

THEOLOGY II

The Mystery of Redemption and Christian Discipleship (Semester I)

The Church: Sacrament of Salvation (Semester II)

Textbooks:

The Mystery of Redemption and Christian Discipleship (The Didache Series, Semester Edition)

The Church: Sacrament of Salvation (Semester II)

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

Prerequisites:

Completion of Theology I

Course Description:

This class is designed to call each of us into a deeper friendship with Christ, i.e., Christian discipleship. The course will attempt to bring the student to have a deeper encounter with Christ and the power of redemption. The Mystery of Redemption is not a puzzle to be solved, but rather a reality that is hidden (veiled) before the eyes of man (because we don't see God as He is). Redemption is a gift that is offered to all people. God invites, we are called to respond.

Course Goals:

1. To help and encourage the student to study the Word of God independently.
2. To enable the student to recognize God speaking to them via the Sacred Scriptures
3. To enable the student to read the Scriptures theologically.
4. To immerse the student within the lived tradition of the Catholic faith which is grounded in the Scriptures.

Course Objectives:

1. To develop a love for Christ as revealed in the Scriptures.
2. To understand the Jewish context for the New Testament (to read it as a 1st century Jew).
3. To synthesize the whole of the Biblical narrative from Genesis to Revelation
4. To know the historical circumstances of the people of God and how God chose to save them and make them His chosen people.
5. To describe the five covenants that God makes with us.
6. To relate the literal, moral, anagogical, and allegorical senses to specific Scripture passages.

Evaluation:

Homework assignments, quizzes, tests, project, and participation

Supplemental Materials:

Films: *Footprints of God Series, Catholicism Series*

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

Course Sequence:

- I. In the Beginning
 - a. What Catholics Believe about the Bible
 - a. Faith and Reason
 - b. Four Senses of Scripture
 - c. State of Original Innocence through Original Sin
 - a. Genesis 1-3

- II. Preparing for the Messiah
 - a. God's Promise of Redemption
 - b. God's Covenant with Noah
 - c. God's Covenant with Abraham
 - d. God's Covenant with Moses
 - e. God's Covenant with David

- III. The Promise of Redemption is Fulfilled in Christ
 - a. The Annunciation
 - b. The Visitation
 - c. Nativity
 - d. Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
 - e. Finding of Jesus in the Temple

- IV. The Light of the World: Redemption Revealed
 - a. Baptism of Jesus
 - b. Wedding at Cana
 - c. The Proclamation of the Kingdom
 - d. Transfiguration
 - e. The Institution of the Eucharist

- V. Redemption through the Paschal Mystery
 - a. The Passion of Christ: Love in Action
 - b. *Kenosis* Revealed
 - c. The Significance of the Resurrection
 - d. Our Participation in the Mystery of Redemption

- e. The Sacraments as Sources of Grace
 - f. The Ascension
- VI. Our Response to the Gift of Redemption
- a. God's Desire for Us: Happiness and Holiness
 - b. Theological Virtues
 - c. Natural and Supernatural Virtues
 - d. Living Out God's Call to Holiness
 - e. The Last Things: *Parousia* and Judgment
- VII. Prayer in the Life of the Believer
- a. Prayer is a Dialogue with God
 - b. Scripture and the Liturgy as a Source of Prayer
 - c. Expressions of Prayer
 - d. Forms of Prayer
 - e. *Lectio Divina*
 - f. Difficulties in Prayer
 - g. The Model of Perfect Prayer

Course Sequence (Semester II):

- I. God Prepares the Way for His Church in the Old Testament
- a. Creation is Made for Man
 - b. Adam's Disobedience
 - c. God Calls Abram
 - d. God Calls Moses
 - e. God's Covenant with Israel
 - f. King David
- II. Jesus Christ Instituted the Church
- a. God Prepares His People for the Church
 - b. Jesus Calls the Twelve Apostles
 - c. The Fulfillment of the Old Covenant in the Church
 - d. A New and Everlasting Temple
- III. Names and Images of the Church
- a. Images of the Church
 - b. The Mystical Body of Christ
 - c. The Bride of Christ
 - d. The Family of God

- e. The People of God
 - f. The Kingdom of God
- IV. The Story of the Early Church
- a. The Day of Pentecost
 - b. Trials and Persecution
 - c. St. Paul, Light for the Gentiles
 - d. The Council of Jerusalem
 - e. Acts of the Apostles
 - f. Called to be Apostles
- V. The Church as Sacrament of Salvation
- a. The Church is the Sacrament of Salvation
 - b. The Mystery of the Church
 - c. The Hierarchical Structure of the Church
 - d. St. Peter and the Papacy
 - e. Roman Curia
 - f. The Office of the Bishop
 - g. Ecumenical Councils
 - h. The Office of Priest and Deacon
 - i. Infallibility
- VI. The Four Marks of the Church
- a. The Church is One
 - b. The Church is Holy
 - c. The Church is Catholic
 - d. The Church is Apostolic
- VII. The Church in the Life of the Faithful
- a. Faith Requires a Response
 - b. Common Priesthood of the Faithful: The Laity
 - c. Universal Call to Holiness
 - d. The Liturgy of the Church
 - e. The Liturgical Year
 - f. The Seven Sacraments
 - g. Baptism
 - h. Confirmation
 - i. Eucharist
 - j. Penance
 - k. Anointing of the Sick

- l. Holy Orders
 - m. Matrimony
 - n. Types of Prayer
 - o. Seeking Holiness in Everyday Life
 - p. Holiness Within One's State of Life
- VIII. The Church as a Communion of Saints
- a. What does it mean to be a saint?
 - b. Intercession of the Saints
 - c. The Holy Mass is a Participation in the Heavenly Liturgy
 - d. The Last Things: Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory
- IX. Mary, Mother of the Church and Our Mother
- a. Mary in God's Plan of Salvation
 - b. The Immaculate Conception
 - c. The Assumption
 - d. The Perpetual Virginity of Mary
 - e. Mary, Mother of the Church
 - f. Mary, Help of Christians
 - g. Queen of Heaven