

# *New Online Courses through St Joseph of Arimathea!*

Our Province's seminary, St Joseph of Arimathea, will offer online lecture courses on weekday evenings for interested clergy and laity this fall. As the seminary's provost, the Most Rev'd Robert Sherwood Morse, has often said, "our biggest enemy is ignorance." Any of these four courses promises to increase the depth of your knowledge in an important aspect of our faith and practice. For a modest fee of \$50 per course, you can participate in this exciting new program offered by APCK clergy who are knowledgeable and seasoned instructors. Each course meets once a week for two hours, and may be either audited or taken for academic credit toward a degree at St Joseph of Arimathea.

## **Dogmatic Theology: Christian Anthropology**

*The Rev'd Dr. Paul Russell, Parish of Christ the King, Washington, D.C.*  
Mondays, 6-8 pm (Pacific Time)

This lecture course will involve reading five different short books, written by Roman Catholic, Anglican, and Eastern Orthodox authors. These works treat Christian understandings of human nature and how human beings interact with God. This topic is of central importance for all considerations of sin, virtue, religious life and the enterprise of being a Christian in the created world. Students taking the course for credit will be given one paragraph essay topics each week to help them focus on central content.  
*Begins Sept. 5 and ends Dec. 12, 2011*

## **Church History, from the Apostles to 1300**

*The Rev'd Jeffrey Smith, St Luke's Anglican Church, Redding, California*  
Tuesdays, 6-8 pm (Pacific Time)

This course will cover the first half of the Church's story, giving special emphasis to the following:

(1) the spread of the Gospel from the mother church in Jerusalem to the rest of the Roman Empire and beyond, (2) the development of the Church's institutional authority following the Apostles' deaths, (3) the transition from being an underground, persecuted society to becoming the official religion of the Empire, (4) the origin, development, and impact of Christian monasticism, and (5) the relationship between the papacy and the new political order that emerged in western Europe following the withdrawal of the Empire. The course will go lightly on the development of doctrine, as that will be covered in Patristics. *Begins Sept. 6 and ends Dec. 13, 2011*

## **The Theology of the New Testament: The Synoptic Gospels**

*The Rev'd Dr. Paul Russell, Parish of Christ the King, Washington, D.C.*  
Wednesdays, 6-8 pm (Pacific Time)

After six weeks of historical background study in preparation for engaging with the New Testament, this course treats the synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Each of these Gospels will be read all the way through three times in the course of considerations of their structure, content and theology. This is a workshop course designed to teach students how modern scholars studied the New Testament and how we, as Christians, can best study the Gospels, too. Students will be given one paragraph essay topics each week to help them focus on central content. *Begins Sept. 7 and ends Dec. 14, 2011*

## **Anglican Thought and Spirituality**

*The Rev'd Dr. David Rodier, Christ's Anglican Church, Carefree, Arizona*  
Thursdays, 6-8 pm (Pacific Time)

This course will focus on persons and movements in four periods which were central to the development of Anglicanism: (1) the Age of Bede -- the conversion of England to Christianity, and some of the major saints who shaped the beginnings of Anglican tradition; (2) the Flowering of English Mysticism -- 14th-century writers who practiced the religious life in an age of political and social turmoil (including Julian of Norwich, Richard Rolle, and Walter Hilton), whose teachings are still a major force in Anglican spirituality today; (3) the English Reformation (It didn't begin with Henry VIII, and Elizabeth I didn't settle anything!) -- the scholars and their program of moderate reform which, in the midst of violent controversy, avoided both the destructiveness of radical Protestantism and the radical innovations of a revitalized Roman Church; and (4) the Course of Anglicanism after the Reformation -- the High Church writers of the 17th century, the Evangelical Movement of the 18th century, the Tractarians and Broad Churchmen of the 19th century, and the English missionaries and martyrs who spread Anglicanism to the ends of the earth. *Begins Sept. 8 and ends Dec. 15, 2011*

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