

Pastoral Studies Institute

Here is a listing of the free adult education classes that will be offered during the fall semester by the Pastoral Studies Institute. Unless otherwise noted, all courses are free and offered at Church of the Madalene, which also is home to the Diocesan library, where many adult and child formation holdings are available to all. The spring semester offerings – as well as for-credit classes, catechetical workshops, Family Life Office events and more – are available on the PSI page of www.dioceseoftulsa.org



Fall PSI adult classes include new offerings, familiar favorites - and they're free!

SEPTEMBER

The Tridentine Rite from Vatican II to the Present

There has been a lot of interest in the Tridentine Rite, commonly called the Latin Mass. This class will cover the history of the Tridentine Rite since the Second Vatican Council, and will cover topics which affected the use of the Tridentine Rite such as Vatican II and the liturgical reforms that followed. Other topics will be the Schism of Archbishop Lefebvre, the founding of the F.S.S.P. (Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter) and Church documents such as Pope John Paul II's *Motu Proprio Ecclesia Dei* and Pope Benedict XVI's *Motu Proprio Summorum Pontificum*.

Instructor: Father Peter Byrne, F.S.S.P.
Dates: Thursday, Sept. 4
Time: 7-8:30 p.m.
Room: Aquinas Hall, Church of the Madalene

Confessions of St. Augustine

This course will briefly take participants over the main areas of the Confessions of St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD), one of the most influential teachers of the Western Church. The Confessions are a reflection of the interior struggle which every person goes through in seeking to achieve fulfillment, discover the truth and accept the gift of faith. Augustine's experience serves as a mirror in which to see and examine our own views, relationships and the individual and social problems of our times. Instructor Father Ted Tack of Cascia Hall spent many years in Rome as head of the worldwide Augustinian order.

Instructor: Father Ted Tack, O.S.A.
Dates: Tuesdays, Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7
Time: 7-8:30 p.m.
Room: Aquinas Hall, Church of the Madalene
Text: Confessions, by St. Augustine. Translated by R.S. Pine-Coffin. Penguin Classics: 1961-1987. (Books will be for sale at class.)

The Parables of Jesus

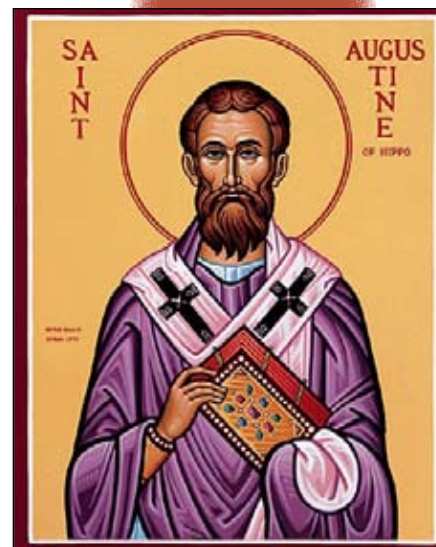
The focus will be on four of the most important parables of Jesus to discover their meaning and application. One parable will be the focus for each class (which will resume in November) so participants can come to each class independently.

Instructor: Msgr. Patrick Brankin, M. Div.
Dates: Thursdays, Sept. 18 and Sept. 25
Time: 7-8:30 p.m.
Room: Aquinas Hall, Church of the Madalene

Women's Daytime Scripture Study: Women of the New Testament

Enter into discussion and prayer about expectant faith, what it means to be touched by Jesus and the meaning of discipleship through the lives of the women who lived in the first generation of Christianity. (Eight sessions)

Date: Wednesdays, Sept. 17 – Nov. 5
Time: 9 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
Cost: \$15
Location: Church of the Madalene



Father Theodore Tack, O.S.A., of Cascia Hall, will again offer a free class on "The Confessions of St. Augustine," this year beginning Sept. 9.



"The Visitation" of the Virgin Mary to Elizabeth as recorded in the Gospel of Luke 1:39-56. By Domenico Ghirlandaio, 1491, is exhibited at the Musee du Louvre, Paris.

OCTOBER

Reconciliation and Penance

Many contemporary Catholics feel a great need to be forgiven and reconciled but avoid the Sacrament of Penance because of difficulties they perceive in it. This class will be a thorough investigation into the theology of the Sacrament, its Scriptural roots and its development over the centuries. Some discussion will be given to the "problems" of Penance today.

Instructor: Msgr. Patrick Brankin, M.Div.
Dates: Thursdays, Oct. 2, 9, 16 and 23
Time: 7-8:30 p.m.
Room: Aquinas Hall, Church of the Madalene

Catholic Issues in an Election Year

Right in time for the election, an abbreviated version of the popular four-night class that was taught last spring, this one-night class will focus on the issues that will be hotly debated in the public square leading up to the election. What should Catholics consider before casting their vote? Father Brian O'Brien will present the latest Catholic thoughts on issues such as abortion and life issues, stem cell research, immigration and just war theory.

Instructor: Father Brian O'Brien, M.Div.
Dates: Tuesday, Oct. 14
Time: 7-8:30 p.m.
Room: Aquinas Hall, Church of the Madalene



Sen. John McCain is the presumptive Republican nominee for president, and Sen. Barack Obama is the Democrats'.

The New Eastern Oklahoma Catholic Magazine – Learn the Who's, What's, When's and Wherefore's!

On Nov. 29, the Eastern Oklahoma Catholic Newspaper will give way to a 32-page magazine printed in full color 10 times a year. Join editor Marilyn Duck, reporter/photographer Dave Crenshaw and diocesan web master Chris Boulin as they walk you through the pages of the magazine, introducing you to new features and new columnists. Learn how communication is changing in the 21st century and about the necessary interface between the diocesan web site and our magazine. If you write bulletin announcements for your parish, school or society, you can learn valuable tips that will make editors glad to print your news. For more information, call Marilyn Duck at 307-4946 or email her at easternokcatholic@dioceseoftulsa.org

Facilitator: Marilyn Duck
Dates: Tuesday, Oct. 21
Time: 7-8:30 p.m.
Room: Benedictine Hall, Church of the Madalene



A cover mockup of the Eastern Oklahoma Catholic Magazine that will be published Nov. 29.

NOVEMBER

The Parables of Jesus

This is a continuation of a class that began in September, studying four of the most important parables of Jesus. Two more parables will be examined in these November sessions, and those who could not begin in September are welcome to begin now.

Instructor: Msgr. Patrick Brankin, M.Div.
Dates: Thursdays, Nov. 13 and Nov. 20
Time: 7-8:30 p.m.
Room: Aquinas Hall, Church of the Madalene

DECEMBER

Advent in Sacred Art

Take a look at the story of Advent as it has been depicted over the centuries in Sacred art. Following the story in Matthew and Luke, we will take a visual tour of how the birth of Christ from the Annunciation to the Presentation in the Temple has been expressed through the medium of the visual arts.

Instructor: Joey Spencer, M.T.S.
Date: Thursday, Dec. 4
Time: 7-8:30 p.m.
Room: Aquinas Hall, Church of the Madalene

Our Lady of Guadalupe

This class will focus on the history behind the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which falls on Dec. 12. It will be a presentation of the story behind the 1531 apparition to Blessed Juan Diego and his miraculous cloak on which is imprinted the picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The cloak has been preserved in Mexico City to this day.

Instructor: Deacon John Donnelly, J.D.
Date: Thursday, Dec. 11
Time: 7-8:30 p.m.
Room: Aquinas Hall, Church of the Madalene

Advent Sing-a-Long

Last year's first-ever Advent Sing-a-Long was a rousing success, and we promise this evening will be a delight for everyone who likes the sound of Christmas music.

We'll trace the history of some of the most famous Christmas carols, sing our favorites and some new carols, too. Several parish choirs and soloists will lend their talents to this festive night. The evening wraps up with a "Do-it-Yourself" rendition of the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah followed by a cookie exchange. Bring a couple dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to share with neighbors from around the Diocese. For this Advent Sing-a-Long, please enter the Cathedral through the front doors.

Host: Mr. Ernest Neal
Date: Saturday, Dec. 6
Time: 7-9 p.m.
Location: Holy Family Cathedral



The Advent Sing-a-Long will be Dec. 6 at the Cathedral.