**Iona School for Ministry**

**Liturgies of the Church Year**

**Year, Track(s)**

**February 18 & 19, 2023**

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**Class Description**

This class delves into history and structure of the Church Year. Part 1 focuses on The Paschal Cycle (Lent, Holy Week, Easter) and its liturgies. Part 2 focuses on The Incarnational Cycle and strategies for inviting people more deeply into the Divine Life in Ordinary Time.

**Class Objectives**

After taking this class, students will:

* be prepared to discuss the historical origins, development of, and theology of the Paschal Cycle and the Incarnational Cycle;
* be familiar with the key liturgies of each cycle and the choices liturgists must make;
* be prepared to think critically about how our lectionary offers new opportunities even when we return to the same season from year to year;
* have a sense of how they might use Ordinary Time to deepen congregational participation in the liturgy.

**Class Schedule**

I. Saturday Evening: The Paschal Cycle and its Liturgies

II. Sunday: The Incarnational Cycle and Ordinary Time

**Suggested Resources**

Mitchell, Leonel.  *Praying Shapes Believing: A Theological Commentary on The Book of Common Prayer, Revised Edition.*  Updated by Ruth Meyers. (2016)

Michno, Dennis G. *A Priest’s Handbook: Ceremonies of the Church*. 3rd Ed. (1998)

Gally, Howard. *Ceremonies of the Eucharist: A Guide to Celebration*. (1989)

Mitchel, Leonel. *Lent, Holy Week, Easter and the Great Fifty Days: A Ceremonial Guide.* (1996)

Black, Vicki K. *Welcome to the Church Year.* (2004)

Bradshaw, Paul F. and Maxwell E. Johnson. *The Origins of Feasts, Fasts, and Seasons in Early Christianity.* (2011)

Senn, Frank C. *Christian Liturgy: Catholic and Evangelical*. (1997)