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**TITLE:** Synoptic Gospels

**TERM:** September – December 2018 [20189]

**PROFESSOR:** Fr. Walter Werbylo

**REGISTRATION:** LIMITED TO 20

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** Apostolic preaching and its development in Gospel writing. A look at the Synoptic Question. Special introduction to first three gospels, with attention to the themes and theology of each tradition. Exegetical study of selected passages in Mark, completed with reference to accounts in Matthew and Luke. Lectures, discussion, midterm exam, paper, final exam. Prerequisite: An introduction to New Testament course.

**CLASS OBJECTIVES:** 1) To understand various passages selected by the instructor from the synoptic gospels. 2) To understand the characteristics of Matthew's gospel, of Mark's, and of Luke's. 3) To understand themes that are common to all 3 of the synoptic gospels. 4) To know the process by which the synoptic gospels seem to have been written. 5) To have an in depth knowledge of one passage selected by the student from one of the synoptic gospels.

**PREREQUISITES:** An introduction to New Testament course

**REQUIRED TEXTS:** 357 pages assigned (alphabetically): Ambrose; Augustine; C Blomberg; R A Culpepper; W D Davies & D C Allison; J Dewey; C H Dodd; J R Donahue; D L Dungan & J S Kloppenborg; W R Farmer; F V Filson; J A Fitzmyer; R H Gundry; S Hahn & C Mitch; W J Harrington; J P Heil; V Howard & D B Peabody; L T Johnson; J D Kingsbury; J Kudasiewicz; G E Ladd; R Latourelle; R Laurentin; X Léon-Dufour; I H Marshall; G T Montague; *Navarre Bible* editors; *New American Bible* editors; J A O'Flynn; J T O'Connor; B Orchard & H Riley; B Orchard; Origen; D B Peabody, L Cope, & A J McNicol; H E Remus; H Riesenfeld; D Senior; C H Talbert; B H Throckmorton; C M Tuckett; R D Witherup.

A course reader containing all of these readings can be obtained during the first class, paying for it either at that time or later.

**POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:**

- One midterm test (written; short answer questions; 1st half of Oct. 16 class period)
- Research paper (9 to 11 pages; due Nov. 13)
- Final exam (written; short answer questions; Dec. 11)

**ABRIDGED BIBLIOGRAPHY:**