

Welcome to the Psalms

Welcome to the most user-friendly section of the Old Testament: the Book of Psalms. No special training is needed! There are no hidden meanings embedded in obscurities. The instruction for many of the Psalms simply reads: "Unwrap and begin to play; no assembly needed!"

No special training or experience is necessary. As we pray the Psalms we are shaped by them. We learn to relate to God as we experience how He responds to our prayers.



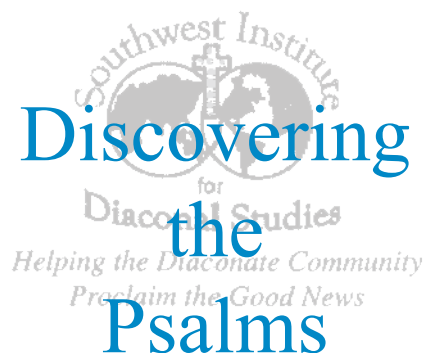
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The SouthWest Institute for Diaconal Studies



Presents



Featuring:

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Fr. Lawrence Boadt was born and raised in Los Angeles, CA. He was ordained a priest in 1969. His degrees include an MA in Religious Studies from St. Paul's College, Washington, D.C., a Licentiate in Sacred Theology & MA in Semitic Languages from Catholic Univ. of America, and a Licentiate & Doctorate in Sacred Scripture from Pontifical Biblica Institute in Rome.

Fr. Boadt is an internationally recognized author, lecturer and educator. He is professor emeritus of Biblical Studies at the Washington Theological Union, President & Publisher of the Paulist Press, Trustee of the *Education for Parish Service* Institute, general treasurer of the Catholic Biblical Assn., and is active in numerous religious scholarly societies.

SWIDS is pleased and honored to have Fr. Boadt join us once again to share his wisdom with us.

“Discovering the Psalms”



The purpose of the weekend will be to become more familiar with the nature of the Psalms in the Bible, how to appreciate and get the most out of reading and praying them, and seeing how they are used by the Church in the responsorial Psalms of the Mass and in the daily recitation of the Divine Office.

SCHEDULE

Session 1: (Friday Morning)

Background to Understanding the Psalms

An exploration of the shape and contents of the Book of Psalms, understanding them in light of the Ancient Near Eastern context, and tracing the editorial development of the Psalter as a book.

Session 2: (Friday Afternoon)

The Psalms as Prayer

Discussion of the poetry and beauty of the psalms and how they work; how to identify the major themes and religious perspectives in the Psalms; understanding them as the prayers of Israel and how we can read these as Christian prayers today.

Session 3: (Saturday Morning)

The Psalms in the Mass

The role of the Psalms as responses to the Readings; the examination of which Psalms are chosen for the Mass. Can they be preached effectively or not? Can we help people get a better awareness of their richness?

Session 4: (Saturday Afternoon)

Reading the Psalms as the Office of the Church

Psalms play such a central role in the prayer of the Church, but why do we not use Christian prayers or NT texts? Which Psalms are most important in the Divine Office? How do the Psalms work in the four-week layout of the ordinary saying of the Office?



Session 5: (Sunday Morning)

Question and Answer Session

Session 6: (Sunday Morning Conclusion)

Concluding Liturgy

Families are welcome.

Hotel Check-out is at 12:00 Noon

SWIDS HISTORY

The SouthWest Institute for Diaconal Studies (SWIDS) was founded in 1989 to provide high quality, reasonably priced and conveniently accessible continuing education for deacons and their spouses from throughout Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. SWIDS presenters are internationally acclaimed, including John Shea, best-selling author and storyteller, Fr. Lawrence Boadt, Editor In Chief and Publisher of Paulist Press, Fr. John Melloh, Homiletics Chair, Notre Dame University, Rev. Sean Charles Martin of the Aquinas Institute of Theology, and other equally distinguished scholars. Attendees now include deacons from throughout Region X and from as far away as California and New Jersey. In addition to continuing our high quality seminars, SWIDS is planning to expand our offerings to include web based courses and lectures.

VENDORS

- Deacon Steve Marquez and Paul Fortney will be back with their extensive book display. They will be carrying Fr. Boadt's suggested reading list. For special orders, call Deacon Steve at (210) 490 4312, or email him at: deaconsteve7@sbcglobal.net. Email the store at viva@vivabooks.com
- Last year's deacon jewelry display of gold, silver and other fine metals will be with us.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Finally!! Our facility for the last several years has really finally finished all their renovations, and they are now a real Raddison Hotel with the Sleep Select beds and other amenities. We will have more space than last year. The room prices remain the same as last year. We are pleased to report that the hotel staff has been very open and cooperative with us in working out any problems which may have arisen in the past.