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TITLE: The Mystery of the Trinity

TERM: Jan-April 2018 [20181]

**SCHEDULE: Classes begin the week of January 8, 2018; SAS timetable available on SAS Website: [www.staugustines.on.ca](http://www.staugustines.on.ca) for day, time and room location.**

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REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO 20 UNLIMITED \_\_\_\_\_

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course examines select themes and fundamental questions in Trinitarian Theology from a Catholic perspective as found in the Old and New Testament, Ecumenical Councils, the Fathers and Scholastics, and to some extent, in modern times. This prepares the ground for making a few important inquiries in light of contemporary concerns from a systematic perspective.

**CLASS OBJECTIVES**

Identify and become familiar with foundational principles of Trinitarian theology located in important sources relative to central themes

Interpret Trinitarian questions according to the mind of the Church

Develop an appropriate Trinitarian vocabulary

Recognize the relevance of these principles and themes, not only for the broader enterprise of theology, but for contemporary living

Grow in historical knowledge of the context in which these foundational Trinitarian principles and central themes have come under scrutiny and reappeared

Appropriate foundational Trinitarian principles and central themes *via* art and prayer

**PREREQUISITES:**

Foundations of Theology

**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

Emery, Giles OP, *The Trinity: An Introduction to Catholic Doctrine on the Triune God*, translated by Matthew Levering. Washington: CUA, 2011.

O'Collins, Gerald SJ, *Understanding and Interpreting the Trinity*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. New York/Mahwah: Paulist, 2014.

A mid-November order was placed with the University of Toronto bookstore located at 214 College Street, Toronto, ON M5T 3A1; 416.640.7900: <https://uoftbookstore.com/>. Support the University bookstore if texts are readily available. If not see [www.amazon.ca](http://www.amazon.ca) and expedite your shipping.

**POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:**

Mid-term exam; Final Exam; Participation

**ABRIDGED BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

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