

2018-2019 Third Monday Study Series



**St. Monica Parish
Community Building
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

No cost.

All are invited and welcome!

CLASS SCHEDULE

September 17 – The Purpose and Persons of Patristic Thought

October 15 - The Church Under Persecution

November 19 – Constantine, Conversion, and Councils

No December Class

January 21 – The Cappadocian Fathers and the Holy Spirit

February 18 – Theotokos: Mary as the Mother of God

March 18 – St. Augustine and the Beauty of Confession

April 15 – Pope Leo the Great and Humanity's Newness in Christ

May 20 – Monks, Missions, and the Rise of Christendom

THE FIRST 500 YEARS

The Fathers, Councils, and Doctrines of the Early Church

Facilitated by Fr. Larry Farrell

Dcn. Kurt Lucas

**How can Jesus be both God and man?
Who exactly is the Holy Spirit?
Is Mary really the Mother of God?**

Based on the writings of the Church Fathers, Fr. David Meconi, S.J., in this video series, discusses the development of doctrines in the Early Church. It took years - centuries - to finalize many crucial Catholic beliefs.

Through a series of councils, the Church defined and declared doctrines on:

- The hypostatic union between Christ's divine and human natures
- Mary as the "Theotokos" - the "God-Bearer"
- The primacy of the pope
- The action and person of the Holy Spirit

The Fathers of the Church not only helped write the words to define what Catholics have believed for millennia, they debated about these doctrines to clarify them under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. They were there from the very beginning of the Church. This course is a comprehensive look at the formative years of the Catholic Church.

Discover where our doctrines about Mary, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit came from.

Understand the influence of the great saints Cyril, Pope Leo, and Augustine. Join us as we embrace the rich heritage of our religion.

Each session meets the requirements for two hours of Catechist Certification in Theological Content