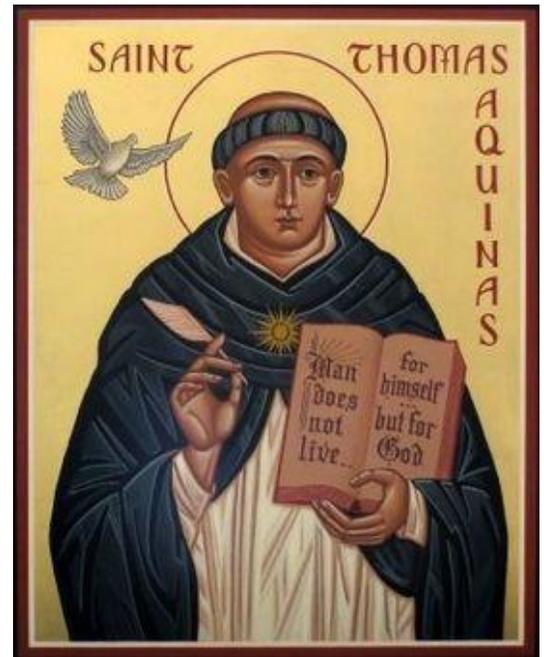


# Thursday Theologica 2017 - 2018

We can't have full knowledge all at once. We must start by believing; then afterwards we may be led on to master the evidence for ourselves.

Love takes up where knowledge leaves off.

*St. Thomas Aquinas*



## THURSDAY THEOLOGICA is returning!

Can't make it to Sunday Theologica? Looking for a morning study? Please join us on Thursday mornings during the School Year for Thursday Theologica! Summa Theologica is the definitive dogmatic thought of St. Thomas Aquinas, and a play on its name is an appropriate description of Adult Faith Formation that looks at the entirety of Catholic tradition, including Scripture study.

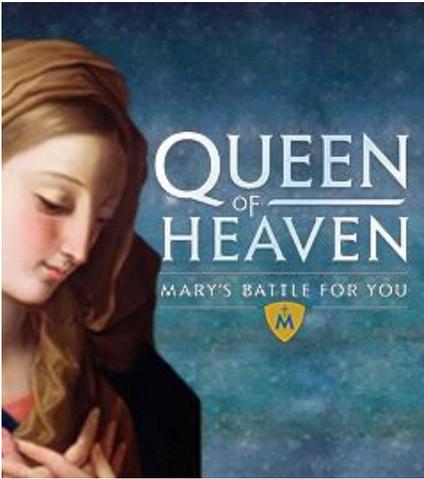
This year, we invite you to join us for "Queen of Heaven: Mary's Battle for You" from St. Benedict Press; a new Scripture Study from Ascension Press on St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians hosted by Jeff Cavins "Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance"; and "Lectio: Prayer" hosted by Dr. Tim Gray from Augustine Institute.

**PLEASE JOIN US! YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU DID!**

**Where?** Saint John the Apostle Catholic Church – Activity Room  
1968 Sandbridge Road, Virginia Beach

**When?** Thursdays starting September 21<sup>st</sup> - *See back for series details*  
**Questions?** John Domingo, DRE - [jdomingo@sjavb.org](mailto:jdomingo@sjavb.org) - 757-426-2180

## Thursday Theologica: St. John the Apostle (2017 – 2018)



**Queen of Heaven: Mary's Battle for You** Embark on a journey that begins before time itself, when Mary was only an eternal thought in the mind of God, and extends into her life in Scripture. Then join our Mother as she intervenes at pivotal periods – especially at her most famous apparitions (i.e. Guadalupe, Lourdes, Fatima). See how she never tires of battling for us. See the maternal care Mary has given to humanity, and learn how to grow closer to our Mother who was destined to be the Queen of Heaven. <https://www.tanbooks.com/index.php/queen-of-heaven-mary-s-battle-for-souls.html>

**When?** Thursday Mornings (September 21 – November 30) from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Where?** Activity Room

**Registration Fee?** \$25.00 per participant guide

**Sessions include** The Battle Begins; The Annunciation; The Sorrowful Mother; Mother of the Church; Guadalupe: Mother of the Americas; Lourdes: Immaculate Conception; Fatima: Lady of the Rosary; Consecration: Immaculate Heart with Triumph



**Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance** – Paul's Letter to the Ephesians reveals many remarkable gifts that we as Christians

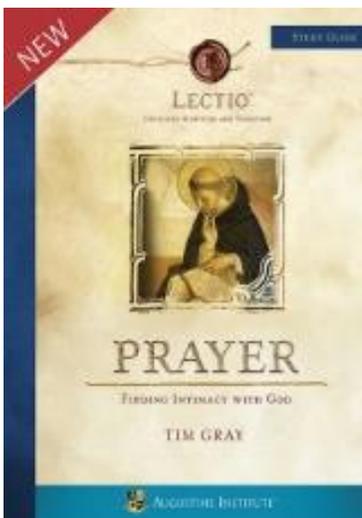
are given in the Church. This letter tells us about the nature of the Church – as a body, as a household, as a mystery, as a communion, as a bride, and as an army. It shows us the great inheritance that awaits us as sons and daughters, adopted fully into the family of God. It reveals how God's great love for us can transform our daily lives if we allow it. <https://ascensionpress.com/shop/t/category/study-programs/catholic-bible-study/adult-bible-study/ephesians>

**When?** Thursdays (January 11<sup>th</sup> – March 22) from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Where?** Activity Room

**Registration Fee?** \$20.00 for the study guide

**Sessions include:** "To the Praise of His Glorious Grace"; "Saved by Grace through Faith"; "The Mystery Revealed"; "A Life Worthy of Your Calling"; "Be Imitators of God"; "As Christ :Loved the Church" and "Put on the Whole Armor of God"



**Lectio: Prayer – Finding Intimacy with God:** Though prayer is one of the essentials of a thriving faith, we often feel as if we're talking to ourselves. Or, worse, we feel like we're talking to no one at all. How can something so vital to the faith be so elusive? Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the ancient Church's tradition of *lectio divina* to show you the simple steps to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy. Six episodes capture the secret to opening our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear God and respond in conversation, basking in his presence and resolving to live in and through his love.

**When?** Thursdays (April 12<sup>th</sup> – May 31) from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Where?** Activity Room

**Registration Fee?** \$25.00 for the study guide

**Sessions include** "Prayer: An Intimate Dialogue"; "A Way of Ascent"; "Lectio & Meditatio: Climbing the First Rungs"; "Oratio: Conversation with God"; "Contemplatio: The Gaze of Love"; Resolutio: Putting Love in Action"