

## Comparing Bible Translations containing the full 73 books of the Catholic Canon and approved by the Catholic Church

**Douay-Rheims (DR)** This is the first Catholic English bible translation completed in 1582 from the Latin Vulgate (translated by St. Jerome from Greek and Hebrew). This was the official translation used for Catholic liturgy before the NAB became available.

**New American Bible (NAB)** This is the first English Bible translated by the Catholic Church from the original Greek and Hebrew texts. Completed in 1970, revisions have been made of the New Testament (1986) and the Psalms (1992). This translation is used for the readings at Mass in the US.

**New American Bible Revised Edition (NABRE)** This latest American Catholic Bible includes the 1986 edition of the New Testament and a revised version of the Old Testament completed in 2001. It is the work of nearly 100 theologians and scholars laboring over a period of 20 years.

**Revised Standard (RSV)** This English translation closely follows the Hebrew and Greek originals. It is a revision of the English Bible, in the King James tradition, preserving its beauty and dignity of language. This and the NRSV are the official translations used in the Catechism of the Catholic Church for its citations.

**New Revised Standard (NRSV)\*** This is an update of the RSV incorporating changes from recent archaeological and textual discoveries and adopting inclusive language (gender neutral). In parts of Canada, this is the official translation used in the liturgy.

**Jerusalem Bible (JB)** Translated from the scholarly French work *LaBible de Jérusalem* in 1961, the Jerusalem Bible was the first widely accepted Roman Catholic English translation of the Bible since the Douay-Rheims Version of the 17th century.

**New Jerusalem Bible (NJB)** This is a fresh English translation from the original languages, and compared to the 1973 French Edition of *LaBible de Jérusalem*, with revised footnotes, updated text, and inclusive language.

**Good News Bible or Good News Translation (GNT)** Ease of understanding is the main focus of the Good News Bible. Formerly known as Today's English Version (TEV), this translation uses the approach of dynamic equivalence "thought for thought" rather than a literal "word for word." It is very readable even for children.

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\* The primary translation used in the current YOU TURNS' Power Trips A & B.