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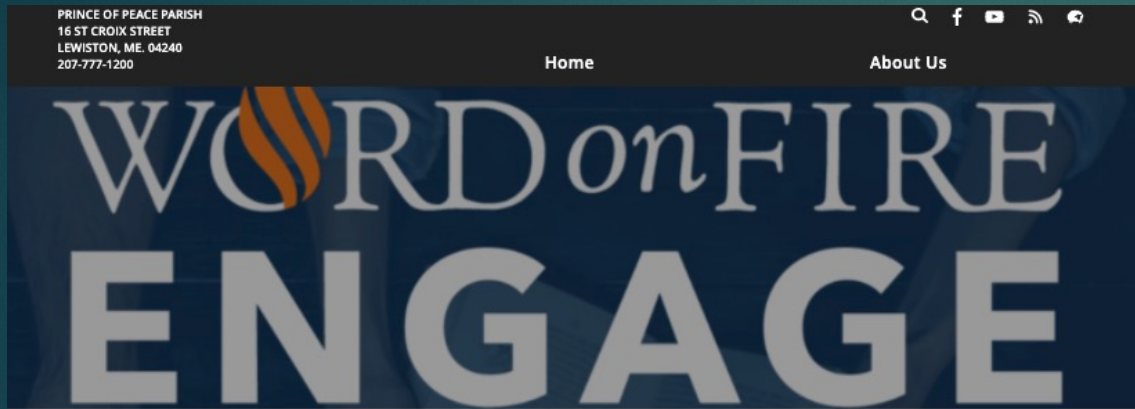


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Fr. Daniel Summer Series on Catholicism
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Topics by Week
<u>Week 1 - Is Jesus actually God or a lying lunatic?</u> Video is sent on Sunday, May 2 Discussion with Fr. Daniel on Wednesday, May 5 It's probably the most important question Jesus asked: "Who do men say that the Son of Man is?" After hearing different responses from his disciples—John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets—Jesus then asked a more personal question: "But who do you say that I am?" That's the question he's still asking each of us. Jesus compels a choice. Who is he?
<u>Week 2 - What was the Messiah supposed to do?</u> Video is sent on Sunday, May 9 Discussion with Fr. Daniel on Wednesday, May 12 Most Jews of the first century knew what the Messiah was going to do when he arrived. They expected him to gather the scattered tribes of Israel, cleanse the temple, deal with Israel's enemies, and reign as Lord of all nations. Jesus did all these things, but in a surprising way that scandalized his contemporaries.
<u>Week 3 - The secret to joy, according to Jesus</u> Video is sent on Sunday, May 16 Discussion with Fr. Daniel on Wednesday, May 19 Everyone wants to be happy. It's the one thing that unites us all. We all want joy. But how do we find it? All the things we usually chase—money, pleasure, power, and honor—make us happy only for a little while, but then they fade. They don't satisfy our deep need for joy. Jesus offers a different way. What's his path to happiness?
<u>Week 4 - Why Jesus is so counter-cultural today</u> Video is sent on Sunday, May 23 Discussion with Fr. Daniel on Wednesday, May 26 For centuries, people have described Jesus' teachings as counter-cultural. They go against the grain, against how our culture tells us to live. In what ways? Among other things, Jesus taught non-violence, unconditional love, and radical forgiveness.
<u>Week 5 - Who is God, and why does he matter?</u> Video is sent on Sunday, May 30 Discussion with Fr. Daniel on Wednesday, June 2 Does God exist? Who or what is he? Can we prove his existence? Humans have been asking these questions for thousands of years. The Catholic Church teaches that God is incomprehensible. This means we'll never fully understand God, or know everything about him, since he is a mystery beyond our comprehension. However, we can know some things about him with great clarity, such as the fact that he exists and his different attributes.
<u>Week 6 - If God exists, why is there so much evil in the world?</u> Video is sent on Sunday, June 6 Discussion with Fr. Daniel on Wednesday, June 9 There is no way around it: the existence of evil is the most difficult challenge to our belief in God. If God is all good and all powerful, it seems there should be no evil. Yet there is. This is why many people conclude there is no God. This is a powerful argument and its power is felt even more in light of the Holocaust, 9/11, and cases of abuse and harassment.

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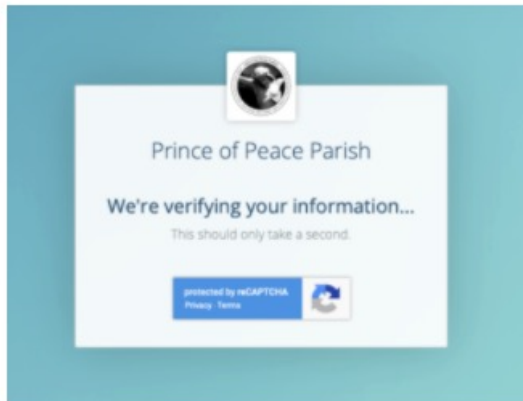
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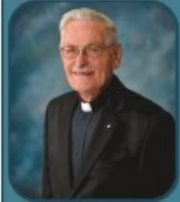


 This week's Bulletin and Other News for Prince of Peace

COVID PROTOCOL UPDATE
If you are just returning to Mass, click here for updated COVID protocols for attending Mass.



PRINCE OF PEACE PARISH
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 2, 2024




Fr. Lionel G. Chouinard
Rep. Justin Fecteau posthumously nominates Father Lionel G. Chouinard to the Franco-American Hall of Fame.


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Page 6 - St. Joseph: Man of Integrity

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Page 8 - Evening Mass for Christ with Fr. Stuchlik



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When a violent skeptic meets Jesus Christ

Before he was Saint Paul, author of most of the New Testament, Saul of Tarsus was an ardent persecutor of Christians.


He not only mocked their religion but even helped murder many of them.

But then, making his way to Damascus to track down and kidnap more Christians, he encountered the risen Christ.

The experience was life-changing, to say the least.

Paul shifted his focus, becoming an equally ardent follower of Jesus Christ, and brought the good news of his Resurrection to countless people around the world.

Want to learn more? Watch this short video by Bishop Robert Barron to find out!



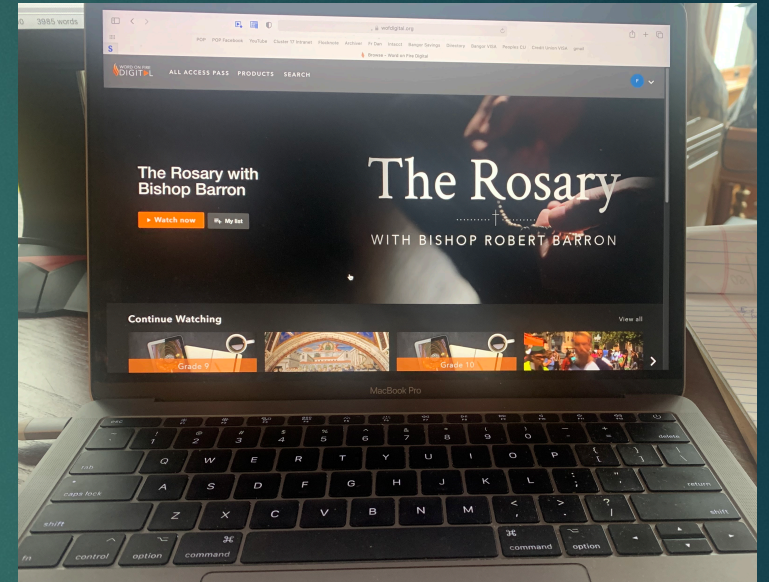
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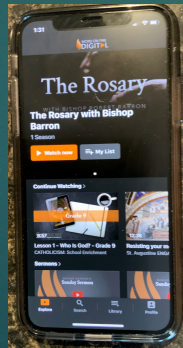
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Pick one night a week and make it
your favorite TV show for the family



Tuesdays
is faith
night
Popcorn
and all

Quick Review

Christianity claims Jesus is God, which is unique in religions
He is not just a great teacher or a nice guy but the Messiah
Come to some understand of the relationship with Jesus to the world

Jesus' teachings

- Beatitudes

- Loves Enemies

- Prodigal Son

- Final Judgment

- Metanoia

Week 5 - The Mystery of God



Moses and the burning Bush

The name that God gave, “I am who am”

St. Anselm’s definition of God

Arguments for God’s existence by Aquinas

Pope Benedict’s Argument

Our desire to understand God

Theology – The Study of God



The relationship between Philosophy and Theology

The Church sees philosophy as the helpmate to Theology
Requirements of Philosophy before studying Theology
Catholicism has a whole tradition of studying God

Intellectual pursuit of God through reason and faith

Theology – The Study of God

Formation Program for Priesthood

Human Formation

Intellectual Formation

Pastoral Formation

Spiritual Formation

Theology – The Study of God

Academic Studies in preparation for Priesthood

Dogmatic/Systematic Theology

Moral Theology

Sacramental Theology

Biblical Theology

Pastoral Theology

Church History

Theology – The Study of God

Lack of appreciation of breadth and depth the Catholic Theological Tradition.

Approaches to God

1. Prefer only the affective side to faith
2. Prefer only the biblical approach to faith
3. Prefer only the moral dimension to the faith
4. Prefer only the spiritual/mindfulness in faith

When engaging someone on faith, know from where he/she is coming.

Theology – The Study of God

This week will not appeal to some.

No inspiring stories who have lived the faith

No moving or emotive stories of Jesus

Appealing to the intellect, reason, clarify language

Have confidence of what we say about God

To think about right belief

Communicate to others right belief

See in arguments heresy and unorthodoxy

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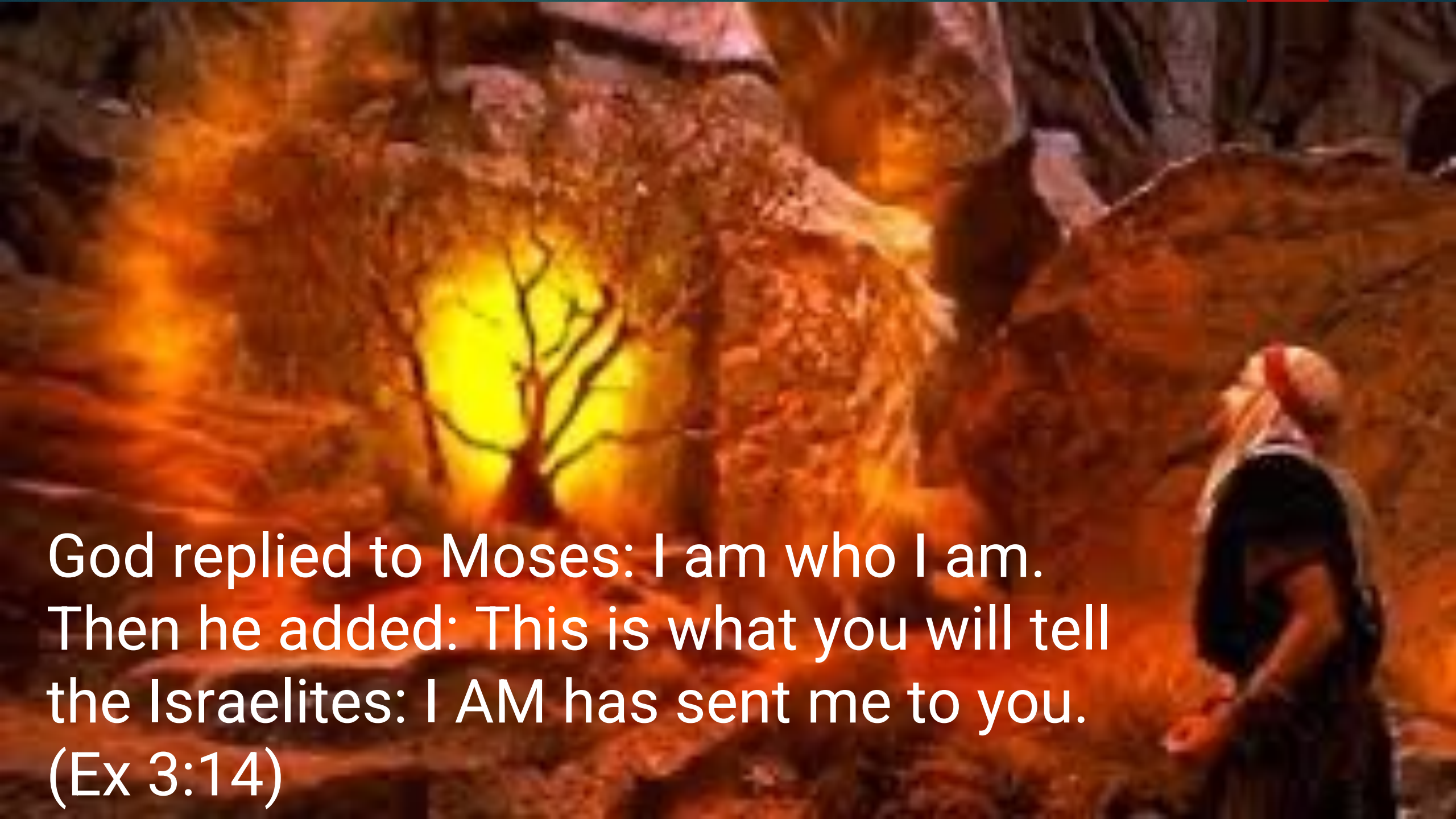
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God replied to Moses: I am who I am.
Then he added: This is what you will tell
the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.
(Ex 3:14)





St. Anselm

Lived from 1033/44 – 1109

The father of Scholasticism in the Middle Ages

He was a Benedictine Monk

God is that which nothing greater can be thought.

Something existing in thought only and not in reality is not the greater being that can be conceived. So, one that can be conceived and does exist in reality is the highest being and that we call God.

God

God is not a being in the world

God is not a being outside the world

All that exist is not God plus existence

God is being, God is

What does this mean? I do not know but I
know what God is NOT!

Catechism of the Catholic Church



40 Since our knowledge of God is limited, our language about him is equally so. We can name God only by taking creatures as our starting point, and in accordance with our limited human ways of knowing and thinking.

41 All creatures bear a certain resemblance to God, most especially man, created in the image and likeness of God. The manifold perfections of creatures - their truth, their goodness, their beauty all reflect the infinite perfection of God. Consequently we can name God by taking his creatures' perfections as our starting point, "for from the greatness and beauty of created things comes a corresponding perception of their Creator".

Catechism of the Catholic Church

42 God transcends all creatures. We must therefore continually purify our language of everything in it that is limited, image-bound or imperfect, if we are not to confuse our image of God--"the inexpressible, the incomprehensible, the invisible, the ungraspable"--with our human representations.¹⁶ Our human words always fall short of the mystery of God.

43 Admittedly, in speaking about God like this, our language is using human modes of expression; nevertheless it really does attain to God himself, though unable to express him in his infinite simplicity. Likewise, we must recall that "between Creator and creature no similitude can be expressed without implying an even greater dissimilitude"; and that "concerning God, we cannot grasp what he is, but only what he is not, and how other beings stand in relation to him."

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213 The revelation of the ineffable name "I AM WHO AM" contains then the truth that God alone IS. The Greek Septuagint translation of the Hebrew Scriptures, and following it the Church's Tradition, understood the divine name in this sense: God is the fullness of Being and of every perfection, without origin and without end. All creatures receive all that they are and have from him; but he alone is his very being, and he is of himself everything that he is.

230 Even when he reveals himself, God remains a mystery beyond words: "If you understood him, it would not be God" (St. Augustine, *Sermo* 52, 6, 16: PL 38, 360 and *Sermo* 117, 3, 5: PL 38, 663).

Knowledge of God

Indirectly through his effects in creation

See the author/creator in what he created





5 Proofs for the existence of GOD

1. Prime Mover
2. First Cause
3. Contingent Beings
4. Gradation of Perfection
5. Move to End/purpose/design (Teleological)




Argument from intelligibility

Things are intelligible

**There are things to learn.
The world was not dumbly
put here (if so there would
be no science to learn)**

**To learn to is think
something that was already
thought and known.**



God omnipotence – God is not the strongest being around but is presses upon all that he made with power

God omniscience – God is not the smartest but knows all things into being, knowing precedes all that is

God omnipresence – not that he is this force, but he stands under all finite reality and present in all of it.

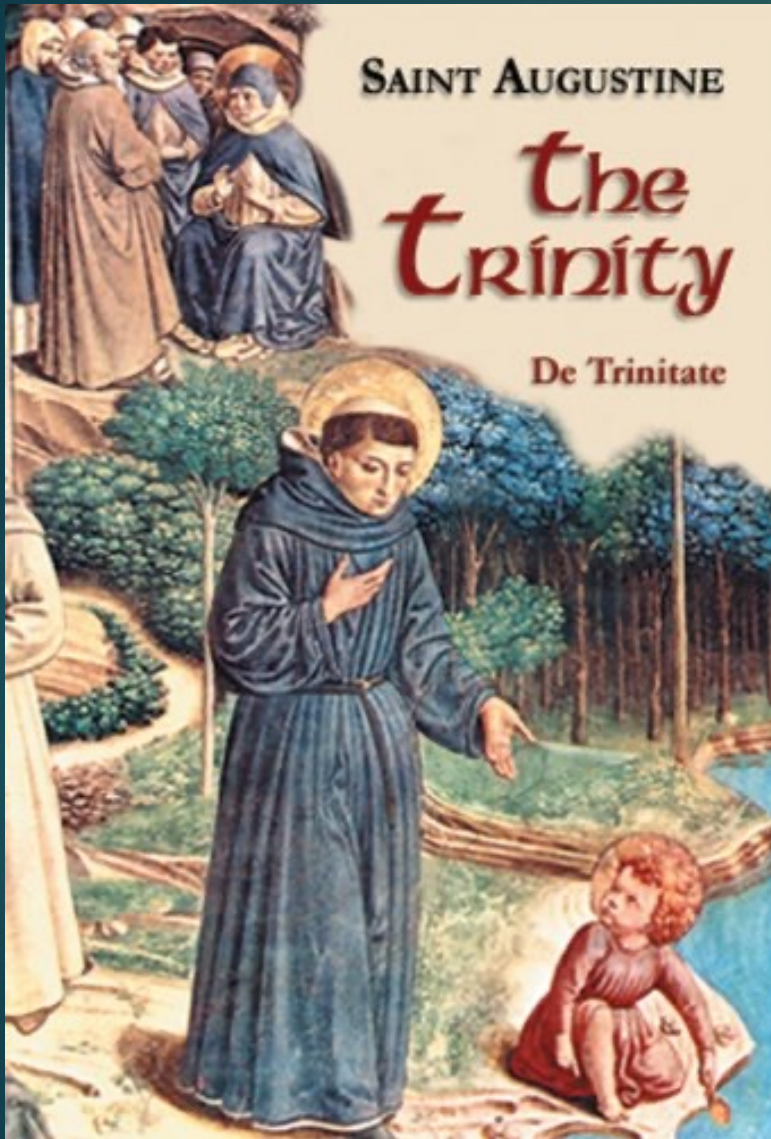
History of Catholic Spirituality

The Cloud of Unknowing anonymous
in the latter half of the 14th century.

The text is a spiritual guide on contemplative prayer in the

The way to know God is to abandon consideration of God's particular activities and attributes, and be courageous enough to surrender one's mind and ego to the realm of "unknowing", at which point one may begin to glimpse the nature of God.

Via negative, Apophatic theology, negative theology



Legend with Augustine on the Trinity.

while walking along the Mediterranean shoreline meditating on the mystery of the Trinity, he met a child who with a seashell was trying to pour the whole sea into a small hole dug in the sand.

Augustine told him that it was impossible to put the sea in that hole, and the child replied that it was also impossible to try to understand the infinity of God within the limited confines of the human mind.

