



Year Long Course Plan

Department: Theology

Course: Judeo-Christian Tradition

Essential Learning Outcomes: After successfully completing this course, students will be able to:

- understand the role of **Scripture** and **Tradition** in the development of the Church's beliefs and teachings.
- understand the specifically Catholic method of biblical interpretation, namely, that of interpreting meaning through a study of both the literary style and historical context of a given passage (i.e., with a special emphasis on a contextual interpretation of Genesis 1-11).
- explain the concept of **Biblical inspiration** from a Catholic perspective
- engage in a discussion and/or provide written analysis of the defining moments in **Salvation History** wherein God demonstrated his justice and mercy from the time of Abraham to the time of Jesus Christ.
- develop the ability to read and reflect on scripture prayerfully, thus integrating it into the students own development.
- value using our sacred scriptures as a resource for decision-making and character-building skills throughout their lives.

<i>Quarter 1</i>	<i>Quarter 2</i>
<p>Unit 1: Introduction to the Bible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why study the Bible? • Getting to know your Bible • Scripture and Church teaching (Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture) • Catholic approach to Scripture (Contextualism) <p>Unit 2: Genesis 1-11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorship of the Pentateuch (J,E,D,P) • Creation stories (Genesis 1-2; Psalms) • Fall stories (Genesis 3-4) • The Flood Story (Genesis 6-9) • Tower of Babel story (Genesis 11) <p>Unit 3: Patriarchal Period (Genesis 12-50)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abraham & Isaac (Covenant/Promised Land) • Jacob & Joseph (12 tribes of Israel) 	<p>Unit 4: Exodus & Wilderness Tradition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moses (Calling and Liberation of the People from slavery) • Plague stories • Exodus from Egypt • 10 Commandments • Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy • Joshua, Judges, and Ruth <p>Unit 5: The Kingdom—Construction, Division, and Exile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samuel, Saul, and David (1 and 2 Samuel) • Solomon and Jerusalem temple (1 and 2 Kings) • Division of Kingdom: Judah & Israel • Dissolution of Israel and Babylonian Exile • Work of Pre-exilic and Exilic Prophets <p>Unit 6: Restoration and Decline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ezra and Nehemiah • Work of the Post-exilic Prophets • The Maccabees' resistance to Hellenization (<i>Optional Possibilities:</i> Books of Esther & Daniel)

Quarter 3	Quarter 4
<p>Unit 7: Old Testament Wisdom Literature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book of Job • Proverbs and Psalms • Sirach, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs • Liturgy of the Hours <p>Unit 8: Introduction to the New Testament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparison of covenants • 1st century Judaism • Inspiration, Revelation, Inerrancy, and Canonicity <p>Unit 9: Survey of the Gospels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral to written tradition • Mystery of the Trinity • Synoptic (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) and Johannine traditions • Calling, Discipleship, Parables, Miracles, and Prayer • Passion and Resurrection • The Last Things (Judgment, Purgatory, Heaven, and Hell) 	<p>Unit 10: Acts and the Beginning of the Church</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pentecost • Jerusalem Church • Paul's Conversion and Missionary outreach • Jewish and Gentile Church (Council of Jerusalem) • Martyrdom and Persecution (communion of saints/canonization) <p>Unit 11: New Testament Letters (Paul and Others)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure of the Letters • Themes (Body of Christ, Grace, the Cross, and Justification) • Faithfulness and Responsibilities of Christians • Scriptural foundations for Sacraments and Church practices in NT Letters <p>Unit 12: Apocalyptic Literature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel, Zechariah, Ezekiel (symbolic visions) • Book of Revelation (message of hope)