

Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology (DSPT)
Syllabus for HM – 2230 Liturgical Preaching
Fall 2018 Friday, 8:10 – 11:00 am in DSPT Chapel
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COURSE DESCRIPTION: In this course, we will explore the criteria for a homily imposed by the liturgical celebration of the sacraments. Each Sacrament will be treated as to the requirements that it places on the preacher so that the homily is full accord with Catholic liturgical practices. We will also consider what is required in preaching in non-liturgical settings such as retreats, days of recollection, etc.

PHILOSOPHY: The primary concern of this course is that the student studies, thinks and prays so as to deepen his or her personal appreciation for the act of liturgical preaching. The student is expected to sincerely try to absorb and reflect on what is offered in this course and apply it to their own act of preaching.

COURSE GOALS: The goal of this course is to enable the student to preach appropriately and effectively in the various liturgical celebrations of the Catholic Church and to use the homily on the assigned Scriptural text to unify and direct the sacramental and liturgical celebration. In pursuing this end, the student will investigate the place and function of the proclamation of Scripture and preaching in liturgical celebrations and its theological foundations. Finally, the student will be asked to grasp the specific demands the various liturgical and sacramental celebrations make on the development of the homily and its presentation in the celebration.

Because of the variations in enrollment and the differing needs of the students, this syllabus may be amended in response to the concrete needs of the students.
This Syllabus is provisional!

FORMAT: Lecture and practicum. Students will be expected to preach a 5 minute or less homily for each sacrament.

INTENDED AUDIENCE: This course is intended for clerical students, male or female but lay students are also invited to attend and participate.

EXPECTATIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS:

1. During the course the student will develop and deliver at least seven liturgical homilies. The text of the homily will be due the day before its presentation.
2. After the delivery of each homily, the class will critique the homily and its appropriateness to the liturgical celebration in a positive way so as to help the homilist improve his or her preaching skills.
3. To assist the students in developing their liturgical preaching skills, a lecture on one or more aspects of liturgical preaching and its

theology/spirituality will be delivered and then this discussed in the following class.

4. When required, one or more short research papers may be assigned.
5. The final grade will depend upon the effort made by the student to improve their liturgical preaching skills, class participation and the required research papers.

REQUIREMENTS: (1) Attendance, (2) proclamation of Scripture (3) preaching of several 5 minute homilies, (4) and a critique of other students work and homilies.

1. Because the student is needed not only to present their own work and critique the work of others, absence for more than 3 classes makes them ineligible for a grade for the course. (10% of grade)
2. Before every homily, the student will be required to proclaim the text of Scripture upon which it is based. (30% of grade)
3. During the course, each student will be expected to prepare and preach several 5 min homilies based on a specific text of Scripture for a sacramental celebration. (50% of grade)
4. Every student will be expected to critique the preaching of the other students ... BUT NOT IN ORDER TO TEAR DOWN OR EMBARRASS THE PREACHER BUT TO POINT OUT WAYS IN WHICH THE PREACHER CAN IMPROVE AND GROW! (10% of grade)

GRADES: A summary of grade composition is given in the following table:

1. Attendance: 10%
 2. Proclamation of Scripture: 30%
 3. Preaching of homilies 50%
 4. Critique of other students work 10%
- Total 100%

Grading Scale: A=100, A-=97, B+=93, B=90, B-=87, C+=83, C=80, C-=77, D+=73, D=70, F=0. No late work of any kind will be accepted (except, at my discretion, for very serious reasons).

Grading of papers and presentations, proclamations and homilies and critiques are assigned according to the following criteria:

- A. Demonstration of a clear and positive understanding to the elements of liturgical preaching.
- B. Demonstration of a clear grasp of the 'grace of the text of Scripture' as it relates to the concrete need and condition of the people addressed within the requirements of the liturgical celebration.
- C. Demonstration of a positive effort to improve their understanding of the requirements that each sacrament preaching and their ability to prepare and deliver a 5 minute homily.

Required texts (all these texts are one line or will be provided by the professor):

Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum caritatis*

Benedict XVI, "Verbum Domini", 2010.
Bible: A Complete Bible with all the books of recognized as canonical by the Roman Catholic Church, Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition, Jerusalem Bible, New American Bible, etc.
Code of Canon Law
Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, Sacred Congregation of Rites, Instruction Eucharisticum mysterium (25 May 1967)
Congregation for Divine Worship, Instruction Liturgicae instaurationes (5 September 1970)
Congregation for the Clergy, General Catechetical Directory (11 April 1971)
Congregation for the Clergy, Directory for the Ministry and Life of Priests (31 January 1994)
Congregation for Bishops, Apostolorum successores (22 February 2004)
Homiletic Directory, Vatican City, 2014
Francis, Apostolic Exhortation, Evangelium gaudium
General Introduction to the Lectionary, second edition
 General Instruction of the Roman Missal
John Paul II, "General Audience", 4 October 2000
John Paul II, Apostolic Exhortation, Pastores dabo vobis
John Paul II, Apostolic Exhortation, Pastores gregis
John Paul II, Apostolic Letter, Dies Domini
John Paul II, Apostolic Letter, Novo millennio ineunte
Paul VI, "Evangelii Nuntiandi", 1976
Pontifical Biblical Commission, "The Interpretation of the Bible in the Church", 1994
Rozakis, Laurie E., "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Public Speaking (2nd Edition), 1999 or similar book on the principles of public speaking. Your choice. (See the GTU Library)
Sachs, John R, S.J., "Holy Spirit in Christian Worship" in the "The New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship", editor Peter E. Fink, S.J., The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota.
The Catechism of the Catholic Church
The Documents of Vatican II
USCCB, "Fulfilled in your hearing: Homily in the Sunday Assembly", National Council of Catholic Bishops, 1982
USCCB, Preaching the Mystery of Faith, the Sunday homily
USCCB, "Rite of Baptism for Children"
(See the GTU Library)
USCCB, "Rite of Confirmation"
(See the GTU Library)
USCCB, "Rite of Penance"
(See the GTU Library)
USCCB, "Rite of Anointing and Care of the Sick"
(See the GTU Library)
USCCB, "Rite of Marriage"

(See the GTU Library)
USCCB, "Rite of Funerals"
(See the GTU Library)
USCCB, "Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults"
(See the GTU Library)

Class Calendar and Assignments:

This syllabus is very provisional due to the varying number of students and the practical needs that they will encounter in preparing and delivering homilies.

Session 01: September 07, 2018

Lecture: Introduction to the course, charities critique, paradigm of Catholic worship and the relation of rhetoric/public speaking and preaching.

Assignment: Review Laurie E. Rozakis, "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Public Speaking" or similar book

Prepare the assigned text from the Divine Office for proclamation

Session 02: September 14, 2018

Practicum: Discuss principles of public speaking and relation to preaching. Proclaim text of Scripture from the Divine Office followed by a class critique.

Lecture: Prayer over Scripture, Resonance and Illustration.

Assignment: Prepare a homily on the text from the Divine Office.

Session 03: September 21, 2018

Practicum: Discuss preaching as an act of worship.

Preach the assigned homily on the text from the Divine Office followed by a class critique.

Lecture: Preparation and Delivery.

Assignment: Read introductions to the Lectionary and Sacramentary with special attention to the role of proclaiming the Scripture and preaching.

Prepare a homily based on the assigned text from the Lectionary.

Session 04: September 28, 2018

Practicum: Discuss Scripture as a primary way of making Jesus present in worship. Preach the assigned homily followed by a class critique

Lecture: Eucharist, integration of texts

Assignment: Read and study: USNCCB, "Fulfilled in your hearing: Homily in the Sunday Assembly"

Prepare two Scriptural texts from lectionary for proclamation and write a homily for it.

Session 05: October 05, 2018

Practicum: Discuss the relevance and practicality of "Fulfilled in your hearing: Homily in the Sunday Assembly"

Preach the assigned homily followed by a class critique

Lecture: Homily and the unification and meaning of the Eucharist

Assignment: Read and study USCCB, "Preaching the Mystery of Faith, the Sunday homily"

Prepare the Scriptural text from the lectionary for proclamation and write a homily for it with appropriate introductions at the beginning of Mass, before the penitential act, the prayer of the faithful, before the kiss of peace and the dismissal.

Session 06: October 12, 2018

Practicum: Discuss the relevance and practicality of "Preaching the Mystery of Faith, the Sunday homily"

Preach the assigned homily, introductions, etc.

Lecture: Read the "Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults"

Assignment: Read and study read the "Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults"

Prepare a conference for catechumens on the assigned subject.

Session 07: October 19, 2018

Practicum: Discuss the "Rite for Christian Initiation for Adults"

Preach the assigned conference for catechumens.

Lecture: Baptism

Assignment: Read the "Rite of Baptism for Children"

Prepare a homily for the baptism of an infant.

Session 08: November 02, 2018

Practicum: Discuss the "Rite of Baptism for Children"

Preach the assigned homily for the baptism of a child followed by a class critique

Lecture: Confirmation

Assignment: Read the "Rite of Confirmation"

Prepare a homily for confirmation

Session 09: November 09, 2018

Practicum: Discuss the Rite of Confirmation

Preach the assigned homily for confirmation followed by a class critique

Lecture: Reconciliation

Assignment: Read the Rite of Penance.

Prepare the assigned Scriptural text from the Rite of Penance for proclamation and write a homily for it.

Session 10: November 16, 2018

Practicum: Discuss the Rite of Penance

Preach the assigned homily for penance followed by a class critique

Lecture: Anointing

Assignment: Read the Rite of Anointing.

Prepare the assigned Scriptural text from the Rite of Anointing of the Sick for proclamation and write a homily for it.

Session 11: November 30, 2018

Practicum: Preach the assigned homily for the anointing of the sick followed by a class critique

Lecture: Marriage

Assignment: Read the "Rite of marriage".

Prepare the assigned Scriptural text from the Rite of Marriage for proclamation and write a homily for it.

Session 12: December 07, 2018

Practicum: Discuss the Rite of Marriage

Preach the assigned homily for a wedding followed by a class critique

Lecture: Funerals

Assignment: Read the Rite of Funerals.

Prepare the assigned Scriptural text from the Rite of Funerals for proclamation and write a homily for it.

Session 13: December 14, 2013

Practicum: Discuss the Rite of Funerals

Preach the assigned homily for a funeral followed by a class critique