

The background is a complex mosaic. In the center is a detailed mosaic of a man's face, likely Jesus, with a beard and a halo. This central face is framed by several vertical bars of varying heights and colors, primarily gold and blue. The entire composition is set against a larger, lighter mosaic background that features faint, larger-scale patterns. Large blue corner brackets are positioned at the top-left, top-right, bottom-left, and bottom-right of the image.

Year of FAITH

I SEEK
~~~~~ YOUR FACE ~~~~~  
**O LORD**

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# SFX ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM – 2018-19

MORNING CLASS: 10-11 A.M. | EVENING CLASS: 7-8 P.M.

## FALL SESSION

4 OCTOBER

### ***I Believe in God... So What Comes Next...***

Presented by Steven Guillotte

Many people today say they believe in God, but the “saying-so” holds no sway in their lives as they are often swayed by other things and in other directions. In this session we will examine the different forms of belief: opinion, knowledge, and faith (and divine revelation, which is the foundation of faith). We hope to achieve in this class a freer and more deliberate approach to belief so that when one says “I believe in God” it moves one to live for God.

11 OCTOBER

### ***God the Father***

Presented by Fr. Riley Williams

When we say that we believe in God the Father, what exactly do we mean? How is He our God and our father at the same time? Why has God chosen to reveal Himself under this aspect? In this class we will continue to reflect on the meaning of belief by looking at God Himself and how He has chosen to reveal Himself both in the light of human reason and in the Sacred Scriptures.

18 OCTOBER

### ***Jesus: God's Son, Our Brother***

Presented by Fr. Riley Williams

Who is Jesus? We pray to Him, we worship Him – but do we really know Him? Who is Jesus? Why does it matter that He is both divine and human? What does any of this matter to us? Today we will reflect on the central figure of our faith, to Whom we all pray and about Whom we could all know more.

25 OCTOBER

### ***The Holy Spirit Revealed!***

Presented by Deacon David Pepin

The mysterious Third Person of the Blessed Trinity is alive and well and living in New York City! Come to see who He really is, where's He's been over the years, what He's been up to lately, and what His plans are for the future. He's got a heckuva story to tell! And you're in it, I'm in it, the whole Catholic Church is in it; in fact, the Catholic Church is at the center of the story.

## SPRING SESSION

28 FEBRUARY

### ***Jesus According to Mark: The Gospel in Action***

Presented by Steven Guillotte

What is a gospel? What distinguishes a gospel from all the other writings in Sacred Scripture? Why do we call it the “good news”? In this session we will seek to answer these questions and to continue our theme of seeking the Face of Christ. In particular, since St. Peter the Apostle is considered the main source of Mark's gospel it offers us a unique view of the life and activity of Jesus from the eyes and mind of our first Bishop of Rome.

7 MARCH

### ***The Unity & Uniqueness of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke***

Presented by Deacon David Pepin

The Gospels of Matthew and Luke reveal to us the same face of Jesus but one seen from different points of view. Each sees Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah, the Son of God, and the Redeemer of the world. However, a characteristic view of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel is suggested by two parables found only in Matthew: “The Hidden Treasure” and “The Pearl of Great Price.” A characteristic view of Jesus in Luke's Gospel is suggested by two parables found only in Luke: “The Good Samaritan” and “The Prodigal Son.” Come to this class to learn what those views tell us about Jesus and about the unity and uniqueness of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.

14 MARCH

### ***Fly Like an Eagle: Jesus in the Gospel of John***

Presented by Fr. Riley Williams

The Gospel of John is unique: while it introduces us to the same Savior as the other three Gospels, it does so in a way that reveals a unique perspective of the same Lord. St. John begins his Gospel with the mystery of the Eternal Word and ends it with a breakfast on the beach: in the journey from beginning to end, we meet Christ in a way we do nowhere else. Today we'll learn what makes this Gospel unique, and what it offers us to deepen our faith relationship with our Savior.