



St Francis of Assisi Parish



REFLECTION

TO UNDERSTAND THE SACRED SCRIPTURE

Shalom

Speaking about the Divine Revelation in the Sacred Scripture (the Bible) St John the Apostle writes: "We proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us, that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you so that you may have fellowship with us and our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ". 1 John 1:2-3.

By Divine Revelation, God wishes to manifest and communicate both himself and the eternal decree of his will concerning the salvation of mankind. In other words, he wishes to share with us the divine benefits which entirely surpass the power of the human mind to understand. So, as St. Paul says (Roman 16:26) Obedience of Faith must be given to God as he reveals himself. By Faith man freely commits his entire self to God, making the full submission of his intellect and will to God who reveals and willingly assenting to the Revelation given by him. Before this Faith can be expressed, man must have the interior help of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and converts it to God, who opens the eyes of the mind and makes it easy for all to accept and believe the truth. The same Holy Spirit constantly perfects the Faith by his gifts so that Revelation may more and more be profoundly understood.

Hence, Obedience of Faith and Prayer to the Spirit are a must in our spiritual life and journey to read and understand the Sacred Scripture.

Let us have the Obedience of Faith and a Constant Prayer Habit

Praise God

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