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TITLE: Christology

TERM: Jan-April 2019 [20191]

**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. Note this is an online course and *may* be 'open' for your previewing a few days prior to the official opening of term.**

PROFESSOR: Dr. Donald Graham

REGISTRATION: LIMITED TO 20

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** After a brief exploration of the historical value of Gospels and what constitutes a Catholic Christology, this course, considers -- in order of the articles of the Creed -- the Son of God sent into the world in terms of his preexistence, incarnation, path on earth, passion and death, resurrection and exaltation. Examination of each stage entails a biblical aspect and examples are drawn from the wealth of the tradition of the Church, her life, her theology, and her liturgy. Christian experience, especially that of the saints, provides the background as the place of the encounter with Christ. Included are such matters as the ontological constitution of the God-man according to the first seven ecumenical councils, Jesus' consciousness of Himself and His mission, the theological significance of the mysteries of the life of Jesus, the doctrine of redemption, and the Trinitarian, ecclesiological and soteriological significance of Jesus' resurrection both for the household of God and those beyond its borders.

**CLASS OBJECTIVES:**

- To identify and become familiar with some foundational principles of Christology located in important sources.
- To develop an appropriate Christological vocabulary.
- To recognize the relevance of these principles and themes, not only for the study of theology, but for contemporary living and pastoral leadership.
- To grow in historical knowledge of the context in which these foundational Christological principles and themes have developed.

**PREREQUISITES:** Foundations of Theology

**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

Christoph Cardinal Schönborn, *God Sent His Son. A Contemporary Christology*. San Francisco: Ignatius, 2004 and J. Neuner SJ and J. Dupuis SJ (eds). *The Christian Faith in the Doctrinal Documents of the Catholic Church*. New York: Alba House, 2001.

An order for these texts was placed with the University of Toronto bookstore located at 214 College Street, Toronto, ON, M5T 3A1; 416-640-7900: [www.uoftbookstore.com](http://www.uoftbookstore.com). U of T has a promise not to be undersold by online businesses. Please try to support the University bookstore *if* texts are readily available. If not, texts are available online. In Canada, see amazon.ca and/or chapters.indigo.ca. If not in stock, then see amazon.com in USA. Always expedite shipping.

**POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENTS/PRESENTATIONS/TESTS:**

Post-Response Tasks	(20%)
Participation in the 'Internet Café'	(10%)
Annotated Bibliography	(30%)
Summative Task	(40%)

**ABRIDGED BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

Fitzmyer, Joseph A., SJ. *A Christological Catechism*. New Testament Answers. New revised and expanded edition. New York/Mawah: Paulist, 1991.

Kereszty, Roch A. *Jesus Christ. Fundamentals of Christology*. Expanded and revised edition. New York: Alba House, 2002.

Murphy, Francesca Aran (ed.) *The Oxford Handbook of Christology*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015

O'Collins, Gerald, SJ. *Christology. A Biblical, Historical, and Systematic Study of Jesus*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1995.

Schöborn, Christoph, Cardinal. *God Sent His Son. A Contemporary Christology*. San Francisco, Ignatius, 2010.

White, Thomas Joseph, OP. *The Incarnate Lord. A Thomistic Study in Christology*. Washington, DC. The Catholic University of America, 2017.