

**Theology of the Eucharist**  
**ST 2410 JSTB**

Spring 2006  
Monday - Thursday, 12:40 - 2:00, CDSP 225

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Description The goal of this course is an understanding of the nature and development of the central Christian sacramental act -- the Eucharist. To attain this understanding we will study three aspects of the Eucharist. First, we will review the historical development of Eucharistic theologies from the scriptural roots to the present day. Part of this concern is to study the trends that are mapping the future for Eucharistic theologies. Second, we will analyze the expression of Eucharistic theology in the Church's liturgy, and how the liturgy has evolved from the Jewish supper to the current Christian celebration. Third, we will address some current issues concerning Roman Catholic Eucharistic worship.

Course Requirements

- ↔ Attendance in class, with thorough preparation and participation in class discussion
- ↔ A weekly two-page paper addressing a particular issue from the assigned reading
- ↔ One class presentation based on the reading of the day
- ↔ A final paper on a topic of the student's choosing with approval of the instructor

Required Reading

Robert Cabie, *The Eucharist*. (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1986). [Cabie]  
Anscar Chupungco, ed., *The Eucharist*. Vol. III, *Handbook for Liturgical Studies*. (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1999). [AC]  
Eugene LaVerdiere, *Eucharist in the New Testament and the Early Church*. (Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1996). [LaV]  
Monika Hellwig, *The Eucharist and the Hunger of the World*. (Kansas City: Sheed and Ward, 1992). [Hellwig]  
Kevin Irwin, *Models of the Eucharist* (New York: Paulist, 2005). [Irwin]  
John Paul II, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* [JP II]  
Walter Cardinal Kasper, *Sacrament of Unity: The Eucharist and the Church*. (New York: Continuum, 2004). [Kasper]  
James White, *The Sacraments in Protestant Practice and Faith* (Nashville: Abingdon, 1999). [White]  
*Sacrosanctum Concilium* [SC]  
Material on reserve

### Recommended Reference Reading

*The New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship*. ed. Peter Fink. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1990.

*Prayers of the Eucharist: Early and Reformed*, ed. R.C.D. Jasper and G. J. Cuming, New York: Oxford University Press, 1980.

*Living Bread, Saving Cup: Readings on the Eucharist*, ed. R. Kevin Seasoltz, Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1987.

Enrico Mazza, *The Origins of the Eucharistic Prayer*, Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 1995.

NB. In lieu of listing a complete bibliography here, supplementary reading will be mentioned at the beginning of each class.

### Liturgy on the Web

Adoremus (Society for the Renewal of the Sacred Liturgy)  
[www.adoremus.org](http://www.adoremus.org)

Eternal Word Television Network (Mother Angelica)  
[www.ewtn.com/library](http://www.ewtn.com/library)

Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions  
[www.fdlc.org](http://www.fdlc.org)

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on the Liturgy  
[www.nccbuscc.org/liturgy](http://www.nccbuscc.org/liturgy)

The Vatican homepage  
[www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

We Believe (A website for Roman Catholic Liturgical Reform)  
[www.webelieve.cc](http://www.webelieve.cc)

## *Syllabus*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Reading</u>
January 30	Introduction	~~~~~
February 2	The hunger for the Eucharist	Hellwig: All
<i>Part I: A Historical Overview of the Eucharist</i>		
February 6	From Supper to the Mass	Cabie 1-40; AC 1-30
February 9	Our Daily Bread: Eucharist in the New Testament, I	LaV 1-64; 1 Corinthians 11
February 13	The Bread of Life: The Eucharist in the New Testament, II	LaV 65-127; Gospel of John 6:1-71
February 16	The Eucharist in the Early Church	LaV 128-194
February 20	* Presidents' Day ~ No class meeting	~~~~~
February 23	Formation of the Liturgy, I: the Word	Cabie 41-68; AC 177-206
February 27	Formation of the Liturgy, II: the Table	Cabie 69-123; AC103-131
March 2	The Eucharist in the Middle Ages	Cabie 127-185
March 6	The 20 <sup>th</sup> Century: Liturgical Reform	SC, chap. 1,2 (nn.1-58); AC 133-175

### *Part II: Theology of the Eucharist*

March 9	Eucharistic Celebration	David Power in AC 321-366
March 13	Eucharistic Sacrifice	Kilmartin 339-383 (on reserve)
March 16	* No class meeting	Prepare paper proposals
March 20	Paper proposals	Prepare proposals
March 23	Paper proposals	Prepare proposals

March 27-30 **Spring Recess**



April 3	Eucharist in Protestant Worship	White 73-118
April 6	The “Cosmic Character” of the Eucharist	“Ecclesia de Eucharistia,” JP II
April 10	The Notion of “Real Presence”	Kilmartin 79-153 (on reserve)
April 13	Concelebration and other issues	Cabie 221-230; AC 295-317
April 17	Worship outside Mass	Cabie 231-253; AC 263-293
April 20	“Ite missa est”: Eucharist and Justice	TBA

*Part III: Recent Reflections*

April 24	<i>Models of the Eucharist, I</i>	Irwin 3-95
April 27	Models, II	Irwin 96-167
May 1	Models, III	Irwin 168-237
May 4	Models, IV	Irwin 238-330
May 8	<i>The Sacrament of Unity, I</i>	Kasper 9-83
May 11	Unity, II	Kasper 84-150

*Part IV: Conclusions*

May 15	Back to the table	“Babette’s Feast” (on reserve)
May 19	* No class meeting	Submit final papers

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January 30, 2006

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Year of study \_\_\_\_\_

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Denomination (Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Greek Orthodox, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Local church with which you worship \_\_\_\_\_

Previous graduate courses in Sacramental Theology

Career plans after GTU

Is there anything else that you would like for me to know about you?