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Gather • Learn • Pray • Grow Bible Institute for Catholics

Join Fr. George Smiga
& LRSS staff

June 21-23, 2019
Little Rock, Arkansas
St. John Center
2500 North Tyler Street



Surprise,
Shock,
and Gospel:
Re-Interpreting
the Parables
of Jesus

Jesus preferred to teach in parables. The gospels are filled with these images and stories that are both elusive and powerful. They engage, delight, and disturb those who hear them. Explore what parables are, how they work, and what Jesus' parables reveal about the Kingdom of God.

Lectures

- The Elusive Parable**
- The Parables of Mark**
- The Parables of Matthew**
- The Parables of Q**
- The Parables of Luke**

Little Rock Scripture Study's Bible Institute also includes experiences of prayer, small group faith sharing, discussions with the speaker, and fun with other participants.



George M. Smiga, S.T.D. is a nationally known author and lecturer in scripture and homiletics. A priest of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, he serves on faculty of St. Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology in Wickliffe, Ohio. He is author of *Pain and Polemic: Anti-Judaism in the Gospels* and *The Gospel of John Set Free: Preaching Without Anti-Judaism*. He has contributed to *Pondering the Passion: What's at Stake for Christians and Jews* and *Mel Gibson's Bible: Religion, Popular Culture, and "The Passion of the Christ."* His article on "Caravaggio" is published in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Art* (2015). In 2009 he was the Walter and Mary Tuohy Professor at John Carroll University in Cleveland. He writes a monthly column for *Living With Christ* and contributes regularly to *Give Us This Day*. His website is buildingontheword.org.

Schedule

Friday, June 21
 Check-In 5:30–6:45 p.m.
 Opening Session 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 22
 Sessions begin 9:00 a.m.
 Events end after dinner.

Sunday, June 23
 Session begins 9:00 a.m.
 Closing Eucharist 11:00 a.m.

Location

St. John Center, 2500 No. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207

Registration Fee

\$125, paid in advance (includes breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday). Include fee with registration form. Housing fee is additional.

DEADLINE

Forms and fees are due in Little Rock Scripture Study office by **Friday, June 7**. The number of participants is limited. Please, no telephone registrations. (Full registration refunded to those who cancel by June 14. \$75 refunded to those who cancel later.)

Housing

On-campus room reservations for St. John Center must be made through the Little Rock Scripture Study office at the time of registration. The housing fee may be sent along with the registration fee or may be paid upon arrival for check-in.

St. John Center

A retreat-like setting, on campus, non-smoking, with shower. No television or internet access. Rate: Single occupancy \$40 per room/night. Double occupancy \$50 per room (\$25 person)/per night.

If you choose to stay off campus, please make your own arrangements.

Questions: Contact the office of Little Rock Scripture Study Phone 501-664-6102 or 664-0340, or e-mail lrs@dolr.org.

REGISTRATION FORM ----- Complete, clip, and mail with \$125 check to arrive on or before Friday, June 7, 2019. Make checks payable to Little Rock Scripture Study.

Mail to: LRSS Bible Institute, 2500 No Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207

Check all that apply:

Name (for name tag) _____

Please reserve a room at St. John Center.

Address _____

Single

Double

Daytime phone # _____

Assign a female roommate for me.

E-mail address _____

Assign a male roommate for me.

Parish name and location _____

I would like to room with:

Special dietary needs? _____

I will arrange housing elsewhere.