

# Spring & Summer Book Discussion Group

Explore faith, courage, and redemption through two compelling novels!

## Join our Discussion Group!

Starting on May 14, we will meet every other Wednesday at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall.

## What are We Reading?

See our reading schedule on the reverse side of this page.

## Why Join?

- **Spiritual Growth:** Deepen your relationship with God, strengthen your prayer life, and get to better know the saints through thoughtful discussion and reflection.
- **Intellectual Formation:** Develop a habit of growing in knowledge and engaging in deep thought about significant issues.
- **Community Building:** Connect with fellow Catholics in a supportive and engaging environment.

**We Look Forward to You Joining Us for Inspiring Discussions and Spiritual Growth!**



MAY 14 & 28  
JUNE 11 & 25  
JULY 9

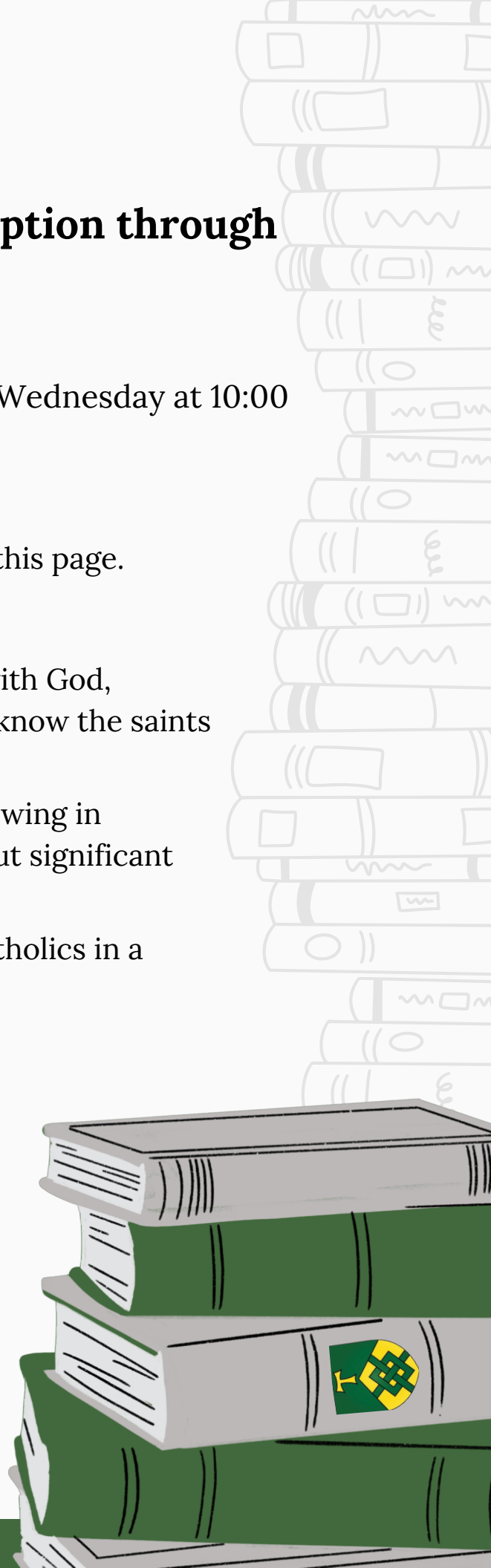


10:00 AM



FELLOWSHIP HALL

For for information, please contact Father Jacob.



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## **Joan of Arc by Mark Twain (1896):**

Mark Twain's meticulously researched novel, narrated by a fictional companion, Louis de Conte, traces St. Joan of Arc's extraordinary life. From her mystical visions as a peasant girl in Domrémy, to leading France's armies in the Hundred Years' War, to her tragic trial and martyrdom in 1431, Joan's story shines with faith, humility, and unwavering trust in God. Twain, typically skeptical, crafts a reverent portrait of her sanctity, making this a captivating blend of history and spirituality for Catholic readers.

Meeting Dates:

**Wednesday, May 14, 2025:** Read all of Book I and chapters 1-9 of Book II (Pages 1-143)

**Wednesday, May 28, 2025:** Finish Book II, chapters 10-41 (Pages 144-305)

**Wednesday, June 11, 2025:** Read all of Book II and Appendix (Pages 309-452)

- \*Preferred copy published by Ignatius Press, ISBN: 978-0898702682
- Also available online in the public domain
- \*\*See note below



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## **The Power and the Glory by Graham Greene (1940):**

Graham Greene's masterpiece follows a nameless "whiskey priest" fleeing persecution in 1930s Mexico, where Catholicism is outlawed. A flawed man wrestling with addiction and past sins, he continues to serve his people, offering sacraments amid danger. Through taut prose, Greene explores the tension between human weakness and divine grace, culminating in a powerful meditation on redemption and the enduring call of priesthood.

Meeting Dates:

**Wednesday, June 25, 2025:** Read all of Part One and chapters 1-2 of Part Two (Pages 1-124)

**Wednesday, July 9, 2025:** Read the rest of the book (Pages 124-225)

- \*Preferred copy published by Penguin Classics, ISBN: 978-0143107552
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\*All reading assignment page numbers correspond with the preferred copies listed above.

\*\*Father Jacob will have some copies of each book available for anyone who is not able to purchase one. Let us know if you would like a copy.