



October 2, 2025



Announcements

- 1) Rite of Welcoming for Candidates
 - a) 10/12/2025, 9am or 4:30 Mass
 - b) Rehearsal 30 mins before in Holy Family Room
- 2) Convalidation Classes
 - a) Saturday 10/25 & 11/15 from 9am-12pm
 - b) All Married couples are invited and encouraged to attend the 11/15 class



2026 Every Sacred Sunday Mass Journal

GROUP ORDER

- **Every Sacred Sunday Mass Journal – includes all Sunday readings for the year, reflection space, and seasonal prompts**
- **Order Deadline: October 17, 2025**
- **Group Discount Price: \$38 each (typically \$50)**
- **Payment Options: Venmo or Cash**



**Group order
form closes
October 17th**

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Life-Giving Wounds

A Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorced or Separated Parents

November 7-9, 2025

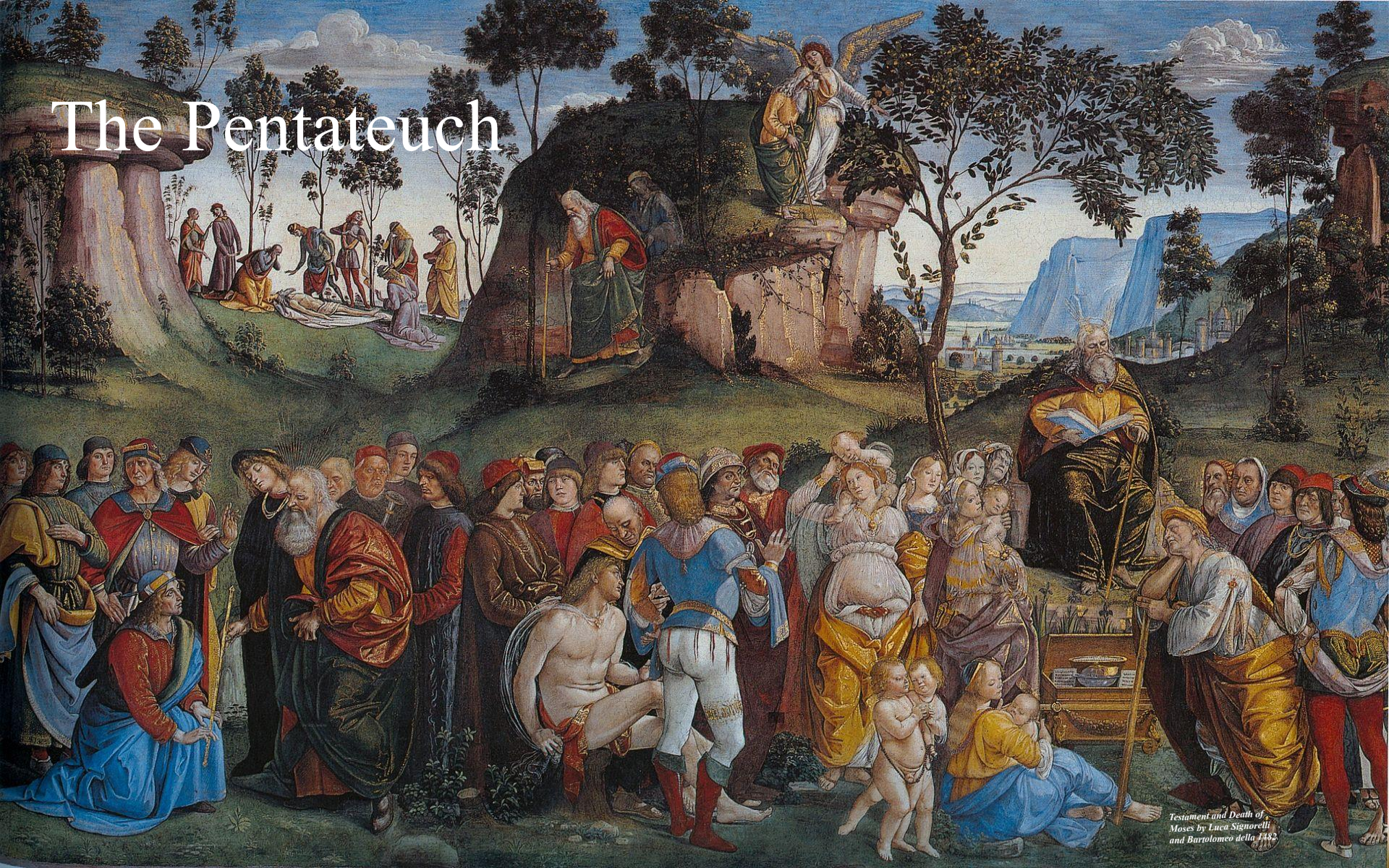
Annunciation Heights \$225

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The Pentateuch



Testament and Death of
Moses by Luca Signorelli
and Bartolomeo della Fassa

**The Bible's Role in Catholic
Understanding
Of Divine Revelation**



The Beginnings of the Bible



The Pentateuch or Torah



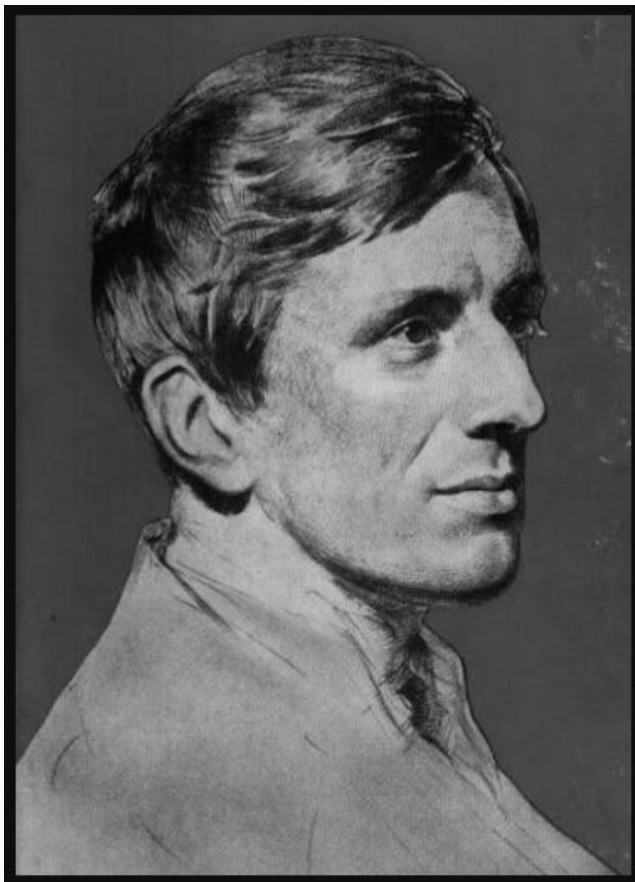
What the Pentateuch Reveals to Us





Small Group Discussion

- 1) What Role has the Bible and its teaching played in your life? How has it influenced your Christian Journey?
- 2) How can the Bible be used as a manual for living out the Christian Life?
- 3) The Pentateuch reveals God's Covenant with His people, how do those covenants continue to be lived out in your lives and in the life of the Church ?
- 4) How does the Bible challenge you? What biblical teachings or stories do you find difficult to understand or accept?
- 5) What role will the Bible have in your life during the OCIA process and beyond?



St John Henry Newman, Priest

- 1801-1890
- Feast day: **09 October**

Biography

FAITH

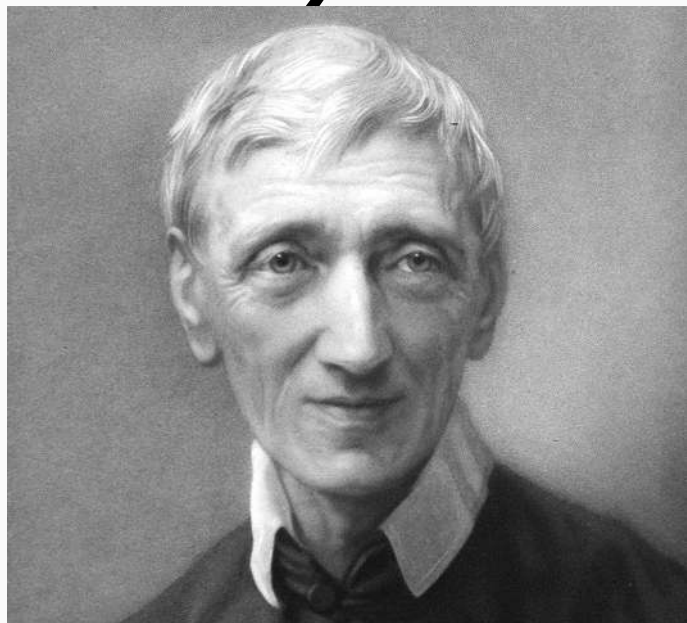
- ***Personal***
- ***Historical***
- ***Radical***



***Praise to the Holiest in the height
And in the depth be praise;
In all his words most wonderful,
Most sure in all his ways!***

(From "The Dream of Gerontius")

Destiny



SAINT & DOCTOR

- ***Pursued Truth boldly***
- ***Swam against the culture***
- ***Irreplaceable insights on***
 - ***Conscience***
 - ***Development of doctrine***
 - ***Holiness in ordinary life***

What is a “Doctor of the Church”?

- A rare title: only 37 saints so honored; as of 01 Nov, Newman is the 38th
- Their teaching is judged exceptionally important for Christians across time and cultures for 1) eminent doctrine, 2) outstanding holiness of life, and 3) an official proclamation by the Church (ordinarily by the pope)

“Pope sets November 1 date to name Newman Church Doctor,” D. Esparza, publ. 28 Sep 2025
at <https://aleteia.org/2025/09/28/pope-sets-november-1-date-to-name-newman-church-doctor/>

Why Do You Care?

- ***Not sucked into the borg***
- ***Used all his gifts and ...***
- ***Ennobled the Church!***
- ***Became more himself as a Catholic -- fulfilled***



St John at Oxford and as Cardinal-s a member of the Birmingham Oratory.

Source: <https://onepeterfive.com/john-henry-newman-crossed/>

“I want a laity, not arrogant, not rash in speech, not disputatious, but men who know their religion, who enter into it, who know just where they stand, who know what they hold and what they do not, who know their creed so well that they can give an account of it, who know so much of history that they can defend it”

Quoted by Benedict XVI, “Beatification Homily of Ven John Newman.” Source: https://www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/homilies/2010/documents/hf_ben-xvi_hom_20100919_beatify-newman.html

Prayer of St John Henry Newman

God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another.

I have my mission—I never may know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. ...

I am a link in a chain, a bond of connexion between persons. He has not created me for naught.

*I shall do good, I shall do His work
Therefore I will trust Him. ...*

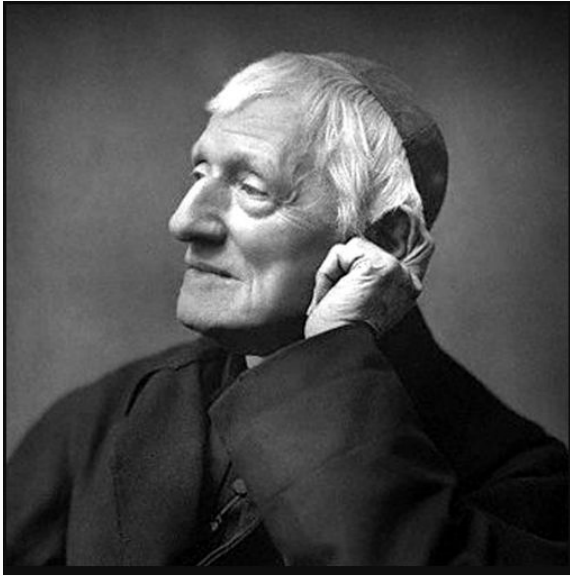
*If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in
perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him; if I am in sorrow,
my sorrow may serve Him. ...*

He knows what He is about.



St John as a member of the Birmingham Oratory. Source: <https://religionnews.com/2019/10/11/newman-the-newest-catholic-saint-is-a-model-of-making-reason-our-path-to-god/>

Quick Exercise in Proper, Safe Tool Usage



- ***An exercise in the use of the Catechism***
 - ***What does the Catechism teach on Conscience? Index, p.776***
 - ***How do we define conscience? Glossary, p.872***
 - ***How understand it? CCC 1777-1778, p.438***
 - ***Source of the quote? Footnote 50***
 - ***Others by the same author? Citations, p.749***
- ***Other helps in the Catechism***
 - ***pp. 689-752 Citations***
 - ***pp. 753-860 Index***
 - ***pp. 861-863 Abbreviations***
 - ***pp. 864-904 Glossary***

St John late in life. Source:
<https://saint.smp.org/saint/blessed-john-henry-newman-1801-1890/>

Powerful tools help you get the job done faster and better – or you will hurt yourself badly if you don't know what you're doing.

-- Dcn Joe



Closing Prayer - Exodus 33:12-17

Moses said to the LORD, “See, you are telling me: Lead this people. But you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said: You are my intimate friend; You have found favor with me.

Now, if I have found favor with you, please let me know your ways so that, in knowing you, I may continue to find favor with you. See, this nation is indeed your own people.

The LORD answered: I myself will go along, to give you rest.

Moses replied, “If you are not going yourself, do not make us go up from here. For how can it be known that I and your people have found favor with you, except by your going with us? Then we, your people and I, will be singled out from every other people on the surface of the earth.”

The LORD said to Moses: This request, too, which you have made, I will carry out, because you have found favor with me and you are my intimate friend.