

10/11/2020

Sunday School at 1 p.m. in Centennial Park, Evanston

Your Sunday School teachers hope you can join us and your classmates for a lakefront get-together. As the school year unfolds, our No. 1 priority is to keep you and your families safe and healthy. For our fifth session, please join us at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 11, in Centennial Park

<<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Centennial+Park/@42.0480426,-87.6739859,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0x3ec52f8c676696f!8m2!3d42.0480426!4d-87.6739859>> at Sheridan and Clark streets in Evanston, on the lakefront just south of the Northwestern campus. Bell Choir training will follow Sunday School at the same outdoor location, with masks, social-distancing and other measures to keep everyone safe.

### **Holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John (Saturday, October 17)**



For millions of believers, the four Gospels are the greatest chapters in the greatest and most miraculous of any book ever written. As the people who lived during Jesus' time began to age and die, an urgency was felt to record the accounts of those who had known Him. There were many gospels circulating in the early centuries of the church. But the gospels that grew widely popular, were read most often, and sanctioned by the church elders entered the canon as offering a full and authentic picture of Jesus Christ. These four Gospels are considered sacred biographies for although they are certainly biographical and historical, they are primarily a personal witness to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ as understood by a particular writer, inspired by the Holy

Spirit.

During Badarak, when the deacon elevates the Gospel book over his head or whenever we kiss the Gospel book, we are lovingly acknowledging its value and authority in our lives. As Christians, we are called to be the Gospel. God has chosen us to be His evangelists and inspire others to experience Jesus Christ. Activity: Read all four Gospels on the journey to Christmas and watch this informative video <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RaucATa9ufQ>> about the Good News in the four gospels.

## **Bible Readings for Sunday, Oct. 11**

### **From Today's Readings**

Mark 12:35-44 To the delight of His audience, Jesus challenges the scribes to acknowledge that He is Lord and God's Son by quoting their own revered King David. He then chastises them for their vanity and self-importance in stark contrast to the poor widow who gave a much greater share of what she had to the temple offering. Discuss/reflect: What distinctions does Jesus make about generosity (v. 44)? From where does your generosity spring?

Galatians 2:1-10 St. Paul is addressing the validity of his authority as an apostle, challenged by conservative believers who thought Gentiles needed to become Jews first before accepting Christ. Confident in his calling to non-Jews, Paul cites the freedom to become someone new in accepting Jesus. The church "pillars" Peter, James, and John encourage his ministry. Discuss/reflect: In their advice to St Paul, the apostles stressed one thing amidst this policy debate: "that we continue to remember the poor." (v 10) How might this advice guide the church today? How does it speak to you?

Isaiah 19:1-11 In his prophecy against Egypt, Isaiah describes God's total destruction of all that the Egyptians cherish, resulting in drought, famine, oppression, and despair. Discuss/reflect: Isaiah illustrates graphically how a great power -- one which people both feared and upon which they depended -- was not immune to God's judgment. Read Mark 12:38-40 again. How do these relate to the verses in Isaiah

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