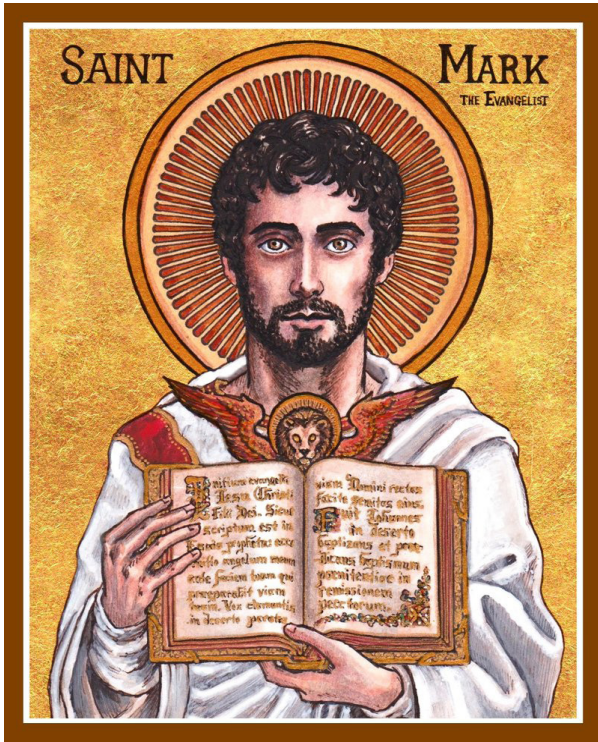


Adult Faith Formation

THE GOSPEL OF ST. MARK



Join

Fr. James Villa, OFM

Five Thursday evenings

(April 19, 26, May 3, 17, 24)

in the Lower Church

7:00 - 8:30 PM

to explore the

Gospel of St. Mark

Fr. Villa, a Scripture teacher, will lead us to an understanding and explanation of the Gospel of Mark which is used this Liturgical Year B in our Lectionary.

The Gospel of St. Mark is the second book in the New Testament, one of the four Gospels. Its traditional author is a man named John Mark, a companion of St. Peter, who wrote the Gospel using Peter's eyewitness accounts.

The Gospel of Mark is 16 chapters long, shorter than the other three Gospels. It is considered by most scholars to be the first of the four Gospels written with a date between 50 and 70 CE. It was likely written from Rome to Romans, but more broadly, Gentiles.



The purpose of the Gospel is to present Jesus Christ to Gentiles and to encourage believers to endure and persevere in the face of persecution and perhaps even martyrdom. The emphasis of Mark revolves around significant events in the life of Christ, such as his crucifixion and suffering. Jesus as teacher and his followers as disciples are also key to the Gospel's message.



The text for the course will be the New American Bible Revised Edition (NABRE) which can be purchased at the Parish Office or on the first night of class. The Bible app which offers the NABRE is free for Apple devices.