

Ways to Play the mp3 New Testament CD

How to play the Audio Bible on your computer:

1. Put the CD in your computer's CD or DVD drive.
2. If the Adobe Flash Player window comes up, skip to #6.
3. If the Adobe Flash player does not appear, click on "My Computer" in your start menu.
4. Double-click on CD or DVD drive where you inserted the Audio Bible.
5. Double-click on the red "mmcd_ygtt" icon.
6. Click on the green and white "play" button called "Play Audio Bible."
7. Click on the number of the day's chapters to which you wish to listen.
(Make sure your computer's speakers are on!)



How to play the Audio Bible on your DVD player: (Most, but not all, DVD players play mp3 files)

1. Turn on your TV and your DVD player.
2. Put the CD in your DVD player.
3. Select the correct input or channel on your TV for your DVD player.
4. If the disc menu with the folders for the 27 books of the New Testament comes up automatically, push the up or down arrows to select the book you want, and push enter/OK. (If the disc menu does not automatically appear, select "disc menu" on your remote.)
5. Use the arrows to select the chapter you wish to start with, and push enter/OK.
(Make sure the volume on your TV is up.)

Most new cars come with sound systems that play mp3 files. If yours does, insert the disc and choose the track with which you wish to begin listening.

Suggested daily listening:

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| 1. Matt 1-7 | 11. Luke 10-13 | 21. Acts 16-20 | 31. Phil 2 – 1 Thes 2 |
| 2. Matt 8-12 | 12. Luke 14-19 | 22. Acts 21-26 | 32. 1 Thes 3 – 1 Tim 5 |
| 3. Matt 13-18 | 13. Luke 20-24 | 23. Acts 27-Rom 4 | 33. 1 Tim 6 – Heb 1 |
| 4. Matt 19-24 | 14. John 1-5 | 24. Rom 5-10 | 34. Heb 2-10 |
| 5. Matt 25-28 | 15. John 6-9 | 25. Rom 11- 1 Cor 1 | 35. Heb 11 – Jam 5 |
| 6. Mark 1-6 | 16. John 10-14 | 26. 1 Cor 2-9 | 36. 1 Pet 1 – 1 Jn 1 |
| 7. Mark 7-11 | 17. John 15-19 | 27. 1 Cor 10-15 | 37. 1 Jn 2 - Jude |
| 8. Mark 12-16 | 18. John 20-Acts 4 | 28. 1 Cor 16 – 2 Cor 9 | 38. Rev 1-7 |
| 9. Luke 1-4 | 19. Acts 5-9 | 29. 2 Cor 10 – Gal 4 | 39. Rev 8-15 |
| 10. Luke 5-9 | 20. Acts 10-15 | 30. Gal 5 – Phil 1 | 40. Rev 16-22 |

If you are not able to listen to the mp3 files on any player, contact the Faith Formation Office at 281-358-1959 x 264. We will put you in touch with someone who can help you. If all else fails, contact us to get the New Testament on 13 CDs in "audio" format that play on all players. It costs the parish approximately \$5 to make these CDs, so we want to make sure we try all the free mp3 options first.



Information regarding playing and downloading MP3 New Testament to iPod and Computers

A. Downloading MP3 New Testament to Hard Drive

I. Find 'My Documents' folder on left side of screen

- Click once to open
- Go to 'My Music' folder
- Create new folder within 'My Music'
- Name new folder (choose something that you will remember)
- Right click on new folder

II. Right click on START

III. Open EXPLORE

- All drives for computer will appear on left side of screen
- Find 'D' or 'E' Drive (will be named with MP3 NT name – i.e. N2NIV MP3)

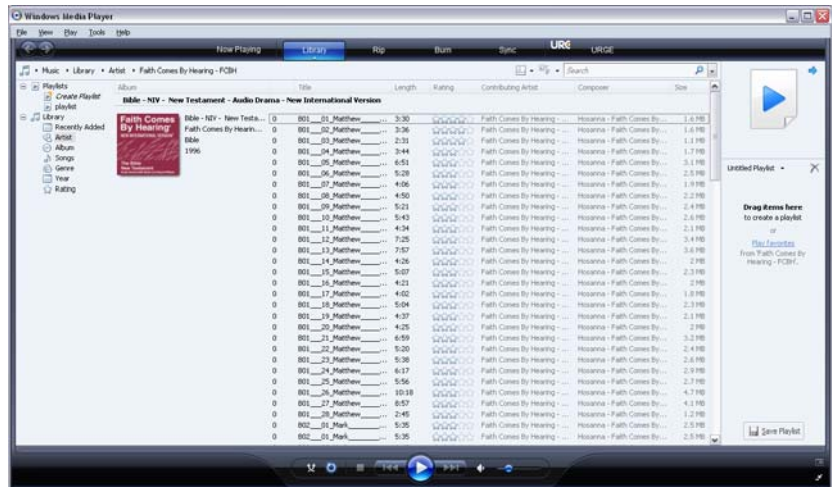
IV. Click once on 'D' or 'E' Drive to open it

- Files will appear underneath and on right side of screen
- Click and drag the file and put it in the new folder you created in My Music
- Do the same with the rest of the books of bible until they are all moved into the New Folder.

B. Viewing Text While Listening to MP3 New Testament on Computer

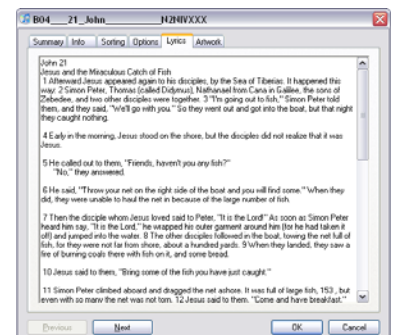
I. For Windows Media Player

Windows Media Players does show the text for the Scripture that is playing. You need to click on the PLAY tab at the top. Select 'ON if Available' under LYRICS, CAPTIONS, and Subtitles.



II. For iTunes

To view lyrics you've already entered, select the song, choose File > Get Info, and then click Lyrics. With some iPod models, you can view a song's lyrics on the iPod if you've entered them in iTunes. Make sure your iPod has been updated with the latest software. See the documentation that came with your iPod for more information.



C. Using Windows Media Player to Load the New Testament onto MP3 player

1. Open Window Media Player
2. Go to Library and to recently added. The Audio Bible should open up.
3. Go to the top and single click on **Sync**. **Sync List** will open on the right hand side.
4. Click and drag your Audio Bible files over to create a Sync list.
5. Once you have all the files moved over, plug your MP3 player into your computer. Click the **Start Sync** button at the bottom and it will start loading onto your MP3.

D. Downloading MP3 New Testament to iPod

I. Open iTunes (if iTunes is not already loaded on the computer, download it at no cost from www.itunes.com)

II. Set up Preferences

- a. Click on 'Edit'
- b. Choose 'Preferences'
- c. Multiple tabs will appear on the screen
- d. Choose Advanced, then General
- e. Check mark the following options
 - i. 'Keep iTunes Music Folder Organized'
 - ii. 'Copy files to iTunes Music Folder'
 - iii. 'Use iTunes as the default player for audio files' (If iTunes is default, the files will load automatically into the Library Music folder and onto the computer's hard drive)
- f. Close 'Preferences'

III. Create a New Playlist

- a. Click on 'File'
- b. Choose 'New Playlist'
- c. New folder will appear at bottom of 'Playlists' section
- d. Give the new playlist a name that will identify MP3 New Testament
 - i. Click and drag each file over to the new playlist
 - ii. Or right click to select each file individually, copy, and right click to paste into new playlist

IV. Downloading MP3 New Testament files to iPod

- a. Plug iPod into computer's USB port
 - i. iPod window will appear
 - ii. Check mark the option 'Manually manage music and videos'
- b. iPod will appear under 'Devices' in iTunes
- c. Click on new playlist file to select it
- d. Drag the playlist onto the iPod (located under Devices)

V. Problem with fading

- a. If the end of one book (chapter) fades while the next one starts, open iTunes, under Edit choose Preferences. In the window that shows up choose the Playback tab.
- b. Uncheck 'Crossfade Playback,' 'Sound Enhancer,' and 'Sound Check.' This will allow the chapter to play completely through before the next one starts.

Problem: When NT is downloaded to MP3 player and files are out of order:

All MP3 players are not standard and they have different criteria for sorting files. They might sort by size, alphabetical order, or have a hidden criteria that we can't see. There really isn't a solution for this, other than if the customer could call their tech support for their MP3 player.

You've Got the Time: Reflection Questions

Each question corresponds with the reading of the day for 40 days.

- 1. Matthew 1-7** According to the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus described some of the qualities of being disciple. The Apostles Peter, Andrew, James and John responded to Jesus' call. In what ways do you respond to Jesus' call today?
- 2. Matthew 8-12** This section of scripture draws together different miracle stories to form a portrait of Jesus the miracle worker, healer. With which story do you most identify? Why?
- 3. Matthew 13-18** Jesus used different methods to convey his message of the present reality of God's kingdom. He used a unique form of telling in the parables. The parable of the sower suggests different kinds of soil. How can you cultivate your own soil so that the seed of God's word can grow in you?
- 4. Matthew 19-24** One of the Pharisees [a scholar of the law] tested Jesus by asking, 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' What does it mean to you to love God with your whole heart, soul, and mind? What do you do to demonstrate that love?
- 5. Matthew 25-28** Jesus told his disciples the parable of the talents. In what ways have you put your talents to work? With which of three servants do you identify the most? Why?
- 6. Mark 1-6** Throughout these five chapters Mark showed Jesus as being very active in reaching out to those around him who were hurting or marginalized. He freed those who were bound in any way. He was of and with the common people. Yet this same Jesus of community is pictured in Mark 1:35 as going off "very early, before dawn" to pray alone. In your own life, how do you find a balance between the activity that comes with living your particular vocation and the need for quiet prayerful reflection?
- 7. Mark 7-11** The disciples showed how easy it is to get caught up in the wonderful things that come from being with Jesus and seeing all things transfigured by the light of grace in a way that can lead to grandiosity. Yet Jesus reminds us that his way is the way of humility, the way of children, and the way of the cross. In your own life, how do you keep yourself in touch with the costs of discipleship and maintain an attitude of humble and willing service?
- 8. Mark 12-16** When questioned by the scribes on which commandment of the law is the greatest, Jesus reduced the entire law to two: love God with everything that you are and love your neighbor as yourself. Not long after uttering these words, Jesus showed the length he would go to live them out through his Passion and death. Upon seeing the way in which he did this, even the Roman centurion cries out, "Truly this man was the Son of God!" Does your life exemplify this dual command enough that others around you would recognize it and declare that you too are a child of God committed to loving God with everything you are and your neighbor as yourself?
- 9. Luke 1-4** These stories of Jesus' infancy and childhood point to the fact that from the very beginning the stage was set for Jesus to be extraordinary. Surely as Jesus "advanced in wisdom and age" he must have reflected back on some of these special signs so that he was prepared to move forward with his ministry when, at his baptism, he heard the voice say, "You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased." Looking back over your own life, can you see signs and hints of the extraordinary things that God has planned for you? Are you ready to respond to the call of the Father who tells you that you are in fact his beloved and finds great pleasure in you?
- 10. Luke 5-9** This section of Luke's gospel is dedicated to the idea of discipleship: from the call of the first disciples, to the selection of the twelve, to the women who accompanied Jesus and provided for him, to the commissioning of the twelve to proclaim the kingdom of God and to cure the sick. Are you prepared, no matter how unworthy you might feel, to follow Jesus, to leave behind boats and nets and careers for the sake of being his disciple? Are you prepared to offer up what you have of yourself for the sake of the mission of making sure that "the poor have the good news proclaimed to them"?
- 11. Luke 10-13** Jesus told Martha that she worries about too many things and that her sister, Mary, in choosing to sit at the feet of the Lord and listen to his teachings, had chosen the better part. How much time do you spend "at the feet of the Lord?" could you do better?
- 12. Luke 14-19** Here scripture focuses on the Kingdom of God. We are told: to be a disciple requires total dedication to the Kingdom; living kingdom values requires attention to the poor; the kingdom belongs to those with a total trust in God the Father; the Kingdom has everything to do with God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Reflect on how well you are living Kingdom values. What are your areas of strength? How can you do better?

13. Luke 20-24 The disciples on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. Do you think you would have recognized him? Are you able to see Christ in all people?

14. John 1-5 The first words of John echo the first words of the Book of Genesis, “in the beginning.” This is the Gospel writer’s way of telling us that Jesus is a new beginning for God’s people. Jesus came into the world but the world did not know him, people did not accept him, his words, or his works. We can say the same today. As a disciple, do you know Jesus intimately? What can you do to tell the “good news” about Jesus, the Word of God to others?

15. John 6-9 Chapter 9 of John tells us the story of the Man Born Blind whose faith deepened as the story progressed. First, he testified to Jesus as “the man called Jesus.” The next time he is asked he declared that Jesus was a prophet. When the man witnesses to the Sanhedrin he told them that Jesus was from God. When he again met Jesus he declared his faith and said to Jesus, “I do believe.” Have you ever been blind to Jesus’ presence in your life? Does the faith journey of the Man Born Blind in any way, echo yours?

16. John 10-14 It may seem strange to us that the Book of Glory begins with Jesus washing his disciples’ feet. What is glorious about that? In the book *The Gospel According to St. John* (Barrett, 1955), we are told that Jesus’ public act of crucifixion on Calvary and this private act of washing the feet of his disciples are alike in that each is an act of humility and service. Each act showed the glorious love of God. Jesus then gave us the command to go and do likewise. What glorious acts of love and service have you performed for others? How have you followed Jesus command to go and do likewise?

17. John 15-19 One of the many stories in this section is the often quoted, “I am the vine, you are the branches.” In order to bear good fruit the branch must be connected to the vine which nourishes it and enables it to flourish. What kind of “fruit” are you producing? This will be a sign to you of how well you are attached to Jesus, the vine. Is it time to do a little pruning and strengthen the attachment?

18. John 20-Acts 4 In the beginning of Acts the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and endowed them with gifts enabling them to proclaim Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, as the Savior of the world. Peter called all those present to repentance and baptism, so that they would also receive forgiveness of sins and the gifts of the Spirit. Each of us today who has been baptized and confirmed has received all gifts necessary to witness for Jesus and the Kingdom of God. How well do you use the gifts given to you by the Holy Spirit to build up the Church?

19. Acts 6-9 Here is the story of Paul’s conversion. Paul was traveling to the synagogues in Damascus to find “any men or women who belong to the Way (followers of Jesus or disciples).” When Paul encountered Jesus on the road to Damascus and he asked, “Who are you Lord?” Jesus responded, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.” Jesus identified himself with his Church. Echoing what Jesus told us in the Gospels: whatever we do to the least of his brothers and sisters we do to him. How have you been treating Jesus lately?

20. Acts 10-15 Throughout the book of Acts of the Apostles we see the movement of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit that bestows gifts, that strengthens and encourages, and that initiates the movement of the kingdom through Paul’s missionary journeys. How has the Holy Spirit been present in your life and how has the Spirit moved you toward God’s will for your life?

21. Acts 16-20 While Paul was in Athenas, he grew exasperated at the sight of the city full of idols. Have you experienced a similar feeling? What kind of idols do you see around? Does these idols bring you conflict? Why?

22. Acts 21-26 Listening to the story of Paul’s conversion, we are called to reflection our own journey of conversion. How has this journey been for you?

23. Acts 27- Rom 4 Romans chapter 4 reminds us of the faith of Abraham, “He did not doubt God’s promise in unbelief; rather, he was empowered by faith and gave glory to God and was fully convinced that what we had promised he was also able to do.” Are you fully convinced of God’s promise? If you are, how do you reflect it in the way you live?

24. Romans 5-10 “We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” Looking back over your life, can you name events that you have experienced where you can testify these words?

25. Romans 11 – 1 Corinthians 1 We are one body in Christ. Have you discovered what “part” are you in the Body of Christ? What is your function in this body?

26. 1 Corinthians 2-9 Paul wrote to the Church in Corinth to correct some of their misbehavior. He reminded them that Christ's ultimate sacrifice called them into one community. As followers of Christ they are called to mature in faith. As one Body there should be no rivalry or divisions. Paul calls us, in the name of Jesus, to be united in mind and purpose. Are you united in mind and purpose with Jesus and his Church? Are there any ways to improve your union?

27. 1 Corinthians 10-15 This theme of unity continues in Corinthians. Paul reminds us we are one body with many parts. Each of these parts is essential to the workings of the body as a whole. If one member is missing from the body the body does not function properly. Do you know that you are essential to the Body of Christ and to your parish community? What are the gifts you bring to the Body of Christ? How do you share those gifts with the world?

28. 1 Corinthians 16 – 2 Corinthians 9 "So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come." What does it mean to know you are a new creation in Christ and that through him your sins are forgiven and you are reconciled to God?

29. 2 Corinthians 10- Galatians 4 Paul tells us that it is our faith that justifies us. It is through this faith that we have become children of God and heirs to God's promises. Think about the relationship between a parent and child. You are God's adopted son or daughter. He chose you to belong to him. Reflect on God's love for you. What is your response to that love?

30. Galatians 5 – Philippians 1 Paul calls us to live a life worthy of the calling we have received with humility, meekness, and patience. How well do you live out these attributes?

31. Philippians 2- 1 Thessalonians 2 How has the theological virtues of faith, hope and love enhanced your journey of faith?

32. 1 Thessalonians 3- 1 Timothy 5 Am I ready for the second coming of Christ when He will judge the living and the dead?

33. 1 Timothy 6- Hebrews 1 How does my life as a Catholic give a good example to my family and friends?

34. Hebrews 2-10 How am I laying down my life for others just as Jesus laid down His life for us?

35. Hebrews 11- James 5 How has the power of prayer helped you in your life?

36. 1 Peter 1 -1 John 1 How do you remain steadfast as a follower of Jesus when you experience trials or suffering?

37. 1 John 2 – Jude What are some ways that you minister to others, especially strangers, through hospitality, generosity, and a welcoming spirit?

38. Revelation 1-7 The Book of Revelation is a book of hope written for Christians suffering under extreme Roman persecution. It tells that despite all of the evils in the world suffered under Roman rule, in the end God will be victorious and the Church, the New Jerusalem, will rise in glory as a sign of that victory. This first section is directed to each of the Christian communities to give hope or condemnation. Repentance is essential. When you hear God knocking at the door of your heart, how do you respond to His voice?

39. Revelation 8-15 This section describes the terrible destruction of God's foes. Here is the famous description of Rome's emperor and his armies as the "Beast." How do you experience God and his followers fighting the forces of sin and evil in the world?

40. Revelation 16-22 This book of hope for all Christians describes the beautiful "City on a Hill" that is God's promised Kingdom. How do you see yourself participating in the vision of God's triumph over sin, evil, and death?