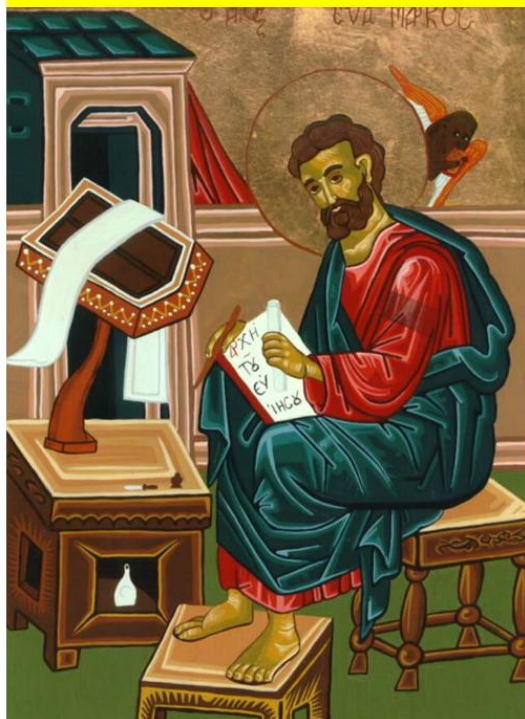


Parish Mission 2009

March 15-18

Sunday at all the Masses
Mon, Tues, Wed 7-9 pm in the Parish Hall



Bring your Bible.

Everyone is invited to any
or all of the sessions.

Monday, March 16

*Proclaiming Jesus
in Word and Deed
(Mark 1)*

Tuesday, March 17

*Faithfully Following
Jesus on the Way
(Mark 8-10)*

Wednesday, March 18

*Suffering, Dying,
and Rising with
Christ (Mark 14-15)*



Fr. Felix Just, S.J., Ph.D., Director of Biblical Education at the Loyola Institute for Spirituality in Orange, CA, a Jesuit scholar, priest, and retreat master will introduce us to St. Mark's Jesus.

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Journeying with Jesus during Lent and throughout the Year”
A Lenten Parish Mission with the Gospel of Mark

March 15-18, 2009 – Saint John Neumann Parish

5101 Alton Parkway, Irvine , CA 92604

led by Fr. Felix Just, S.J., Ph.D. – Loyola Institute for Spirituality, Orange , CA

On Palm Sunday this year we will hear the entire Passion Narrative from the Gospel according to Mark, and selections from Mark’s Gospel are read on most other Sundays throughout 2009 (Lectionary Year B). Since Mark’s presentation of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus is significantly different from that of Matthew, Luke, or John, it is important for us to hear and understand the distinctive themes and emphases of this oldest and shortest of the four Gospels.

Mark not only presents Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of God, who proclaims the Kingdom of God with urgency, power, and authority, but he also emphasizes that Jesus is the suffering Son of Man, who was crucified and died, and who calls each of us to a discipleship that also accepts the cross. As we journey with Jesus through Lent and beyond, Mark’s Gospel can help us be more faithful in our response to Jesus, who—despite the hardships of our own lives—invites us: “Come and follow me.”

This year’s Lenten Mission at St. John Neumann Parish will be led by Fr. Felix Just, S.J., the Director of Biblical Education at the Loyola Institute for Spirituality in Orange, CA. Fr. Just will preach at all the Masses on March 15 (the 3rd Sunday of Lent) and will give three interactive presentations on Monday to Wednesday evenings (7:00 – 9:00 p.m.) in the Parish Hall.

Come one and all, bring your Bibles, invite your families and friends, and be ready to allow yourself to be challenged by St. Mark to live our Christian discipleship more authentically and faithfully.

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