

## 2016 Courses

Are you interested in learning about the truths of the Catholic Faith? Are you seeking to deepen your spiritual life through study? Presentation is proud to announce its first series of Adult Faith Formation Classes.

Recently a survey was sent to some of our families to determine the best times to offer classes. In order to accommodate as many families in the parish and at the school, we will be offering courses at various times during the week/month.

This year, we will offer the following five classes in the Immaculata:

*Introduction to Philosophy  
The Church's Teaching on  
Marriage*

*Mariology—Total Consecration  
to Jesus through Mary*

*Christology—Doctrines of Christ  
Introduction to Moral Theology*

Register online at:

<http://www.presentationsschool.net/adult-faith-formation>

You can also go to the “Home” tab and click on Adult Faith Formation and fill in the fields.

Kimberly Murin

Kimberly Murin was born and raised in the Sacramento area. After graduating from the university of Norte Dame with degrees in philosophy and theology, she went onto the international theological institute in Austria, to receive her masters in dogmatic theology, with a specialization in marriage and family. The institute had been founded at the request of pope (now

Saint 😊 ) John Paul II, to focus on marriage and family, and was specifically designed as a place where the church in the west would meet that of the east, which had suffered so long under communism, forbidden the teaching of the faith, and all but destroyed the family. There she met her husband, an eastern Catholic seminarian, and while they went onto pursue doctorates in theology (at the Dominican school of theology in Rome--the Angelicum, and the John Paul II institute in Rome), they ultimately felt called to live what they had learned instead, and now raise 7 little girls, while serving at St Philip's parish of Sacramento.

Sr. Maria Silva, O.P.

Prior to entering the convent, Sr. Maria was the Chief Financial Officer for three car dealerships in New York. Leaving the world behind to "Come and Follow" Christ, she entered the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist in 2007. She currently is the Director of Catholic Identity and Religion Middle School Teacher here at Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary School. She has appeared on *Oprah* and *The Choices We Face* with Ralph Martin and has given talks in various parts of the country.

## *Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary* Adult Faith Formation



“Wonder is the desire for  
knowledge.”

- St. Thomas Aquinas

## Learn about the Church's Teaching on Marriage

The procreative union of life and love of a man and a woman is under fire, and we may have difficulty understanding or explaining its "rationale", especially in a hostile environment. Therefore, this class will read through a defense of marriage, not from a religious perspective, but a philosophical one, in hopes that we would see the wisdom of the Church's teaching and be able to convey that, even to those who do not share our faith.

This class will meet **once a month, in the evening at 6:30 P.M.** on the first Thursday of every month. This course will be taught by Kimberly Murin and will meet on the following dates:

October 6	February 2
November 3	March 2
December 1	April 6
January 5	May 4

The book being used for discussion is ***What is Marriage? Man and Woman: A Defense*** by Sherif Girgis, Ryan Anderson and Robert P. George. One chapter will be discussed per month. **Please purchase this book if you will be taking this course.**



## Introduction to Philosophy: From a Thomistic Perspective

St Thomas Aquinas said, "The study of philosophy is not that we may know what men have thought, but what the truth of things is."

Do you have a desire to study philosophy? Have you tried to pick up a spiritual book but could not grasp the concepts because the context was too philosophical? This course will start with the very basic question of *why* study Philosophy and take you through Metaphysics, Anthropology, Epistemology, Ethics to the Logos—Jesus Christ.

Ryan Mayer will be teaching this **10 week course**, which will be offered **every Saturday at 4:30P.M.**, beginning on October 1.\*

Take the opportunity to attend the 5:30 Mass right after class. \*A break will be taken the weekend of Thanksgiving.

Ryan Mayer is a "revert", returning to the Catholic faith following agnostic teenage years and after a life-changing experience at World Youth Day in Paris. Ryan holds a BA with a triple major in theology, philosophy, and literature from Mt. Angel Seminary (where he was on the basketball team with Fr. Leatherby), a MA in theology and bioethics from Holy Apostles College & Seminary, and certification in Health Care Ethics from the National Catholic Bioethics Center. He is completing a MA in philosophy from Holy Apostles College and a licentiate in bioethics from Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum in Rome. Ryan has been published in the journals *National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly* and *Bioethics Today* and has written for CatholicVote.org and EpicPew.com. He currently teaches courses in bioethics, apologetics, and moral theology at Marin Catholic College Prep in Kentfield. Ryan and his wife Melissa have three boys, Jude, in Kindergarten, and Henry in Busy Bees at PBVM.

## Mariology, Christology & Moral Theology

"Upon knowledge follows love."  
- St. Catherine of Siena

Do you want to fall more in love with our faith? These three courses will attempt to help you grow in your love for the Blessed Mother, Our Lord and the Truths of our Faith. These **8 week courses**, taught by Sr. Maria, will begin the first week of October and will be made available from **8:30-9:10A.M. weekly**, with the following schedule:

**Tuesday Mariology**  
**Wednesday Christology**  
**Thursday Moral Theology**

### Mariology

This course will first discuss the dogmas of Mary before studying St. Louis Marie de Montfort's ***Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary.***\*

### Christology

This course will discuss the Doctrines of Christ and the heresies that helped define those Doctrines. This course will require printing portions of the Summa from the internet. Other materials will be provided.

### Introduction to Moral Theology

This is an introductory course that will look at Moral Theology through the lens of ***Veritatis Splendor.***\*

\* **Required texts for courses.**