



# Justice for All

**St Mark Parish**  
**Wednesdays of October 2011**  
**7:00 - 9:00 PM**

## **Justice for the Poor • Wednesday, October 5** **with Denise Amenta**

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasury of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. It offers moral principles and coherent values that are badly needed in our time. In this time of widespread violence and diminished respect for human life and dignity in our country and around the world, the Gospel of life and the biblical call to justice need to be proclaimed and shared with new clarity, urgency, and energy. We will discuss a host of challenges facing the poor today including: unemployment, lack of affordable health care; lack of affordable / quality housing; disreputable merchants and landlords; and more.

## **Justice in Self, Justice in Community • Wednesday, October 12** **with Margaret Orlando**

We will explore the importance of knowing the violence and injustices within myself either brought on by my own stubbornness or those imposed on us by others. Without this knowledge it is very hard to take justice into the community. To have a community that ceases to be controlled by violence, we must first begin the process of ridding the violence in our own life. We must learn how to love who we are so we can love those around us and love the world in which we live. Violence impedes a world of justice and non-violence. Love conquers and brings about peace. Peace within self leads to peace in the world. It is a ripple effect that flows out from me. Let us be people of peace. Let us be people of justice.

## **What the Bible Says About Justice • Wednesday, October 19** **with Deacon Paul Lippard**

*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*  
(Matthew 25:34-40)

Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Matthew, that we will be judged on how we treat one another. Today, as part of our role as followers of Jesus, we are called to take care of the poor, the needy and the lonely. This is not a new theme, but each generation has to search out the application of the principles as we find in Scripture. "What the Bible says about Justice" is an examination of the Biblical texts that challenge us to grow and to serve God.

## **Justice for All • Wednesday, October 26**

During these past three weeks you have heard about various aspects of Justice. During the presentations there wasn't a lot of time to answer all the questions you may have wanted to ask. In this final session, we will make an effort to answer or clarify questions about justice that might have surfaced after the presentations. Denise, Paul, and Marge will each take time to respond to your questions. During this time in history, it is important for each of us to be mindful of our responsibility to be people of peace and justice; to be a part of the solutions to violence and not just a bystander waiting for someone else to make a difference. All of us can do a small part to change the way we encounter our world and each other. Justice is a community affair, not just an individual event. Let's take time during this presentation to enter into a dialogue about what we as individuals and as a Christian community can do to make change happen. Be peace, be justice, and live what we preach.

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