

PURCHASE A BIBLE YOU CAN UNDERSTAND!

Is Your Bible DIFFICULT to Understand?

- ✎ Try to make a serious effort to start reading God's word regularly. It's meant to help you in real life! Someone once likened the Bible to an *Owner's Manual for Humans!*
- ✎ Take it off the shelf. Begin with something easy: the Gospel of Mark or Proverbs or Psalms. Perhaps it's been sitting on a shelf because **the translation is difficult to understand. If so, Go shopping for a new bible; don't be overwhelmed** by the many translations available.
 - ✓ **Make sure** it is a Catholic bible with a bishop's name and *imprimatur* (permission for it to be printed) somewhere on the first few pages.
 - ✓ **Make sure** it is a modern translation that is easy to comprehend. You will probably use it more frequently.
- ✎ Join a bible study group.

Three Examples of Bible Translations: *Gospel of Luke 1:26*

The translation authorized for use at the Liturgy, with excellent explanatory footnotes
New American Bible (NAB)

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee named Nazareth to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph of the House of David, and the virgin's name was Mary.

The most literal translation of the original languages

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) Catholic Edition

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the House of David, and the virgin's name was Mary.

One of the easiest translation to understand

Today's English Version (TEV) Catholic Edition [Or **Good News Bible**, (Catholic Edition)]

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee named Nazareth. He had a message for a girl promised in marriage to a man named Joseph, who was a descendant of King David. The girl's name was Mary.

- ✎ If you feel you would like to go a step further, buy a Catholic bible commentary to get even more out of what you are reading.

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