The Shepherd's Staff



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Seminary Fall Semester

Fall Semester is quickly approaching and the first class begins in just a couple of weeks. If you have any questions please direct them to the provost, Bishop Ashman – 818-749-8139

A Survey of the New Testament, Bishop Ashman – Mondays, two Sections at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

New Testament Survey is designed to be an overview of all the Books of the New Testament and is designed for seminarians, laity and clergy who want a refresher course. All participants will read passages and summaries along with some of the more important theological interpretations.

***Begins August 21st

Patristics (Early Church Theology), Bishop Ashman – Tuesdays, two sections at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Patristics is a survey course of the Ecumenical history of the early Church, the Early Church Fathers and their influence on the development of Christian Doctrine. The course includes an in-depth study of the Creeds and both the Christological and Theological controversies of the first seven centuries of the Church.

***Begins Tuesday, September 5th

Moral Theology, Bishop Hansen – Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. Synopsis of the Course – 15 weeks, lectures and class notes, two midterm quizzes, final exam.

Moral Theology is a one semester course in the classical and theological virtues, treating the moral questions of the day, and integrating the virtues into our lives. This course in Moral Theology is more the quest for living the good life, free of clouds of shame and guilt, moral doubt, and finding happiness, rather than just a close study of sin and evil.

***Begins August 30th, 11:00 a.m. +++Note the change from August 16th

Ecclesiastical Latin V, Bishop Ashman – Fridays, 10:00 a.m. A continuation of Latin IV; Complex clauses, advanced grammar and readings from the Old Testament, the New Testament and Medieval Church Latin.

***Begins August 25th, 10:00 a.m.

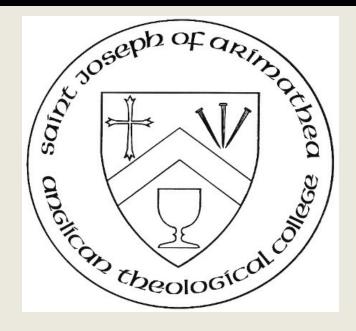
Biblical Greek II, Bishop Ashman – Fridays, 1:00 p.m. Review of Greek I, First and Second Aorist, Perfect Tense; Participles (Genitive Absolute), Third Declension Nouns, Liquid and Contract Verbs, the Infinitive and Subjunctive; Old and New Testament Readings.

***Begins on August 25th, 1:00 p.m.

Biblical Greek I, Bishop Ashman – Fridays, 4:00 p.m. Learning the Greek Alphabet, Omega Verbs, First and Second Declension Nouns and Adjectives, Present Tense Active, Middle and Passive, Imperfect, Future and Aorist Tenses.

***Begins on August 25th, 4:00 p.m.

Saint Joseph of Arimathea Theological College Fall Registration Form 2023



Name
Mailing Address
APCK Parish or Church Affiliation
Are you a postulant for Holy Orders in the APCK? Yes () No ()
Email
Telephone (cell)
Telephone (other)
List the classes you wish to take

The cost is \$250.00 for credit and \$50.00 for audit per course. Please address any requests for tuition relief to the Provost at bishopashman@gmail.com

Send your tuition fee to Saint Joseph's Anglican Theological College C/O Canon Matthew Weber, 2316 Bowditch, P.O. Box 40020, Berkeley, CA 94704. Do not send tuition to the San Francisco office.

Saint Joseph of Arimathea Theological College Summer Session, 2023

From July twenty-fourth to July twenty-eighth, Saint Joseph's Seminary held its annual Summer Session inperson and on Zoom.
There were four students for in-person studies:
Deacon Darius Gasatura,
Deacon Andrew Harrah,
Austin Richards and Ory
Schultheis, in addition to
Archdeacon Michael
Mautner, Dean David
Napier, Canon Matthew



Weber, Father Glenn Karcher, Father Franz Longsworth, Father Tom Kelnhofer and Bishop Ashman. The office of Morning Prayer was said at 8:30 a.m. and the morning lecture at 10:00 a.m. taught by Father Dr. Paul Russell on *Reading the Church Fathers*. At noon the Holy Communion was celebrated including on Tuesday and Thursday Deacon's Liturgies. At 2:00 p.m. Dr. Paul Evans taught a class on canon law including a comparison of our PCK Provincial Canons with the English Canons of

1604. After the afternoon class, participants gathered in the Back House for refreshments and discussions such as, "What are the hardest questions for a clergyman to answer?", "Is a deacon half a priest?", and "How can we all be content to let God have his way?" Our days concluded with Sung Evensong led by Canon Weber. Between Zoom and in-person, there were about 19 to 25 attendees for all the lectures.







Sample Readings from what we Studied at the Seminary Summer Session

From Early Christians Writings, Penguin Classics (Great for Personal Meditation)

The principles of the Lord are three in number. Faith begins and ends with Hope, hope of life; judgement begins and ends with Holiness; and the works of holiness are evidenced by Love, and the joy and gladness it brings. (*Epistle of Barnabas*)

Faith is the mother of us all; with Hope following in her train, and Love of God and Christ and neighbor leading the way. (*The Epistle of Polycarp to the Philippians*)

Where the bishop is to be seen, there let all his people be: just as wherever Jesus Christ is present, we have the catholic Church. (*Ignatius to the Smyrnaeans*)

If there is true Christian love in a man, let him carry out the precepts of Christ. Who can describe the constraining of a love for God? Its majesty and

its beauty who can adequately express? No tongue can tell the heights to which love can uplift us. Love binds us fast to God. Love casts a veil over sins innumerable. There are limits to love's endurance, no end to its patience. Love is without servility, as it is without arrogance. Love knows no divisions, promotes no discord; all the works of love are done in perfect fellowship. It was in love that all God's chosen saints were made perfect; for without love nothing is pleasing to Him. It was in love that the Lord drew us unto himself; because of the love He bore us, our Lord Jesus Christ, at the will of God, gave His blood for us – His flesh for our flesh, His life for our lives. (First Epistle of Clement to the Corinthians)

May the all-seeing God, the Ruler of spirits and Lord of all flesh, who has chosen the Lord Jesus Christ, and through Him ourselves to be a people for His possession, grant to every soul that is called by His glorious and holy Name such faith and dear, such peace and patience, such forbearance, self-restraint, purity and sobriety, that they may be pleasing to His Name; through our High Priest and Protector Jesus Christ, by whom be glory, majesty, might and honour to Him both now and forever, world without end. Amen

(First Epistle of Clement to the Corinthians)

Meanwhile in Winnemucca, Nevada

House Blessings, Church Consecration, a Baptism and Confirmation

On July 16, Bishop Ashman visited and blessed a ranch chapel built by Rick Gourley just outside the city limits of Winnemucca, Nevada. Rick is the oldest son of Rod and Nona Gourley and he is in the ongoing process of building a western town in the high desert of Northern Nevada complete with a chapel blessed by the Bishop. On his visit, the Bishop conducted two house blessings, baptized Nona's great granddaughter Miriam Christensen and confirmed Nona's great grandson Isaac Emmanuel Rich.



From Saint Luke's Redding
A Picture that Warms the Heart: A Bishop serving as a Deacon



And from The Parish of Saint Mark, Portland On July 30th, Bishop Ashman visited, celebrated the early Mass and preached at Our Lovely Portland Church



A Sermon for the Feast of the Transfiguration

+Robert Sherwood Morse, 2000 - Holy Family, St. Martin of Tours

Today is one of the great feast days of the Christian world, the day the Apostles saw Christ transfigured on Mount Tabor. It is one of the many moments of epiphany that take place during Jesus' earthly ministry in which He reveals His divine nature: His Baptism, the wedding at Cana, the stilling of the wind and storm on the Sea of Galilee.

Yet the more interesting insight into the Transfiguration is His conversation with Moses and Elijah, reflecting the law and the prophets of the Old Testament. They spoke of His coming sacrificial death. In this moment of glory, why such a shattering, devastating revelation? It reveals who He is, why He came among us, and why He still comes among us.

We say that Christ came to save us from our sins. But what is sin? What is the root of sin? The simplest answer is self-centeredness, a result of God's gift of freedom to mankind. Freedom is the source of good and evil, love and hate, right and wrong. For with freedom comes not only our ability to participate in the very nature of God, which is to love, but also the responsibility of moral choice. In this way we are different from other creation.

At the dawn of human consciousness, when we were given freedom, humanity turned away from God, turned from glory into self. This is why we are all sinners. As I slowly mature I have an increasing interest in sanctity, in those remarkable human beings we call saints who go beyond self, to love God, to love others.

In the glorious Transfiguration of Christ, He reveals His coming sacrificial death. God thus takes responsibility for giving us freedom. He sacrifices Himself for that which we cannot do for ourselves, the restoration of our freedom through forgiveness, the grace again, now, to participate in the divine life of God, if we so choose. He becomes the Lamb of God, the Agnus Dei, replacing the sacrificial lambs offered by the Jews in the temple for the sins of the people.

This is also the meaning of the epiphany of Our Lord's Baptism in the Jordan River. John the Baptist looks up from the water and cries out, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." These are the very words the priest repeats when he offers the Host and Chalice for the people to receive: "Behold the Lamb of God."

In the Mass, this mystery is continued. Life is transfigured by the sacramental Presence of Christ, and a sense of the sacred is restored to us. When we see the sacred we see the sanctity, the transfiguration, of all life. We see that we partake in the nature of God. In turn our response to such complete divine love in the Mass is to offer our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice to thee, O God.

2024 Ordo Kalendars



Churchman's Ordo Kalendar For use with Book of Common Prayer (1928) and American and Anglican Missals

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The 2024 Ordo Kalendars are prepared and are available for ordering. The Ordo Kalendar conforms to the 1928 Prayer Book and both the American and Anglican Missals and is in full color and edited for Church use by Father Matthew Weber of Saint Ann's Chapel in Palo Alto. There is space on the front of the Kalendar where a parish may, if desired, insert a picture, its name and other information after receiving the Kalendars.

The Ordo Kalendar is of invaluable use to clergy and altar guilds alike. It helps determine the color for the day, whether the day is festal or ferial and a guide to whether the Gloria in Excelsis and/or the Nicene Creed is required. The same applies for proper prefaces.

Nona has mailed out order forms but if lost or you didn't get an order form, you may direct inquiries to Mrs. Nona Gourley (209) 862-2582 or email our Ordo Kalendar website: order1928bcpcalendar@gmail.com.

Provincial Anglican Church Women (ACW)

2038 Carlsbad Caverns Court, Newman, CA 95360-9635 * Phone 1 (209) 862-2582 Trinity, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is time to place your order for the 2024 Liturgical Ordo Kalendar. Churches are opening, and once again congregations are able to get together for Sunday Services. Keep in mind the Ordo Calendar is a great tool to introduce new members to your church. The calendar in full color has been edited by The Rev. Matthew L. Weber for use with the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, and with the Anglican and American Missals. There will be a place on the front of the calendar where a parish may, if desired, insert its name and address after receiving the calendars.

To be assured a sufficient number of calendars is printed to take care of your needs, please place your order as soon as possible. Our plan for the **delivery** of the calendars will approximately be in **September**.

Faithfully, Nona Gourley. Provincial OCW President

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ACW Notes August 2023

Thank you so much to all the churches that have sent checks for the Lenten Mite Box fund raiser. To date, we have raised over \$2000 for student support at St. Joseph of Arimathea Seminary. If your church has not yet made out their check, it is never too late! Send checks to Gillian Golden, Provincial ACW Lenten Chairman, P.O. Box 558, Selma, OR 97538-0558, with notation 'Lenten Boxes', and they will be added to the overall total. Each church will receive a certificate and will be remembered at the altar at St. Joseph of Arimathea chapel.

I was fortunate to be able to attend two Zoom classes during the past Summer Session, 'Reading the Apostolic Fathers' and 'Survey of Canon Law.' I learned so much from both classes, and I would urge everyone to seriously consider auditing one or more classes this Fall. There is such a wealth of knowledge about our church to be learned, and we have some outstanding teachers. Just do it!

Remember to order your Ordo Kalendars now. Order forms have been sent out and should be filled out and returned with a check as soon as possible, so the Kalendars can be printed and sent out before the new year.



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