

Schedule and Reflection Questions

The Gospel of Mark

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Week of Nov. 30, 2008 {1st Sunday of Advent}

Chapter of Mark to be read: 1

Reflection Questions:

- [Mk 1: 1-8] In what “spiritual wilderness” have you found yourself ?
Who played the part of John the Baptist in your life – who
“prepared the way” for Jesus?
How would you describe your relationship with Jesus right now?

Week of Dec. 7, 2008 {2nd Sunday of Advent}

Chapter of Mark to be read: 2

Reflection Questions:

- [Mk 2: 1-12] What would you be seeing and feeling if you were in this crowd?
In what ways is sin like paralysis? What freedoms has Jesus’
forgiveness given to you?
In what area do you need forgiveness now?

Week of Dec. 14, 2008 { 3rd Sunday of Advent}

Chapter of Mark to be read: 3

Reflection Questions:

- [Mk 3: 13-19] Why did Jesus call such ordinary guys?
What motivates you to follow to Jesus now?
- [Mk 3: 31-34] Why was Jesus’ family worried about him?
What did Jesus say was the basis for a family relationship with
him? Is doing God’s will an action or a belief?

Week of Dec. 21, 2008 {4th Sunday of Advent}
Week Off – Enjoy the Christmas!!

Week of Dec. 28, 2008 {Feast of the Holy Family}
Week Off – Enjoy the Christmas!!

Week of Jan. 4, 2009 {Epiphany}

Chapter of Mark to be read: 4

Reflection Questions:

- [Mk 4: 35-41] What terrifying storm or movie can you still recall vividly?
What emotions did the disciples feel as this storm raged on and on?
What “storms” in your life does Jesus need to calm?

Week of Jan. 11, 2009 {Baptism of the Lord}

Chapter of Mark to be read: 5

Reflection Questions:

- [Mk 5: 1-20] When have you felt like the demoniac – torn by so many conflicting voices and feelings? What word of peace from Jesus do you need now?
- [Mk 5: 21-43] What would you do if the phone rang, the doorbell chimed, your child called for help and the oven alarm went off all at the same time? What does it take to get you out of bed? Why do you think Jesus makes the sick woman reveal herself? How have you been like the woman or Jairus?

Week of Jan. 18, 2009 {Second Sunday of the Year}

Chapter of Mark to be read: 6

Reflection Questions:

- [Mk 6: 30-44] After a busy day, how do you like to unwind? How do you react when you are faced with an overwhelming sense of need? How has Jesus fed you when you have been spiritually hungry lately?
- [Mk 6:45-55] Where are you “straining at the oars?” How do Jesus’ words speak to that storm?

Week of Jan. 25, 2009 {Third Sunday of the Year}

Chapter of Mark to be read: 7

Reflection Questions:

- [Mk 7: 24-30] For what would you walk 100 miles out of your way? Why?
If Jesus came to your community, who are the “unclean” he would care for? How might you be his hands and feel for them?

Week of Feb. 1, 2009 {Fourth Sunday of the Year}

Chapter of Mark to be read: 8

Reflection Questions:

- [Mk 8: 27-38] How does your relationship with Jesus affect your lifestyle? Your relationships? Your politics? Your priorities?

Week of Feb. 8, 2009 {Fifth Sunday of the Year}

Chapter of Mark to be read: 9

Reflection Questions:

- [Mk 9:2-13] When was your most recent “mountaintop” experience? How do you feel when you are the mountain top? What helps you to feel close to God? How would you describe your relationship with God now?
- [Mk: 9: 14-30] How can you live with the full reality of evil and yet with a strong awareness of God’s transforming power? In what way do you feel that tension now?

Week of Feb. 15, 2009 {Sixth Sunday of the Year}

Chapter of Mark to be read: 10

Reflection Questions:

- [Mk 10: 1-11] What do you like best and least about weddings? How were the Pharisees trying to test Jesus by their question? How can you apply the principles of marriage underlined here? Do you think Jesus would respond the same way to someone in a troubled marriage who is sincerely asking the question in verse 2?
- [Mk 10:46-52] How do you respond when a beggar approaches you on the street? What is significant about the way Bartimaeus addresses Jesus? About the way the beggar is treated by the crowd? If Jesus asked you, “What do you want me to do for you?”

Week of Feb. 22, 2009 {Seventh Sunday of the Year}

Chapter of Mark to be read: 11

Reflection Questions:

- [Mk 11:1-11] What is the closest you have ever come to meeting a world leader or celebrity? What do you find most significant about the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem? How did Jesus ride into your life?
- [Mk 11:12-19] If Jesus came to clean up your town, where would he start? How do you describe your response to injustice, abuse or moral corruption? Where is God calling you now to get involved?

Week of March 1, 2009 { First Sunday of Lent}

Chapter of Mark to be read: 12

Reflection Questions:

- [Mk 12: 28-34] What subject is guaranteed to spark a debate in your house? Sports? Politics? Religion? Other _____ ? Why are these two commandments the greatest? In the three possibilities of love relationships (with God, neighbors, and self), where are you the strongest? The weakest?

Week of March 8, 2009 { Second Sunday of Lent }

Chapter of Mark to be read: 13

Reflection Questions:

[Mk 13: 1-37] If you could take two things to heaven with you, what would they be? What is the most exciting thing about the Second Coming of Christ? The most distressing? What questions would you like to ask Jesus about?

Week of March 15, 2009 { Third Sunday of Lent }

Chapter of Mark to be read: 14

Reflection Questions:

[Mk 14: 1-11] Why do you think the woman spent a year's wages on perfume? When you spend money on another person, what concerns you? What is the biggest problem you have in making money decisions? If you had ten times the amount of money you now have to give away, who or what would you give that money to?

[Mk 14:32-42] If you knew you had only a few days to live, what would you do with the time? With what decision are you struggling at the moment? Who do you call on when you need help in knowing God's will? How do you know when you've identified God's will for you?

Week of March 22, 2009 { Fourth Sunday of Lent }

Chapter of Mark to be read: 15

Reflection Questions:

[Mk 15: 1-41] Have your actions ever been mocked because you are a disciple of Jesus? Have you ever sat with someone who is dying? What was it like? How do you feel when you attend funerals and burials? What does Jesus death mean to you?

Week of March 29, 2009 { Fifth Sunday of Lent }

Chapter of Mark to be read: 16

Reflection Questions:

[Mark 16: 1-20] Who did Jesus send to you to tell you he had risen? Where have you experienced the risen Christ?
Now that you have finished the Gospel of Mark? What images in the Gospel of Mark remain with you?

Week of April 2009 { Passion/Palm } Sunday }

Catch – Up week