

**A FAITH TO DIE FOR:  
THE MORAL LIFE IN CATHOLIC BELIEF AND PRACTICE**

8/28 WHAT'S IN A COURSE TITLE?

**OPENING RITES**

8/30 IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Assignment: Scripture: Lk 3:1-22; Jn 1:19-34; Mk 10:53-45; Mt 28:16-20;  
Acts 2:37-41; Acts 8:26-40; Gal 3:23-29; Rms 6:1-23; I Ptr 3:18-22.  
Thomas Merton, from *The Seven Storey Mountain* [CP 1-10].  
Cyril of Jerusalem, *Procatechesis & Mystagogical Catechesis* [CP 11-24].  
Hippolytus, *Apostolic Tradition* [CP 32-36].  
*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #'s 1210-1321.

9/4 LORD, HAVE MERCY

Assignment: Albert Raboteau, "Minority within a Minority" [CP 48-58].  
Martin Luther King, Jr., "Letter from the Birmingham Jail" [CP 59-66].  
Albert Rabateau, "A Hidden Wholeness: Merton and King" [CP 67-75].

9/6 LET US PRAY

Assignment: Flannery O'Conner, "Revelation" [CP 37-47].  
John Garvey, "The Prematurely Saved" [CP 76-77].

Paper 1 due: Monday, September 10 (5:00 pm).

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

9/11 WORD OF THE LORD: CREATION / FALL / COVENANT / LAW / PROPHECY

Assignment: *Catechism of the Church*, #'s 50-141; 355-421; 1949-1964, 2052-2073.  
Scripture: Gn 1-4; 6:5-9:17; 11:1-9; Ex 19-34; Dt 4:44-11:31;  
15:1-11; 19:1-13; Ps 1; 37; 119; Prov 1-4, 8-9; Sir 1:1-4:19; 17;  
34:18-35:24; Ps 78; II Kgs 23:1-25; Amos 2:4-16; 7-9; Isa 1:1-26; 58;  
Jer 1-3; 5; Ez 20; 36:16-37:14; Mal 3.

9/13: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD: JESUS CHRIST

Assignment: Scripture: Rms 1-8; 12; 13:8-10; Mt 5-7; Eph 3-5; Col 3:1-17;  
*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #'s 1965-2016, 1699-1729.

9/18: THE STORY OF SALVATION AS OUR STORY

Assignment: Nicholas Lash, "Performing the Scriptures" [CP 78-83].  
*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #'s 1066-1209.  
Frederick Bauerschmidt, "The Church's Time" [CP 84-92].  
Herbert McCabe, "The Genealogy of Christ" [CP 93-94].  
Herbert McCabe, "Ash Wednesday" [CP 95-96].  
Herbert McCabe, "The Easter Vigil: the mystery of new life" [CP 97-98].  
Lectionary, Third Sunday of Lent, Cycle A [CP 99-100].

9/20: THE AUGUSTINIAN VISION OF THE MORAL LIFE

Assignment: Scripture: Lk 15.  
Thomas Bokenkotter, *A Concise History of the Catholic Church* [118-121]  
Peter Brown, "The 'Confessions'" [CP 101-117].  
Augustine, *Confessions*

9/25: THE AUGUSTINIAN VISION OF THE MORAL LIFE

Assignment: Augustine, *Confessions*

9/27: THE AUGUSTINIAN VISION OF THE MORAL LIFE

Assignment: Augustine, *Confessions*

10/2: THE AUGUSTINIAN VISION OF THE MORAL LIFE

Assignment: Augustine, *Confessions*

10/4: AQUINAS ON THE LAST END AND THE VIRTUE OF HOPE

Assignment: Take home test due: Friday, October 5 (5:00 pm).

10/9: AQUINAS ON THE VIRTUES: FAITH AND JUSTICE

Assignment: *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #'s 1803-1845.  
Brian Davies, *The Thought of Thomas Aquinas* [CP 156-202].  
Josef Pieper, *The Four Cardinal Virtues* (pp. xi-xiii, 41-113).

10/11: AQUINAS ON THE VIRTUES: FORTITUDE AND TEMPERANCE

Assignment: Josef Pieper, *The Four Cardinal Virtues* (pp. 115-206).

10/16: AQUINAS ON THE VIRTUES: PRUDENCE

Assignment: Josef Pieper, *The Four Cardinal Virtues* (pp. 3-40).

10/18 AQUINAS ON THE VIRTUES: CHARITY AND THE LIFE OF CHRIST

Paper 2 due: Friday, October 19 (5:00 pm).

### **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

10/30: THE EUCHARIST: LIVING IN COMMUNION WITH CHRIST

Assignment: Cyril of Jerusalem, *Procatechesis & Mystagogical Catecheses* [CP 24-31].  
Saint Justin, Martyr, from *Apology* [CP 203].  
*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #'s 1322-1419; 823-829; 897-975.  
*Acts of the martyrdom of Saint Justin and companions* [CP 204-205].  
*The Martyrdom of Polycarp* [CP 206-210].  
Herbert McCabe, "Prayer" [CP 211-216].

- 11/1            PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION:  
RESTORING COMMUNION WITH CHRIST
- Assignment:    Scripture: Mt 18:15-20; Mt 16:13-20 ; Jn 20: 19-23; I Cor 5:1-13.  
*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #'s 1846-1876; 976-987; 1420-1498;  
1776-1802.
- 11/6:            THE MORAL LIFE IN COMMUNION WITH CHRIST
- Assignment:    Pope John Paul II, *Veritatus splendor*.  
Herbert McCabe, "Obedience" [CP 217-221].  
Herbert McCabe, "Manuals and Rule Books" [CP 222-226].
- 11/8:            LIFE IN COMMUNION: WELCOMING CHILDREN
- Assignment:    Stivers, et al., "Mary Gardner's Fourth Pregnancy," [CP 227-234].  
*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #'s ; 1601-1666, 2270-2275.  
James T. Burtchaell, "Prologue," from *Rachel Weeping* [CP 235-240].  
James T. Burtchaell, "Sequelae," from *Rachel Weeping* [CP 241-242].  
Stanley Hauerwas, "Abortion: Why the Arguments Fail," [CP 243-255].  
James T. Burtchaell, "Condemnation of Abortion," [CP 256-261].
- Paper 3A (due at the beginning of class)
- 11/13:           LIFE IN COMMUNION:  
VISITING THE SICK, CARING FOR THE DYING
- Assignment:    Rand Richards Cooper, "The Dignity of Helplessness" [CP 262-264].  
*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #'s 1499-1532; 1680-1690; 2276-2296.
- Paper 3B due (at the beginning of class)
- 11/15:           LIFE IN COMMUNION: WAGING WAR AND MAKING PEACE
- Assignment:    Movie: "The Mission."
- Paper 3C due (at the beginning of class)
- 11/20:           LIFE IN COMMUNION: VISITING PRISONERS
- Assignment:    Helen Prejean, *Dead Man Walking*  
*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, # 2266-2267.
- Paper 3D due (at the beginning of class)

11/27: LIFE IN COMMUNION: PERFORMING WORKS OF MERCY

Assignment: Stivers et al., "Rigor and Responsibility" [CP 265-272].

11/29: FROM THE GHETTO TO THE MAINSTREAM:  
CATHOLIC AMERICANISM

Assignment: David J. O'Brien, "Join It, Work It, Fight It" [CP 273-279].

Paper 4, Due Friday, November 30 (5:00pm)

12/4: FROM THE MAINSTREAM TO THE MARGINS:  
THE CATHOLIC WORKER

Assignment: Dorothy Day, *The Long Loneliness*  
Dorothy Day, excerpts from *By Little and By Little* [CP 280-292].

12/6 CATHOLIC RADICALISM

Assignment: George Zabelka, "Chaplain for Peace" [CP 293-295].  
Daniel Berrigan, "The Push of Conscience" [CP 296-299].  
Fife, et al., "Sanctuary: A Conspiracy of Compassion" [CP 300-305].  
Jean Vanier, "Welcoming the Little Ones" [CP 306-308].  
Karl Meyer, "What Is To Be Done?" [CP 309-313].

### **CLOSING RITES**

12/11: THE MASS IS ENDED: LIVING A FAITH TO DIE FOR

Assignment: Fr. de Cherge "Seven Trappist Monks in Algeria Murdered" [CP 314-315]  
"Murdered in a Land They Could Not Convert," *Irish Times* [CP 316-318]  
John Eudes Bamberger, "Seven Martyrs" [CP 319].

12/18: FINAL EXAM

Tuesday, December 18, 10:30-12:30