Goal, Scope and Method of the Course

This course is a Master’s level introduction to Sacramental and Liturgical Theology. We will cover the basics of the Catholic Church’s teaching on Sacraments, a number of fundamental liturgical documents, and one in depth study of liturgical theology. The course will be conducted by lecture and discussion. Students are encouraged to read Vatican II’s Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy as well as Catechism of the Catholic Church #1066-1209 before the first class.

Course Reading Materials

*Catechism of the Catholic Church*


Catherine Vincie, *Celebrating Divine Mystery*, Collegeville: Liturgical Press,


Schedule of Lectures and Readings

Prior to the course please read all of Keith Pecklers, *Worship: A Primer – come with a question for the first class from chapter 5, 6, 7, OR 8.*

1. Monday, 20 July  

   **Introduction: What is Liturgy?**
   
   Reading: Const. on the Liturgy ##1-20; Discussion - Vincie 1-50

2. Tuesday, 21 July  

   **The Vatican II Reform**
   
   Reading: Const. # 21-46, discussion Vincie 51-119

3. Wednesday, 22 July  

   **Liturgical Theology I**
   
   Reading: discussion Vincie 120-185

4. Thursday, 23 July  

   **Liturgical Theology II**
   
   Reading: discussion Vorgrimler 1-67

5. Friday, 24 July  

   **Initiation: Baptism and Confirmation**
   
   Reading: CCC ## 1210-1321; Const. ## 59-71; Christian Initiation: General Introduction ## 1-
6. Monday, 27 July  
**Initiation: Eucharist**

*Reading:* CCC §§ 1322-1419; Const. §§ 47-58; General Instruction on the Roman Missal §§ 1-90 (Canvas); Vorgrimler 132-194

7. Tuesday, 28 July  
**Sacraments of Healing: Penance and Anointing**

*Reading:* CCC §§ 1420-1532; Const. §§ 72-75; Introduction to the Rite of Penance Lit Docs 2: 158-183; Intro. to the Pastoral Care of the Sick Lit Docs 2: 196-233; Vorgrimler 200-236.

8. Wednesday, 29 July  
**Sacraments in Service of the Church’s Communion: Holy Orders**

*Reading:* CCC §§ 1536-1600; Const. § 76; Instruction to the Rites of Ordination Canvas 237-282, Vorgrimler 237-277;

9. Thursday, 30 July  
**Sacraments in Service of the Church’s Communion: Marriage**

*Readings:* CCC §§ 1533-1535, 1601-1666; Const. §§ 77-78; Instruction to the Rite of Matrimony (handout); 283-318; Vorgrimler 283-310

10. Friday, 31 July  
**The Order of Christian Funerals**

*Readings:* CCC 1667-1690; Liturgy Docs 2: 234-297

**Expectations**

1. Attendance at each class.
2. Please keep up with the reading day by day. I will expect each student to come with a question or comment, posted on Canvas electronically before each class. Depending on the number of students enrolled, I will take these at the beginning of each discussion.
3. I will require 2 five-six page papers. The first will be on a question that I will ask on Friday of the first week – due Tuesday, July 27. The second will be on a question that I will ask on Friday of the second week – due Friday August 10 (electronically to my BC STM mailbox-frbaldov@bc.edu).

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