

THEOLOGY I

Faith and Revelation: Knowing God through Sacred Scripture (Semester I)

The Blessed Trinity and Our Christian Vocation (Semester II)

Textbooks:

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The Holy Bible, Revised Standard Version (2nd Catholic Edition).

Prerequisites:

Completion of Prep Religion: *Prep 8 Theology* (or admission to CLS)

Course Description:

The purpose of this course is to give students a general knowledge and appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures. Through their study of the Bible they will come to encounter the living Word of God, Jesus Christ. In the course they will learn about the Bible, authored by God through inspiration, and its value to people throughout the world. If they have not been taught this earlier, they will learn how to read the Bible and will become familiar with the major sections of the Bible and the books included in each section. The students will pay particular attention to the Gospels, where they may grow to know and love Jesus Christ more personally.

Course Goals:

1. Identify a personal longing for God and a societal longing for God
2. Distinguish how God is revealed through natural and divine revelation
3. Compare and contrast the ways that God is revealed through natural and divine revelation
4. Explain how Apostolic tradition connects us to the person of Jesus Christ
5. Describe the Catholic understanding of biblical inspiration
6. Utilize Sacred Scripture in a variety of ways for personal and communal prayer
7. Experience the purpose and steps of *Lectio divina*

Course Objectives:

1. Explain the role of the teaching office of the church
2. Apply the four senses of Scripture to their daily lives
3. Distinguish between theological, scientific, and historical truth. Explain why they cannot be in conflict.
4. Identify major sections of the Bible

5. Explain why the Gospels occupy the central place in Scripture
6. Explain what it means to read Scripture in light of the “analogy of faith.”

Evaluation:

Homework assignments, quizzes, tests, projects, and participation

Supplemental Materials:

Films: *Footprints of God Series*

Books: Catechism of the Catholic Church and the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible

Course Sequence (Semester I):

- I. Knowing God through Reason
 - a. Knowing God through Natural Revelation
 - b. Science and Reason
 - c. Faith Seeking Understanding

- II. Divine Revelation and Supernatural Faith
 - a. Truths revealed by God
 - b. God Draws His People to Himself
 - c. Christ Satisfies the Highest Human Aspirations
 - d. Divine Revelation Leads to Faith

- III. The Church Transmits Revelation through Scripture and Tradition
 - a. Revelation of Jesus Christ
 - b. The Magisterium and Infallibility
 - c. Sacred Tradition
 - i. Sources of Sacred Tradition
 - ii. Fathers of the Church
 - d. Sacred Scripture
 - i. Inspiration
 - ii. Supernatural Content of the Bible

- IV. Sacred Scripture: The Inspired Word of God
 - a. Books of the Old Testament
 - b. Law, History, Wisdom, Prophecy
 - c. The Gospels
 - d. Acts of the Apostles
 - e. The Epistles
 - f. Book of Revelation

- g. The Canon of Sacred Scripture
- h. Original texts and Languages of the Bible

- V. The Old Testament
 - a. The Promises to Adam
 - b. The Promises to Noah
 - c. The Promises to Abram
 - d. The Covenant through Moses
 - e. The Promises to David

- VI. Jesus Christ: The Fullness of Divine Revelation
 - a. The World of the New Testament
 - i. Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes
 - b. The Birth of Jesus
 - c. The Epiphany
 - d. St. John the Baptist
 - e. The Baptism of Christ
 - f. The Miracles of Christ
 - g. The Twelve Apostles
 - h. The Last Supper
 - i. The Cup of Consummation
 - j. Jesus Crucified
 - k. Fulfilling the Law and the Prophets
 - l. The New Kingdom

Course Sequence (Semester II):

- I. Faith and Revelation
 - a. Man in Search of God
 - b. God in Search of Man
 - c. Reasoning God's Existence
 - d. The Beginning of Faith
 - i. Faith is verified by personal experience
 - e. An Encounter with Jesus Christ
 - i. Effects of the Encounter

- II. Understanding the Trinity

- a. Getting to Know God
 - b. God is Immutable, Eternal, All-Loving, All-Knowing
 - c. God as a Trinity of Persons
 - i. The Unity of the Godhead
 - ii. The Language of the Trinity
 - iii. The Trinity revealed
 - 1. By Christ
 - 2. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in Scripture
- III. God the Father
- a. God as Father
 - b. God the Creator
 - c. Why did God create?
 - d. Creation and Evolution
 - e. Angels
 - i. Hierarchy of Angels
 - f. The Nature of the Soul and the Body
 - i. Mind and Free Will
 - g. State of Original Innocence and The Fall of Man
 - i. Original Sin
 - h. Holiness: Humanity's Purpose
- IV. The Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ
- a. The Early Life of Jesus
 - b. The Temptation in the Desert
 - c. The Call of the Twelve
 - d. Jesus' Healing Ministry
 - e. How to Pray
 - f. The Sermon on the Mount
 - g. The Last Supper
 - h. Passion, Death, and Resurrection
- V. Jesus Christ—True God and True Man
- a. God Incarnate
 - b. The Hypostatic Union
 - i. True God, True Man
 - c. The Promised Messiah
 - d. Redemption
 - e. Christ as Viewed in Other Religions

- VI. The Holy Spirit
 - a. Pentecost
 - b. The Holy Spirit and the Sacrament of Confirmation
 - c. The Holy Spirit in the Life of the Church
 - d. The Holy Spirit in Sacred Scripture
 - e. The Work of the Holy Spirit
 - f. The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit
 - g. The Fruits of the Holy Spirit