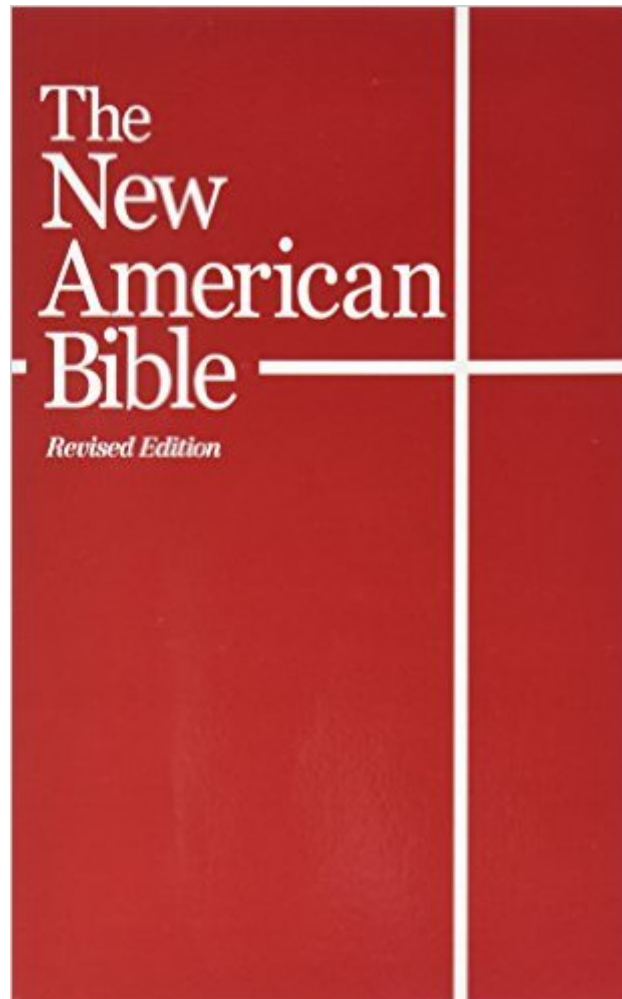


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This is the Bible translation (known as the NAB) that is used in the Liturgy of the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church (i.e.: first and second readings, psalms and the Gospel) in the United States of America (Canada uses the New Revised Standard Version - NRSV). It is a very easy to read translation, and is truly a translation, as the scholars who compiled the New American translation did so from Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek texts. This is unlike other Catholic translations, which have often worked from the Latin text of the Latin Vulgate. In the foreword, it talks about how the oldest and best-known and supportable texts were used in the writing of this translation, making it one of

the best historical translations you can find. Since it is a Catholic Bible, it contains the deuterocanonical books, which non-Catholics erroneously call the "Apocrypha" (i.e.: I say erroneous because apocrypha means hidden, and these books are far from hidden). Each book of the Bible contains the history of that book. Such information included is who was responsible for writing the book (when available), the period in which it was written, and the purpose and intent of the book. Along with this foreward, the each book contains extensive footnotes to assist the reader in understanding particular phrases and/or the historical context. It also contains cross-referencing material which will point the reader in the direction of other related scriptural verses. As a pointer, this translation can also be found online by visiting the National Conference of Catholic Bishops at the United States Catholic Conference website. You will be able to read the text there and decide if this is a translation you would want to purchase. As a Catholic, I would highly recommend it to all other American Catholics.

This is a translation from the original Hebrew and Greek, with reference to the Qumran documents or "Dead Sea Scrolls". Previous bibles for Catholics have been taken from the Latin Vulgate. (This translation, the NAB is different to the New American Standard Bible, the NASB.) It includes the books of the Apocrypha. (These are additional historical and wisdom books, which are found in the Old Testament section of this Bible. Some put these books in a separate section.) There are frequent, useful notes, especially in the New Testament section, and many cross-references. This particular version does lack the interesting article on English translations that appears in some NAB editions. At this price, give it a try! Or buy a copy to give away.

First off, the translation on this bible is, for the most part, solid. That, in itself, isn't really a compelling reason to buy it, there are plenty of other good translations out there, some perhaps even better than this one. However, this one has hands down better notes than any other cheap paperback bible. Every book of the bible has a brief, very scholarly written introduction, and clarifying footnotes on many pages. What I really respect is that the introductions and footnotes are really, legitimately, scholarly. The moralizing commentary routinely found in some "study bibles" is here reduced to simple notes of clarification on either odd historical points or lines that are hard to translate. More than enough to recommend this one, even to non-Catholics. Martin Luther might not have particularly liked the extra books, but he did say people should read them.

While I feel this edition of the "New American Bible" is invaluable, you should avoid it if your faith

depends on a strict literal interpretation of the Bible. (If this is the case with you, and you are looking for a nice version of the Bible, I suggest the "New King James." That is a well written Bible that many Protestants use, and it should not upset your faith.) While the original "Revised Standard" is the translation I prefer the most, the "New American" is also a Catholic Approved Bible. (My only complaint is the overdone Gender Inclusive Language.) While I feel the "Good News" takes the prize for the most beginner friendly Bible, this edition of the "New American" comes really close. Like the "Good News," this version has intros to the different books that are helpful for beginners or people seeking a deeper understanding of the text. Like the "Good News," this version also has titles that break up the text and give an indication as to what the passages pertain to. The 'New Testament' is a revision of the previous edition of the "New American." While I still prefer the original "Revised Standard," this translation is well done. I say literalists and Protestants should use caution, because they will undoubtedly find the footnotes disturbing. But Roman Catholics and Anglo Catholics should find them impressive as well as enlightening. Amongst other things, the footnotes explain that not everything that was labeled as an act of God was so; they also explain that the events were not being documented as they happened. As Gerard Rosse said in his "The Cry Of Jesus On The Cross:" 'The Bible must not be read as a newspaper, but as narrative theology.' Another nice bonus is this version has a list of the Popes from Peter to John Paul II. Since this is a Catholic Approved Bible, it of course contains the 'Deuterocanonicals.' (Better known as the 'Apocrypha.') I still feel the "Good News" is the best for beginners; and the original "Revised Standard" will probably always be my favorite version. But in my opinion, this edition of the "New American" should be in the library of any Roman Catholic or Anglo Catholic. I dare say Ukraine Orthodox as well. The price of \$6.95 is virtually nothing when considering that you are getting a great Catholic Approved Bible, the 'Deuterocanonicals' / 'Apocrypha,' a list of the Popes, great introductions to the books, and outstanding footnotes. Few Bibles will get you closer to Christ than this one!

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