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LT1: Liturgical Theology

In liturgical theology, we investigate the church at worship. This introductory study includes methodologies for liturgical theology as well as the history and origins Christian rituals, sacramental theology and pastoral rites.

Readings will be discussed on the dates indicated below:

September 28:	Christian Worship Intro to Worship Kavanaugh	Chapter 1 Chapter 1 (copy) Liturgy as Theologica Prima (copy)
October 19:	Holy Things Christian Worship	Part 1 Chapters 2+3
November 23:	Holy Things Christian Worship	Part 2 Chapters 4,5,9,10
December 21:	Holy Things Christian Worship	Part 3 Chapters 6,7,11,12
January 18:	Elements of Rite Christian Worship	(whole book) Chapter 8

For each session, please read carefully and write a 1-2 page reflection engaging the idea(s) of most interest to you in the month's readings. Along with the reflection, please prepare two thoughtful questions for discussion in class. The reflections and questions will guide our time together on Saturdays.

Primary Texts:

Christian Worship: 100,000 Sundays of Symbols and Rituals
Gail Ramshaw
Publisher: Fortress Press (March 1, 2009)

Elements of Rite: A Handbook of Liturgical Style
Aidan Kavanaugh
Publisher: Pueblo Pub Co (June 1982)

Holy Things: A Liturgical Theology
Gordon Lathrop
Publisher: Fortress Press (April 1, 1998)

Each of these texts is available from Amazon; there are both paperback and Kindle versions of Lathrop and Kavanaugh