

FALL 2018 SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

The Pastoral Studies Program (PSP) is an ongoing education program sponsored by the Diocese of Tulsa & Eastern Oklahoma. Accredited through an agreement between the Diocese of Tulsa and Newman University, the PSP offers courses for credit (tuition required) and for enrichment (at *no cost* to the student). To register for a class or to learn more about opportunities for ongoing education, please contact us at psp@dioceseoftulsa.org or call (918) 307-4941 or (918) 307-4956. Kindly see below for the full schedule of offerings for Fall 2018. Those interested in the PSP's Great Books Seminars for homeschooled students are encouraged to contact us for additional information.

ONGOING EDUCATION AND ENRICHMENT

FREE, registration [preferred](#) but not required

SEPTEMBER

The Gospel in Flannery O'Connor

The stories of Flannery O'Connor are marked by startling moments of grace and conversion for her "freak" characters. From Georgia and surrounded by Protestant fundamentalism, Flannery O'Connor was a devout Catholic. Her faith informed her worldview, which is evident in her acclaimed body of work. Please join us for an exploration of several of her stories and a conversation about the faith.

Thursdays, Sept 6 through October 11, 7:00-8:30pm

Mason Beecroft, Th.M.

Chancery Office, "B" Building

12300 East 91st Street, Broken Arrow, OK

The Philosophy of Nature

Natural Philosophy is a foundation to Thomistic Theology. It is also foundational to modern physics, and Einstein once remarked that modern physics is Greek philosophy. This class will provide an introduction to Natural Philosophy from Thales to Aristotle.

Mondays, Sept 10, 17, 24; Oct 1, 7:00-8:30pm

William Dunn, S.T.L.

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Diocesan Women's Bible Study

Women of the Old Testament: These women have rich stories that are vital to God's relationship with the covenant people. The study introduces readers to women whose stories offer courage and insight.

Wednesdays, Sept 12 - Nov 14, 9:00-11:15am (\$20 cost)

Church of the Madalene

To register, please contact [Mary Hall](#) at 918-497-2063

OCTOBER

The Theology of Grace

This class will consider the meaning of the Church's teaching that grace builds upon nature. It will also examine the different kinds of grace as presented in St. Thomas Aquinas' Treatise on Grace found in the *Summa Theologiae*.

Mondays, Oct 8, 15, 22 & 29, 7:00-8:30pm

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Why Jesus Never Wrote a Book:

An Introduction to Sacred Tradition

"Holy Tradition transmits in its entirety the Word of God which has been entrusted to the Apostles by Christ the Lord and the Holy Spirit" (CCC 81). This class will be an introduction to Sacred Tradition, which, along with Sacred Scripture, is understood to be one of the two sources of Divine Revelation within the Church.

Wednesday, October 10, 6:00 - 7:30pm

Harrison Garlick, J.D.

St. Anthony's Parish, Okmulgee

NOVEMBER

Evangelization and the Church

"The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus." This class will focus on the three modes of evangelization—Ad Gentes, the New Evangelization, and pastoral care—with a focus on how the laity participates in spreading the joy of the Gospel through everyday evangelization.

Monday, November 5, 7:00-8:30pm

Gerald Murphy, M.A.

Aquinas Hall, Church of the Madalene

Lectio Divina

This class will be an introduction to Lectio Divina or "sacred reading" as a form of devotion and a way to strengthen our prayer life through the use of the written word in Sacred Scripture.

Wednesday, November 7, 6:00 - 7:30pm

Joey Spencer, M.T.S.

St. Anthony's Parish, Okmulgee

St. Hildegard von Bingen

On October 7, 2012, St. Hildegard of Bingen was named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XVI, in large part because of her profound writings on the mystery of Mary and the Virgin Birth. This class will be offered in anticipation of Advent as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Mondays, Nov 12, 19, 26 & Dec 3, 7:00-8:30pm

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