

# HEBREW SCRIPTURES/OLD TESTAMENT

## Student Information Sheet

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### What to Bring to Class!

- There are two required texts for this course that **must be** brought to each class.
  - o 1. ***The Old Testament: Our Call to Faith and Justice:***
    - You must cover this book with clear contact paper. Failure to do will result in a \$15.00 fine. Book must be covered with clear contact paper.
    - This book is on loan to you and is to be returned at the end of the semester. It may be purchased for \$15.00. Failure to return the textbook will result in a charge of \$15.00.
    - Each book is numbered and assigned to a particular student. Please print your name on the **INSIDE FRONT COVER** of the textbook. Each book will be numbered.
  - o 2. ***Catholic Youth Bible: New American Bible Revised Edition: (CYB)***
    - All scripture work is to be done using this edition of the New American Bible (NAB). Using other editions will result in confusion and error.
    - This Bible is yours to keep. Please put your name on the inside front cover of the bible. This Bible will be used for all 4 years at Padua.



### - **Required Supplies**

- o 1. **Binder:** One inch to one and one half inch, three ring binder.
  - In this binder keep:
    - A supply of clear sheet protectors. Use these to protect and organize all material for this class.
      - o “TIP” → Get together with a couple of students and share a package of sheet protectors.
    - Organize your binder in the following manner:
      - o 1. Notes/ (notebook paper)
      - o 2. Handouts (In date order.)
      - o 3. Bible Worksheets
      - o 4. Homework/ Reading Guides
      - o 5. Tests/Quizzes
      - o 6. Lectionary Work
      - o 7. Project Information
      - o 8. Prayers
      - o 9. Syllabus/ Instructions



- o 2. **Writing instruments:** #2 pencils with erasers and a blue or black pen

### Graded Work:

- 1. Hand written work is the exception, not the rule. Worksheets do not have to be typed.
- 2. Any written work handed in for grading **must** be typed using 1" margins and double spacing.
- 3. All **formal essays** are to be typed, in **black** ink with 1" margins and double spacing. A **TITLE** must be included for ALL Essays.
- 4. Save all of your typed work digitally on your hard drive or on an external drive.
- 5. The following information is to be included in the **top left hand** corner of the page of all graded work, following MLA Guidelines, per Padua's English Department.
  - o Student Name, Student # for this class
  - o Br. Michael Ward, O.F.M.
  - o Old Testament -- 8/9<sup>th</sup> Period
  - o Due Date of the Assignment
  - o The NAME of the Assignment (ie: HW 3.1)
- 6. All type written work is to be done in **complete sentences** with no abbreviations (@, b/c, w/, LOL, etc.) unless other directions are given.
- 7. Assignments are typically due at the beginning of the class period.
- 8. Late homework will not be accepted for full credit unless one has been absent, or has made special arrangements in advance.



### Prayer:

Each class period will begin with a prayer. Students are expected to be in their assigned seats ready to begin class, when prayer begins. Initially the instructor will lead the prayer.

### Class behavior:

- 1. Class begins **IMMEDIATELY** when the bell rings. The time between classes is meant to prepare oneself for the class. It is **not** a time for socializing. The class motto is "ON TIME and ON TASK."
- 2. During the four minutes between classes, you are to sit in your seat, take out the materials for this class and open to your next page of notes and have a questioned prepared.
- 3. **Everyone is to be treated with kindness and respect. Failure to do so is considered a distraction to the class. Disciplinary consequences will follow.**
- 4. The best rule is that **ONLY ONE PERSON SPEAKS** at a time. While someone is speaking, all others are to listen attentively. If speaking is requested, please raise a hand and wait to be called on. During group work, be sure that only one person in the group is speaking and all others are listening.
- 5. Student is not to work on any other class material during class with Br. Mike. During so will result in student surrendering the material to Br. Mike. You may ask for the material **AFTER** the conclusion bell rings.
- 6. Once the first bell rings, you are **not** permitted to leave the classroom unless it is an emergency.
- 7. **Bathroom rules.** If you need to use the facilities, do so before the bell rings.
- 8. **Personal Belongings:** For **PERSONAL** and **COMMUNAL SAFETY**, purses, books, pouches and non-class items are to be placed **UNDER** the seat of your desk. **NO ITEMS ARE TO BE PLACED NEXT TO YOU IN THE AISLE.** No items are to be placed at your feet. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**





### Preparation for class:

- 1. The best way to study for this class is to do it **every day**. Make a schedule to REVIEW the notes and exercises **every day**. This will keep the information fresh and will allow the student to access how well the class topic was understood. Be sure to complete all reading assignments.
- 2. Check the website for this class it will give a summary of our class discussions. Students are expected to review their notes and the website EVERY day.



### Class Participation:

- 1. The student is expected to participate in class discussions and in small group work. For the most part QUESTIONS are more important than answers.
- 2. Every student is expected to review the WEBSITE for this class DAILY.
- 3. Come to class with questions.

### Quizzes and Tests:

- 1. Expect a quiz everyday. Come to class prepared. Some quizzes will be announced and some will not be announced. For the most part, quizzes will be on the assigned reading and the previous day's notes.
- 2. Tests: Tests will be announced at the very least one week before the test date. We may have a test every two weeks, depending on comprehension and scheduling.
- 3. There will be a final exam at the end of the semester. The study guide for the final is previous tests and quizzes.



### Homework:

- 1. Homework is not busy work. It is meant to reinforce class discussions and to challenge the students to think on THEIR own. It is meant to both affirm and challenge students in their understanding of the material. Homework is an indication of comprehension level. It is meant to assist the students in their ability to comprehend new material.
- 2. Do not work in groups while completing homework assignments. One of the intentions of homework is for the teacher to discover what it is the student needs.



### Projects:

- 1. Student will be assigned up to as many as two projects a quarter.
- 2. Details for projects will vary according to class needs and time constraints.

### Lectionary Assignments.

- Nearly every Friday, the readings from the *Roman Catholic Sunday Lectionary* will be discussed. The readings will be distributed during the week, or on Thursday, with questions to be answered. This preparation will assist the group discussion. The primary focus will be the Responsorial Psalm and the First Reading.



## Teacher Website

- 1. Nearly all the information needed for this class will be on Br. Mike's website: <http://www.teacherweb.com/OH/PaduaFranciscan/BrMike/>. The site may be accessed via the Padua website: [www.paduafranciscan.com](http://www.paduafranciscan.com) / academics and guidance / teacher websites. For the most part, the website will be updated by 6:00 pm every day.
- 2. Here's what one will find on the website. **YOU SHOULD REVIEW THE WEBSITE EVERY DAY BEFORE CLASS.**
  - All homework assignments
  - All written assignments
  - Calendar of due dates
  - A summary of each day's class discussion.
  - Any announcements
  - Most PPT presentations
  - Nearly all handouts given out in class.



## ABSENCES

- 1. Absences do not excuse a student from work. The student is responsible to make up the work required. The instructor will NOT come and find the student.
- 2. **If you are absent you MUST review the website BEFORE returning to class. Materials for each day's class will be on line. There is NO excuse for not making up work. You should come prepared with questions about the material that you found on the website.**

