

ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL
2007 – 2008
Grade 9 Theology

Course Syllabus

Old Testament (.5) and New Testament (.5) = 1.0 credit

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Class Texts:

Journey Through the Old Testament. Harcourt Religion Publishers (2006)

Journey Through the New Testament. Harcourt Religion Publishers (2006)

New American Bible Youth Bible, Fireside2004 (Fireside Catholic Youth Bible –NAB)

Room: 209

Credits: 1 Hour (.5 – Old Testament and .5 – New Testament)

Materials needed

1" three-ringed binder, loose leaf paper, black/blue, red, pens and pencil, dividers, USB drive (recommended), school laptop, scissors, markers, assignment notebook, spiral notebook, ruler, dictionary and Bible

Course Description

This is a survey course of the Bible that touches on various aspects of life. As we study the Old Testament, we will trace the development of morality and doctrine as a preparation for New Testament studies. The course presents an overview of the teachings of the Catholic Faith and of the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Scriptures are presented to the students as the inspired Word of God, as well as important literature. Students are required to be familiar with the books, themes and the persons presented in the Scriptures. They must also be able to apply basic techniques of interpretation of key biblical texts reflecting an understanding of both their literal and spiritual meanings. The course also deals with applying the message of the Bible to the daily life of the students for reflection and prayer.

COGNITIVE SKILLS/OBJECTIVES

As a result of taking this course, students will:

1. Understand the basic teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church;
2. Learn salvation History through a study of the Hebrew people and the early Christian community;
3. Become familiar with the literature of the Old and New Testaments;
4. Learn the religious topics and themes of the Old and New Testaments;
5. Gain an ability to perceive the Christian message from reading the Old Testament;

6. Understand the importance and uniqueness of the life, death and resurrection of Christ;
7. Learn models of discipleship from the Old and New Testaments saints.
8. Be able to apply basic techniques of Biblical interpretation of key scriptural texts.

Class content

- I. Divine Revelation: God Speaks to Us**
- II. The Pentateuch or Torah – First Five Books of Scripture**
- III. Joshua and the Era of the Judges**
- IV. Historical Books**
- V. Wisdom Books**
- VI. The Prophets**
- VII. Overview of the New Testament**
- VIII. The Gospels**
- IX. Acts of the Apostles**
- X. The Letters**
- XI. Book of Revelation**

PROJECTS:

- **Prophets Project (semester 1)**
- **Old Testament Learning Game (semester 1)**
- **Old Testament Cartoon (semester 1)**
- **Old Testament Projects Using Technology (semester 1)**
- **Scripture Reflection Project (semester 2)**
- **New Testament Learning Game (semester 2)**
- **Letter to Students of St. Augustine (semester 2)**
- **New Testament Projects Using Technology (semester 2)**

SOME APPROVED ELECTRONIC SOURCES:

www.shc.edu/theolibrary - Excellent source for both semesters.

www.sacredspace.ie (prayer)

Catechism of the Catholic Church, second edition (electronic version),
www.scborromeo.org/index2.htm.

[Who is Jesus? \(www.catholicireland.net\)](http://www.catholicireland.net)

[Jesus Image Gallery \(www.religionfacts.com/jesus/\)](http://www.religionfacts.com/jesus/)

www.catholicsoncall.org
www.DisciplesNow.org

WWW.LifeTeen.com

www.bustedhalo.com/faith_guides/old_test.htm (Bible boot Camp - Old Testament)

www.bustedhalo.com/faith_guides/new_test.htm (Bible Boot Camp-New Testament)

<http://catholic-resources.org/Art/Dore>. (Major Scripture Events in Images)

www.pray-as-you-go.org (prayer)

www.bustedhalo.com/faith_guides/mass.htm (Getting Ready for Mass)

<http://liturgy.slu.edu/> (Thinking About This Sunday [Mass preparation])

<http://www.pray-as-you-go.org/Thisweeksmusic.htm>. (Music suggestions)

www.american.catholic.org (movie reviews, reflections, saints, articles)

<http://catholic-resources.org/Bible/index.html> (Crazy Comprehensive Resources)

<http://www.Vatican.va/> (The Vatican)

www.catholic.org/ (Catholic News)

www.catholic.net/ (Catholic News)

www.nconline.org (National Catholic Reporter)

www.sojo.net/ (Sojourners)

www.ewtn.com/devotionals/biblesearch.asp (Bible references)

www.discipleswithmicrophones.org (Christian music)

www.crispinmusic.org (Christian music)

www.appleseeds.org (Wealth of Information-various)

Course Policies and Grading: Refer to Classroom Expectations Handout