FALL 2026

First Half: September 21—October 26* (Choose ONE among A, B, C)

A: Canon or Ecclesiastical Law of the Roman Catholic Church Rev. Dr. Vincent Pereira
Judicial Vicar, Archdiocese Ottawa/Cornwall

This course examines how Canon Law, grounded in Sacred Scripture, guides the life, structure, and community of the Church

B: The Justice Question in the Abrahamic Religions (In Person) Jóhanna Taherzadeh Jochumsdóttir
Historian and Educator

We will trace how Abrahamic religions conceptualized justice and how these ideas shaped intellectual thought, legal systems, and practices across history.

C: The Biblical Path of the Everyday Mystic
Dr. Anthony Siegrist, Doctor of Theology, Executive Minister MCEC

We will explore a pathway to experience a world full of God's presence. This everyday mysticism is deeply biblical and experiential

Second Half: November 2—November 30 (Choose ONE among D, E, F)

D: The Bible Says ... So What?
Rev. Dr. Ritva H Williams
Scholar of Early Christian Literature

Is every word of Scripture literal truth? We will explore how the faithful have sought meaning in Scripture in the past, and guidelines for interpretation today

E: Recognizing Sacred Presence in Daily Life (In Person)* Rev. Dr. Glen Stoudt
Spiritual Director Orleans United Church

Students will learn methods of hearing and responding to Sacred Presence, to deepen awareness of God through contemplative prayer.

F: Small Church Theology
Mykayla Turner, PhD candidate, University of Ottawa

This course explores how small churches can be a gift to the wider Church, teaching us important theological lessons that we can't easily learn elsewhere.

WINTER 2027

First Half: January 4—February 1 (Choose ONE among G, H, I)

G: Introduction to the Gospel of John
Dr. Jason Lamantia, Professor, Saint Paul University

Introduction to the structure and cultural setting of John's Gospel, with special attention to theological themes of light, life, and signs.

H: Wholeness and Holiness: Ethics of Biblical Purity
Rev. Dr. Ritva H Williams, Scholar Early Christian Literature

Drawing on cultural anthropology this course explores biblical purity rules and how they might help us honour the holy in ourselves and in creation.

I: Ecclesiastes & Lamentations: A Personal & National Perspective Rabbi Steven Garten, Rabbi Emeritus, Temple Israel

Ecclesiastes is a personal reflection on life, while Lamentations is a reflection on national tragedy. We will unpack the essential messages of both books.

Second Half: February 8—March 15* (Choose ONE among J, K, L)

J: Dreams in the Bible and in our Lives Today
Rev. April Yamasaki, Author and Pastor, Burnaby BC

This course will explore dreaming in the Bible and contemporary dream research, with a view to what we can learn for our own dreaming today.

K: Postcolonial Theology: Impact on the Church Today
Rev. Oliver Dingwell, PhD candidate, St. John's NL

Introduction to the emerging field of postcolonial theology, its core concepts, and implications for the Church, the Christian faith, and theology.

L: The Bible and the Marginalized
Dr. Donald Burke, Professor, Booth University College

We will explore what the Bible teaches about the character of God and how believers reflect that divine character in their response to the marginalized.

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All classes on ZOOM except where noted.

**No classes on Thanksgiving (Oct 12) or Family Day (Feb 15)*

ABOUT OUR COURSES

The School offers six courses in the fall term and six in the winter term. Each term is divided into two five-week sessions. Students may choose two courses per term, totaling four courses for the year.

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FEES AND REGISTRATION

osts.ca/registration
e-transfer: **tuitionfees@osts.ca**

Regular fee: $75 per term or $140 for the year.
Student fee: $25 per term with valid student ID.

Cheques can be mailed to:
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P.O. Box 62030 Convent Glen Orleans, ON K1C 2S0

CERTIFICATES

Upon completing 12 courses (equivalent to three years of study), students are awarded a Certificate at the end of the term. There are no tests, homework assignments or exams given by the lecturers

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WHO WE ARE

The OSTS was founded in 1964 to provide theological formation for lay Christians. Today, seekers of all faiths are welcome and warmly invited to attend the courses. The School's non-denominational, ecumenical and inter-faith approach helps its students to appreciate the meaning of faith and spirituality in their lives.

OBJECTIVES

- To develop theologically and spiritually alert laity who are informed about Christian Church teachings and beliefs, both past and present.
- To work out carefully the meaning of faith and spirituality in our life and times.
- To aid and encourage dialogue with members of different faiths.

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