



THURSDAY MORNING SCRIPTURE
Fall 2017: September 28 – December 14

***The Gospel of Mark:
The Good News of Jesus Christ***

This fall, St. Patrick's Thursday Morning Scripture Group, led by parishioner Susan Carlson, will focus on the Gospel of Mark during the 11-week session that will begin on September 28 and conclude on December 14. The Gospel of Mark has been referred to as the "orphan gospel" because for centuries it was viewed as just a shortened version of Matthew and received less attention than the other three gospels. But most scholars now think that Mark was the first gospel written, and this fast-paced, plain-spoken gospel has emerged from the shadows.

The Jesus of Mark's gospel moves with compelling power and authority, proclaiming the good news that the Kingdom of God is at hand. Mark paints a unique portrait of Jesus traveling throughout Galilee and beyond, healing and driving out demons, preaching and calling to Himself disciples who must learn that to follow Him means that they, too, must follow the road to Jerusalem and the Cross.

In addition to the Bible, the group will use a commentary by Dr. Mary Healy, *The Gospel of Mark*, which is part of the Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture series. The fee for the Fall 2017 Session is \$20 for those who do not yet have a copy of the commentary and \$5 for those who already have the commentary. The Thursday Morning Scripture Group's approach to the Scriptures is to combine study, prayer, reflection, and discussion. The group is co-ed and meets from 9:30 until 11:00 a.m. on Thursday in the O'Gara Parish Activity Center.

To register or to obtain more information, please contact Susan Carlson at SMcCarlson@aol.com or 847-295-9714. No previous Bible study experience is necessary – all are welcome!