



SAINTS AND SINNERS: A HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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Week	Part I	Part II
Week 1 9/11	Introduction: Historiography and the Meaning of History	The World in Which Christ Was Born: Background to the Mediterranean in Antiquity
Week 2 9/18	<i>Et homo factus est:</i> New Testament Period and the Apostolic Age	The Parting of the Ways: Jews and Christians in the Roman Empire
Week 3 9/25	<i>Omnes dii gentium dæmonia:</i> Greco-Roman Paganism	Blood of the Martyrs: Pagans and Christians in the Roman Empire
Week 4 10/2	The Knowledge Falsely So-Called: Gnosticism in Early Christianity	Christianity in the Third Century: The View from Tertullian of Carthage
Week 5 10/9	A Controversial Genius: Origen of Alexandria	The Church Is Holy: Saint Cyprian of Carthage, the Lapsed, and the Baptismal Controversy
Week 6 10/16	<i>In hoc signo vinces:</i> The Conversion of Constantine and the Christianization of the Roman Empire	<i>Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto:</i> The Trinitarian Controversy
Week 7 10/23	A New Kind of Martyrdom: Early Christian Asceticism and Monasticism	From House Churches to Roman Basilicas: Early Christian Art and Architecture
Fall Break 10/30	***Class Does Not Meet**	
Week 8 11/6	The Christological Controversy I: Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Nestorius, and the Unity of Christ	The Christological Controversy II: Council of Chalcedon (451 A.D.)
Week 9 11/13	Saint Augustine of Hippo I: Youth, Manichaeism, and Conversion	Saint Augustine of Hippo II: Donatism
Week 10 11/20	Saint Augustine of Hippo III: Pelagianism and <i>City of God</i>	Twilight of Antiquity: The Fall of the Roman Empire and the Dawn of the Middle Ages
Thanksgiving Break 11/27	***Class Does Not Meet***	
Week 11 12/4	There Is No God But Allah and Mohammad Is His Prophet: The Rise of Islam	Not "Angles" but "Angels": The Conversion of Anglo-Saxon England
Week 12 12/11	Holy Images: Byzantine Iconoclasm	An Emperor Again in the West: Charlemagne and the Carolingian Empire
Week 13 12/18	The Byzantine Commonwealth and the Evangelization of the Slavs	Vikings(!) and the Conversion of Scandinavia
Christmas Break 12/25	***Class Does Not Meet***	
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Week 14 1/8	Catholic West and Orthodox East: The Great Schism of 1054	Zenith of Christendom: The Abbey of Cluny
Week 15 1/15	Church and State in the Middle Ages: The Gregorian Reform Movement and the Investiture Controversy	Soldiers of Christ: The Crusades
Week 16 1/22	A Chimaera of His Age: Saint Bernard of Clairvaux and the Cistercian Order	Aristotle Rediscovered: Medieval Scholasticism
Week 17 1/29	Perfect Poverty: The Mendicant Orders	“The Dull Mind Rises to Truth through That Which Is Material”: Medieval Art and Architecture
Week 18 2/5	The Survival of Rome: The Byzantine Empire	The White North: Medieval Russia
Week 19 2/12	Daily Life in the Medieval Church: Liturgy, Spirituality, Sacraments	The Late Medieval Papacy: Avignon, Great Western Schism, and Conciliarism
Week 20 2/19	A Changing World: The End of the Middle Ages	Rebirth of Antiquity: The Renaissance
Week 21 2/26	Protestantism I: Martin Luther and Lutheranism	Protestantism II: John Calvin and Calvinism
Winter Break 3/5	***Class Does Not Meet***	
Week 22 3/12	Protestantism III: Anglicanism	Protestantism IV: The Radical Reformation
Week 23 3/19	Lawfully Assembled in the Holy Ghost: The Council of Trent	The Church Strikes Back: Tridentine Catholicism
Week 24 3/26	IHS: The Society of Jesus	A Confessional Age: The Wars of Religion
Week 25 4/2	Global Catholicism: The New World	Global Catholicism: The East Indies and China
Week 26 4/9	Catholicism in the Seventeenth Century: Scientific Revolution, Gallicanism, and Jansenism	<i>Sapere Aude!</i> : The Enlightenment
Holy Week 4/16	***Class Does Not Meet***	
Easter Break 4/23	***Class Does Not Meet***	
Week 27 4/30	<i>Liberté, égalité, fraternité</i> : The French Revolution and the Age of Napoleon	Prisoner in the Vatican: The Age of Revolution and Vatican I
Week 28 5/7	Catholic Art and Architecture: Renaissance, Baroque, and Neoclassical	The Catholic Church in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century
Week 29 5/14	Crises of the Twentieth Century: Fascism and Communism	Vatican II
Week 30 5/21	Land of the Free and Home of the Brave: The Catholic Church in the USA	The Church and Tradition: The Meaning of History