mark 12
28. 2/28: Ex 19-20; Matt 18	70. 4/11: Deut 13-15
29. 3/1: Ex 21-22; Matt 19	71. 4/12: Deut 16-18; Mark 13
30. 3/2: Ex 23-24;	72. 4/13: Deut 19-21
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33. 3/5: Ex 29-30; Matt 21	75. 4/16: Deut 28-29
34. 3/6: Ex 31-33	76. 4/17: Deut 30-31; Mark 15
35. 3/7: Ex 34-35; Matt 22	77. 4/18: Deut 32-34
36. 3/8: Ex 36-38	78. 4/19: Josh 1-3; Mark 16
37. 3/9: Ex 39-40; Matt 23	79. 4/20: Josh 4-7
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39. 3/11: Lev 4-5; Matt 24	81. 4/22: Josh 11-13
40. 3/12: Lev 6-8	82. 4/23: Josh 14-15; Luke 1
41. 3/13: Lev 9-10; Matt 25	83. 4/24: Josh 16-18; Luke 2
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88. 4/29: Judg 7-8; Luke 5	135. 6/15: 2 Kgs 22-23; John 4	182. 8/1: Job 20-21; Acts 10	229. 9/17: Ps 97-99; Romans 16
89. 4/30: Judg 9-10	136. 6/16: 2 Kgs 24-25; John 5	183. 8/2: Job 22-24; Acts 11	230. 9/18: Ps 100-102; 1 Cor 1
90. 5/1: Judg 11-12; Luke 6	137. 6/17: 1 Chronicles 1-3	184. 8/3: Job 25-27; Acts 12	231. 9/19: Ps 103-104; 1 Cor 2
91. 5/2: Judg 13-15	138. 6/18: 1 Chron 4-7	185. 8/4: Job 28-29; Acts 13	232. 9/20: Ps 105-106; 1 Cor 3
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93. 5/4: Judg 19-21	140. 6/20: 1 Chron 11-12; John 6	187. 8/6: Job 32-33; Acts 14	234. 9/22: Ps 110-112; 1 Cor 5
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95. 5/6: 1 Sam 1-3; Luke 8	142. 6/22: 1 Chron 16-18	189. 8/8: Job 36-37	236. 9/24: Ps 116-118; 1 Cor 7
96. 5/7: 1 Sam 4-7	143. 6/23: 1 Chron 19-21; John 8	190. 8/9: Job 38-40	237. 9/25: Ps 119
97. 5/8: 1 Sam 8-10	144. 6/24: 1 Chron 22-24	191. 8/10: Job 41-42; Acts 16	238. 9/26: Ps 120; 1 Cor 8
98. 5/9: 1 Sam 11-12; Luke 9	145. 6/25: 1 Chron 25-27	192. 8/11: Psalms 1-3; Acts 17	239. 9/27: Ps 121-122; 1 Cor 9
99. 5/10: 1 Sam 13-14	146. 6/26: 1 Chron 28-29; John 9	193. 8/12: Ps 4-6	240. 9/28: Ps 123-125; 1 Cor 10
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102. 5/13: 1 Sam 19-21	149. 6/29: 2 Chron 7-9	196. 8/15: Ps 13-15; Acts 19	243. 10/1: Ps 132-134
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104. 5/15: 1 Sam 25-26; Luke 12	151. 7/1: 2 Chron 13-14	198. 8/17: Ps 18-19	245. 10/3: Ps 137-139; 1 Cor 13
105. 5/16: 1 Sam 27-29	152. 7/2: 2 Chron 15-16; John 12	199. 8/18: Ps 20-22	246. 10/4: Ps 140-142
106. 5/17: 1 Sam 30-31; Luke 13	153. 7/3: 2 Chron 17-18; John 13	200. 8/19: Ps 23-25; Acts 21	247. 10/5: Ps 143-145; 1 Cor 14
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112. 5/23: 2 Sam 14-15; Luke 17	159. 7/9: 2 Chron 30-31; John 18	206. 8/25: Ps 37-39; Acts 26	253. 10/11: Prov 8-9; 2 Cor 3
113. 5/24: 2 Sam 16-18	160. 7/10: 2 Chron 32-33	207. 8/26: Ps 40-42; Acts 27	254. 10/12: Prov 10-12; 2 Cor 4
114. 5/25: 2 Sam 19-20; Luke 18	161. 7/11: 2 Chron 34-36; John 19	208. 8/27: Ps 43-45	255. 10/13: Prov 13-15; 2 Cor 5
115. 5/26: 2 Sam 21-22	162. 7/12: Ezra 1-2	209. 8/28: Ps 46-48; Acts 29	256. 10/14: Prov 16-18; 2 Cor 6
116. 5/27: 2 Sam 23-24; Luke 19	163. 7/13: Ezra 3-5; John 20	210. 8/29: Ps 49-50; Romans 1	257. 10/15: Prov 19-21; 2 Cor 7
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118. 5/29: 1 Kgs 3-5; Luke 20	165. 7/15: Ezra 9-10; Acts 1	212. 8/31: Ps 54-56; Romans 3	259. 10/17: Prov 24-26; 2 Cor 9
119. 5/30: 1 Kgs 6-7	166. 7/16: Nehemiah 1-3	213. 9/1: Ps 57-59; Romans 4	260. 10/18: Prov 27-29; 2 Cor 10
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