

## **Bible Study - The Book of Numbers (Septuagint) / Bamidbar (Torah)**

Wednesdays 10:00 A.M. to Noon or 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. at Ave Maria Catholic Church.

### Description:

The Book of Numbers, called Arithmoi (meaning "Arithmetic") in the Septuagint, gets its name from the census in chapters 1 and 26. The Septuagint is the Old Testament version used in Catholic Bibles. In the Torah the book is called Bamidbar which translates to "In the Wilderness."

As St. Augustine points out, "The New Testament is in the Old concealed; the Old is by the New revealed." Through typology, the wandering of the Israelites in the desert for 40 years is a manifestation of our wandering through this life. Biblically, 40 years is the life span of a generation. Just as the Israelites wandered to get to the Promised Land, we travel in this life to get to our Promised Land, Heaven. Moreover, as pointed out by Dr. Tim Gray, we must look at Israel in the Old Testament as a type that prefigures the Church—the Body of Christ—which is the antitype. This means that the pedagogy (i.e., teaching and instructing) that God gave the Israelites while they wandered in the wilderness is just as pertinent to us today as it was to the Israelites then. God's teachings, commandments and statutes never change over time because God is fully actualized. We must use Theology to bring the teachings and events forward from the Old Testament to make sense and apply them to our world today.

### Instructors / Facilitators:

This class will be facilitated by Terri and Dan Baca. Terri and Dan have been parishioners at Ave Maria for 26 years; and Dan is 4<sup>th</sup> Degree "Knight of Columbus" (KoC). Both Terri and Dan have completed a 4-year Bible Study program given by the Bennet Hill Monastery, and are certified RCIA catechists by the Augustine Institute. Dan went on to earn a Master's Degree from the Augustine Institute in Theology, and has authored various articles about the Catholic Faith. Dan has studied Torah under various Rabbis. Dan and Terri are involved in various ministries at Ave Maria, and have gone on pilgrimages to multiple Holy sites (e.g., Fatima, Lourdes, Israel, Rome, etc.) around the world.

### How to Register and Materials Needed:

If interested, please send Dan Baca an email at [BacaRanch@myedl.com](mailto:BacaRanch@myedl.com). You will also need a Catholic Bible.

After Registering, Dan will send out an email that contains notes for that day's class.

Also, please bring any questions you have to class even if they do not pertain to the Book of Numbers. Examples of some questions that have been addressed in the past are:

- Where did the Bible come from?
- Was the Virgin Mary an unwed mother?
- Where was St. Joseph when Jesus was crucified?
- How was it decided who the Virgin Mary would marry?
- What is an indulgence?
- Why did Satan approach Eve in the Garden of Eden instead of Adam?

### Cost:

There is no cost for this class.