1. Course Description

1.1 Catalog Description: This course offers a systematic study of the person and mission of Jesus Christ as revealed in Scripture and received in the communion of the Church’s tradition. The course will provide an examination of the development of Christology and Soteriology with special emphasis on the authoritative teaching of the Church (the formation of the Church’s doctrinal and theological tradition; the questions raised by contemporary methods of biblical exegesis; and theological approaches to the mystery of Christ’s person and his role in the economy of salvation). The course also develops theological reflection on the role of Mary as the Virgin Mother of the Savior.

1.2 Goals: Students will: (1) become familiar with the method of biblical Christology; (2) gain an historical perspective on the formation and development of Patristic Christology and Patristic Soteriology; (3) consider formulations of Medieval Christology as well as expressions of the Protestant Reformation (3) be introduced to the best available systematic understanding of the mystery of Christ – (Sin as a threefold alienation, the mystery of the Incarnation, the humanity of the Son, redemption as assumption of humankind into Trinitarian communion, the universal significance of Christ in the context of other religions) ; (4) be well equipped to declare and elucidate the mystery of Christ in preaching and catechesis; (5) understand the role of Mary as the woman in the plan of salvation.

2. Topical Outline:

2.1 Christology of the New Testament
2.2 Historical Christology
2.3 Systematic Christology
2.4 The Redemption: Mystery of God’s Love and Sacrifice
2.5 Mary as Virgin Mother of the Savior – Her Role in Salvation?

3. Textbooks (*) and Selected Bibliography:


Christology – Rev. James B. Anderson


4. Format of presentation: This course will be a mixture of lecture, class discussion, and small group study sessions.

5. Required Workload:
   5.1 Students are expected to complete all the assigned reading and answer the study questions.
   5.2 There will be four Oral Exams. Quizzes may be given at the discretion of the instructor.
   5.3 YSD and YLSD enrolled students will prepare a final synthesis project, due Thursday, April 26th.

Suppose you were invited to give an hour presentation to an RCIA group or parish adult education group summarizing in your own words the relevance of this course in Christology entitled: “Christ Opened Heaven for Us in the Manhood He Assumed - How the Mystery of God’s Love Is Revealed.” What important points would you explore? Prepare an outline for your presentation. Attach a brief explanation for each point in your outline. Compose five
questions you think the group might ask of you, and tell me, clearly and succinctly, how you would answer them. Please submit the whole assignment as a single file.

5.4 YMD and STB enrolled students will prepare a research paper of 15 pages in length with accompanying Outline and Annotated Bibliography on a topic chosen from the course and approved by the instructor before March 8th and will be due on April 26th. Please submit the research paper with accompanying Outline and Annotated Bibliography as a single file. It should be well organized, properly documented, typed following the Modern Language Association (MLA) format and the “Guidelines for Nonsexist Use of Language in NCTE (National Council of Teachers in English) Publication”.

6. Grading: Initial Exam, 20%; Second Exam, 20%; Third Exam, 20%; Final Exam, 20%; Final Synthesis Project for YSD and YLSD students or Research Paper for YMD or STB candidates 15%; Attendance, Quizzes, and Class Participation, 5%.

7. Academic Standards

7.1 Academic Honesty: All the work you do in this course is expected to be your own. Absolutely no cheating or plagiarism (using someone else’s words or ideas without proper attribution) will be tolerated. Any cases of cheating or plagiarism will be handled according to university policy and reported to the University’s Academic Misconduct Committee. They will also be reported to appropriate ecclesiastical authorities where applicable.

As stated in the Norms of Conduct for the University of St. Thomas, academic misconduct includes: (a) cheating (using unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise), plagiarism, falsification of records, unauthorized possession of examinations, intimidation, and any and all other actions that improperly affect the evaluation of a student’s academic performance or achievement; (b) assisting others in any such act; (c) attempting to engage in such acts.

Plagiarism is using the work of another person and claiming it as your own. The most common types of plagiarism include:

- Using a paper or portion of a paper prepared by someone else;
- Quoting someone else’s language or words without proper quotation or citation;

and

- Paraphrasing someone else’s ideas, framework, or insights without giving credit to the original author in a citation.

Students are very strongly urged to consult the following websites for additional information on plagiarism and how to avoid it:

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r_plagiar.html
http://www.bc.edu/schools/cas/polisci/integrity/quiz/

Academic misconduct in any form is unacceptable and suspected violations will be pursued aggressively.

7.2 Attendance Policy: Students are expected to attend every meeting. Any absences without substantive reason (in the judgment of the instructor) will adversely affect your final grade. Regardless of the reasons for absence, students are responsible for the whole content of the course.

7.3 Disability Services: Any student with a disability requiring accommodations in this course is encouraged to contact Counseling and Disability Services in Crooker Center. Their offices can be reached at (713) 525-2169 or 6953.
8. Office Hours: Email is the preferred way of reaching the instructor. You may also phone my office during regular business hours. If you would like to have a conversation outside of business hours, please email to arrange an appointment. My email address and phone number are given at the top of the syllabus.

9. Submission of Work
   9.1 Work should be submitted electronically in an email attachment as a Microsoft Word or Rich Text file, to andersjb@stthom.edu
   9.2 Format: Please identify each and every assignment you send with this label: “Christology6302, 2018.Lastname, firstinitial.Assignmentname.”
   This is how my Final Project should appear: “Christology6302, 2018.Anderson, J.Final Project”
   9.3 Use this label format in three places:
      a. In the topic of the email;
      b. As the name of the file
      c. In the header on page one (1) of the paper, placed in the top left hand corner.
   9.4 Rationale for the format: This format will organize each student’s work under his/her own name in my files, and facilitate my retrieval of each document without having to re-label it.

10. Calendar of Classes and Readings:
    The class meets twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:15pm to 2:30pm for the duration of the Spring Semester 2018 as follows:
    **January**
    18 Section 1: Christology of the New Testament
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    **February**
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    13 Section 2: Historical Christology – Initial Oral Exam
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    **March**
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    08 Proposed Outline and Annotated Bibliography for Research Paper
    13 Spring Break
    15 Spring Break
    20 Section 3: Systematic Christology – Second Oral Exam
    22
    27 Easter Break
29 Easter Break

April
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17 Section 4: The Redemption: Mystery of God’s Love and Sacrifice
Third Oral Exam
19
24
26 Final Synthesis Project and Research Paper Due

May
01 Section 5: Mary as Virgin Mother of the Savior - Her Role in Salvation?
03 Last Class – Final Oral Exam during the following week

Please note that each Section of the course has been divided into topics, with readings assigned and recommended for each Section.

Section 1: Christology of the New Testament
Thursday, January 18, 2018 – Thursday, February 8, 2018 (4 weeks)
Initial Oral Exam – February 13, 2018

1/1. Introduction
   a. Essential Orientations of Christology
   b. The First Christological Declaration
   c. A Christology from Above and a Christology from Below
   d. The Christ of Faith and the Historical Jesus
   e. From Man to God and from God to Man
   f. The Structure of Incarnation in the Jewish Religion
   g. Presages of a Divine Messianic Figure
   h. The First Christology in Apostolic Preaching
   i. In the Teaching of St. Paul
   j. In the Epistles to the Hebrews
   k. In the Testimony of the Evangelists
   l. The Testimony of Jesus on His Own Identity
   m. Kenosis and Glory
   n. Essential Characteristics of the Biblical Christ

01/23 Ocariz, pp. 1-22
01/25 Ocariz, pp.25-49
01/30 Ocariz, pp. 50-89

1/2. The Christology of the New Testament – Method of Biblical Christology
02/01 Kereszty, pp. xv-xx; 3-33
02/06 Kereszty, pp. 34-71
02/08 Kereszty, pp. 76-125

1/3. The Death and Resurrection of Jesus
02/13 Kereszty, pp.126-196

1/4. The Beginning of the Gospel
1/5. Jesus and the Kingdom
1/6. The Kingdom and the Death of Jesus
1/7. The Understanding of the Mystery of Christ in the Apostolic Church

Recommended Further Readings:


Weinandy, Thomas G. *Jesus the Christ*. (Henceforth Weinandy), pages 15-47


Section 2: Historical Christology
Tuesday, February 13, 2018 – Thursday, March 8, 2018 (4 weeks)
Second Oral Exam – March 20, 2018

2/1. The Formation of Christological Doctrine in the First Centuries of the Church
   02/15 Kereszty, pp. 107-203 & Ocariz, pp. 90-138

2/2. Historical Christology – Patristic Christology
2/3. The Soteriology of the Fathers 02/20 Kereszty, pp.204-229
2/4. The Christology of the Fathers 02/22 Kereszty, pp.230-262
2/5. Medieval Christology 02/27 Kereszty, pp. 263-278
2/6. Christology of the Reformation 03/01 Kereszty, pp.279-310
2/7 Protestant Christologies in 20th Century 03/06 Kereszty, pp. 311-338

Recommended Further Readings:
Dupuis, pages 77-110.

Galot, pages 213-249.

Kereszty, pages 189-298.

Ocariz, pages 90-136

Weinandy, pages 49-82.

Section 3: Systematic Christology
Tuesday, March 20, 2018 – Thursday, April 12, 2018 (3 weeks)

Third Exam – April 17, 2018
3/1. Systematic Christology 03/20 Ocariz, pp. 90-138
3/2. The Unity of the Mystery of Christ 03/22 Kereszty, pp. 339-354
3/3. Sin as Threefold Alienation
3/4. The Mystery of the Incarnation 04/03 Kereszty, pp. 355-381
3/5. The Humanity of the Son 04/05 Kereszty, pp.382-400
3/6. Union and Distinction of Jesus’ Humanity and Divinity
3/7. The Ontological Unity of Christ’s Person
3/8. The Psychological Unity of Christ’s Person – Christ’s I
3/9. The Knowledge of Jesus 04/10 Ocariz, pp.139-174
3/10. Christ, Mediator between God and Men
3/11. Christ, King and Shepherd
3/12. Christ, Prophet and Teacher
3/13. Jesus Christ, Priest of the New Covenant
3/14. Jesus Christ’s Holiness and Freedom 04/12 Ocariz, pp.175-198

Recommended Further Readings:
Dupuis, pages 111-139.
Galot, pages 255-404.
Kereszty, pages 327-396.
Ocariz, pages 90-197.
Weinandy, pages 83-102.

Section 4: The Redemption: Mystery of God’s Love and Sacrifice
Tuesday, April 17, 2018 – Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Tuesday, April 26 Final Synthesis Project and Research Paper Due
4/1. The Redemption – the Assumption of Humankind into Trinitarian Communion 04/17 Kereszty, pp. 411-442
4/2. The Salvific Meaning of Christ’s Passion and Death 04/19 Ocariz, pp.199-222
4/3. The Death and Burial of Our Lord 04/24 Ocariz, pp.218-255
4/4. Christ’s Exaltation
4/5. The Redemption as Liberation 04/26 Ocariz, 256-304
4/6. Satisfaction, Merit and Efficient Causality of Christ in the Work of Redemption

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4/7. The Redemption – A Mystery of God’s Love and Suffering
4/8. The Universality of the Redemption
4/9. The Universal Significance of Christ in the Context of Other Religions

4/10. Christ and Possible Other Universes and Extraterrestrial Intelligent Beings

Section 5: Mary as Virgin Mother of the Savior – Her Role in Salvation?
Thursday, May 3, 2013 (1 class)
5.1 Mary in the Mystery of Christ

Recommended Further Readings:
Dupuis, pages 140-167.


Kereszty, pages 397-453.

Ladaria, Luis F. Jesus Christ Salvation of All, pages 97-149.

Ocariz, pages 199-306.

Weinandy, pages 103-136.