

The Role of Scripture and Liturgy in Catholic Faith Formation  
CCP 216  
Course Syllabus  
University of Sacramento

**Dates/Times**

Term: Fall 2008  
Class Dates: Thursday, September-December  
Class Time: 6:00-9:10

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Thursday: 5:00-5:45 or by appointment

**Course Description**

This course will consist of a study of sacred liturgy in light of the liturgical current in the Old Testament (typology), the early Church fathers, and church councils with an emphasis on Liturgy in the Church today. In addition, the nature and essence of the Liturgy, as well as the form and structure of the Mass will be considered in detail. The sacraments of initiation will also be discussed to enrich our understanding of the Lord's Supper.

**Course Objectives**

Through diligent and conscientious study, students will be able to list and identify the roots of the Liturgy in the Old Testament. Students will also be able to appreciate and understand the nature and essence of the liturgy in the life of the Church along with its structure and form. Furthermore, students will be able to identify and discuss the significant role of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist in the life of the Church along with the individual follower of Christ. Through a greater understanding of Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, all students will be able to teach and help others come to an appreciation of the Mass.

**Required Textbooks**

- 1-*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, 1997.
- 2-*Catholic Bible* Suggested trans. Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006.

3-Cardinal Ratzinger, Joseph (Pope Benedict XVI). *The Feast of Faith*. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2000.

4-Danielou S.J., Jean. *The Bible and the Liturgy*. South Bend, IN: Notre Dame Press, 1956.

5-Flannery, Austin (edited). *Vatican Council II: Constitutions, Decrees, Declarations; Sacrosanctum Concilium*. Costello Publishing Co., 1996.

6-USCCB. *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 2003.

7-Pope Benedict XVI. *Sacramentum Caritatis: Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation on the Eucharist as the Source and Summit of the Church's Life and Mission*. February 22, 2007.

### **Recommended Textbooks**

1-Cardinal Ratzinger, Joseph (Pope Benedict XVI). *The Spirit of the Liturgy*. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2000.

2-Cardinal Arinze, Francis. *Celebrating the Holy Eucharist*. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2006.

3-Corbon, Jean. *The Wellspring of Worship*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 2005.

4-Cardinal Schonborn, Christoph. *The Source of Life: Exploring the Mystery of the Eucharist*. New York: The Crossroad Publishing Company, 2007

### **Grading Policy**

Grade: Pass/Fail. Passing grade 75% or higher

The following are required for passing grade:

Attendance (try not to miss more than one class)/Class participation/Paper and Presentation/Final Exam

### **Required reading between classes**

Approximately 4-5 hours per week will be required for the reading assignments and homework outside of class. The reading is essential in order to come to appreciate the beauty and scope of the Mass and will be necessary to enter into classroom discussion.

### **Assignments**

Each student will be responsible for a paper, presentation (same as paper), and final exam.

#### ***Paper (Due upon Day of Presentation)***

In the paper described below, write a cohesive essay of 4-5 pages. What is required of the writer is a critical and prayerful exercise of the mind and heart that should result in an intelligent, thoughtful, penetrating reflection into your area of expertise. Aside from that, you should observe the following.

- (1) Papers should be typed and stapled.
- (2) Observe proper grammar, syntax, spelling, and proofread for typos.
- (3) Demonstrate critical thinking through analysis, synthesis and clear conclusion.

Reflecting principally upon the *Catechism of the Catholic Church, Sacred Scripture*, and the specified reads in your area of subject matter, select one of the core teachings surrounding the Liturgy (look below for suggested topics)... Highlight how we, as sons and daughters of God, are called into a deeper relationship with the Paschal Christ building up the Kingdom of God. Be sure to incorporate in your paper a clear definition of your chosen topic with its biblical and catechetical points. Be sure to highlight what is essential in your topic as you address how your topic exhorts the person to holiness. Citations from CCC, Sacred Scriptures and other sources are expected.

#### Suggested Topics:

1- Pope John Paul II: ***Ecclesia de Eucharistia***

*The Mystery of Faith*

*The Eucharist Builds the Church*

*Apostolic Nature of the Eucharist*

*Dignity of the Eucharistic Celebration*

*Mary and the Eucharist*

2-Cardinal Schonborn: ***The Source of Life***

*The last Supper*

*Corpus Christi*

*Memory*

*The Consecration*

*Communion*

*Eucharist and Ecumenism*

3-Cardinal Arinze: ***Celebrating the Holy Eucharist***

*Eucharist and its Mission*

*Reverence*

*Active participation*

*Adoration*

4-Part of the Mass

*Select any one part (if you select this area, be sure to touch base with me)*

5-Danielou (one of the untouched theological areas) or another category of biblical theology applied to liturgy

#### ***Presentation Guidelines (presenting paper)***

Each student will make a 12-15 minute presentation of his or her paper. You ought to soak in your subject matter to know the essentials, praying and discerning those points, which are non-negotiable to your topic. In this way, your presentation will be clear and concise.

By way of structure, define your selected topic in the opening so the students have a clear picture of the direction of your presentation. Be sure to explain the essentials to your subject matter. In your conclusion, I suggest you come full circle and review your key points. This offers a sound systematic presentation and one that is easy to follow. I will be looking for a presentation that is clear in its transition from its catechetical definition to its essential biblical and theological points.

### ***Final Exam:***

Your Final Exam will consist of five questions that I will give you at least two weeks in advance (I will give you seven to prepare...you select five). These short essay responses will be no longer than 2-3 paragraphs. The final exam is to exercise your knowledge of the faith as it would be catechized and evangelized. Again, carefully consider the essentials to the question to better prepare for a clear and concise response.

### **Course Outline**

#### **Week 1- September 4 (Ordinary Time): CCC 1066-1075, 1163-1165; SC 102-111 Danielou, pgs. 3-17**

- Course Overview
- Define Key terms: Sacred Tradition (Liturgy)/ Sacred Scripture (Typology)
- the unity of Scripture and Liturgy
- Liturgical calendar as catechism (God's catechetical pulpit)

#### **Week 2-September 11 (Ordinary Time): Gn.1-11; Ex. 1-40**

- the essence of worship
- The Place of Liturgy in reality: Freedom and the Moral law

#### **Week 3-September 18 (Ordinary Time): CCC 2558-2567, 2570, 2610-11, 2613, 2616, 2637-2638, Ratzinger, pgs.13-32**

- Faith and the Theology of Prayer and Liturgy

#### **Week 4-September 25 (Ordinary Time): CCC 1214-1222, 1234-1244; Danielou, pgs. 35-53**

- Baptism (initiation) and its types

#### **Week 5-October 2 (Ordinary Time): CCC 1286-1289, 1293-1305; Danielou, pgs. 114-126**

- Confirmation (maturation) and its types
- Pentecost (the coming of the Church) as birth of the Church

#### **Week 6-October 9 (Ordinary Time): CCC 677, 731, 793, 1096, 1164, 1225, 1340, 1362-66, 1449, 1680-83; Danielou, pgs. 142-176**

- The Seven Feasts of Ancient Israel
- Passover, Pentecost and the Feast of Tabernacles

**Week 7-October 16 (Ordinary Time):** CCC 648-655; Ratzinger, excerpt from *God is Near Us*, pgs 56-73 (handout)

--The Word becomes flesh and the liturgy in light of the Resurrection

**Week 8-October 23 (Ordinary Time):** SC, 1-5; Corbon, excerpt from *The Wellspring of Worship*, 224-231 (handout)

--The Divinization of Man and the Liturgy in Work and culture

**Week 9-October 30 (Ordinary Time):** SC, 50-57; GIRM; Danielou pgs.127-141

--Parts of the Mass

--Worship as ritual

--Introductory Rite and Liturgy of the Word

**Week 10-November 6 (Ordinary Time):** Same as previous week

--Parts of the Mass cont'd: Liturgy of the Eucharist and Closing Rite

--Theological Basis for Posture, Music, and Art

*Presentations: Josefa Johnston (Posture); Raymond Vincent (Architecture and Communion)*

**Week 11-November 13 (Ordinary Time):** SC 1112-130, Ratzinger, 97-126

--Posture, Music, Art cont'd

*Presentations: John Friedenfelt (Reverence); Judith Vergara (Active participation)*

**Week 12-November 20- Ordinary Time):** Read entire Exhortation

--The Eucharist: The Mystery to be believed and celebrated

--Outline and emphasize points that have been untouched

*Presentation: Gary Campbell (I believe...)*

**Week 13-November 27: Thanksgiving Break —no class**

**Week 14: December 4 (Advent):** Conclude Presentations (address questions for exam and button up any loose details)

--Liturgy in Advent

*Presentations: Noah Mackenroth (Atheism); Linda Riccardo Henderson; Sherri Flores (Mary and the Eucharist); Cheryl Hoffman (8<sup>th</sup> Day); Rosanna (Eternal Sacrifice)*

**Week 15-December 11 (Advent)**

Essay Final Exam

Synthesis and wrap-up