Course Description:

This course will explore the writings of St. Paul. Particular attention will be made to his theology, its meaning and importance for the life of the Church. As the writings of St. Paul, both authentic and pseudonymous materials are of considerable difficulty, special attention will be given to the Sacred Scriptures.

Objectives:
1) Become familiar with the personage of St. Paul, both in his own words and in the words of St. Luke
2) Study the time period during which Paul wrote, coming to know rhetoric, philosophy and Hellenistic Judaism.
3) Understand St. Paul’s usage of the Old Testament, especially the symbolism of Adam and Abraham.
4) Become familiar with Paul’s missionary journeys
5) Study the nature of Paul’s occasional writing
6) Become familiar with material that has been attributed to St. Paul, but that he likely did not write
7) Read St. Paul with an eye towards homiletics and the liturgy

Required Texts:

This book is more of a resource for when you find Paul difficult to understand.

Grading:

I will be using the UST Undergraduate Grading Scale for this class as per the course catalogue.

Grade Weighting: Mid-Term – 50% Final – 50%

Examinations will be submitted via www.turnitin.com. Our class login is 17062501. Enrollment key: paul.

Reading Assignments: Before coming to class, it is essential that you spend adequate time reading the letters of St. Paul that are assigned to that particular class. It is also
important to utilize Raymond Brown’s *Introduction to the New Testament* over each of those letters. Before the first class, also read pages 18-31, 148-167, and 210-213 from Brown’s text along with the Letter to the Thessalonians.

**Class 1: January 13th**
1. Hellenism
2. Greco-Roman Paganism
3. Philosophy and Philo the Jew
4. Rhetoric
5. Who is Paul?
6. Paul in Acts
7. Missionary Journeys
8. Authentic Paul vs. Pseudo Paul
9. 1 Thessalonians

**Class 2: January 20th**
1. The Greco-Roman letter
2. Galatians
3. Conflicts in the Early Church
4. Occasional Writing
5. 1 Corinthians
6. 2 Corinthians

Midterm due date: February 6th

**Class 3: February 10th**
1. Romans
2. Audience, Message, Requests
3. Theology
4. Philippians
5. High and Low Christology

**Class 4: February 24th**
1. Colossians
2. Philemon
3. Slavery and Women in the NT
4. Pseudo Paul and the Pastoral Epistles

Final due date: March 3rd