

In Search of Mary:

- in the New Testament and**
- as a Member of the Communion of Saints**

Monday evenings, January 22, 29 and February 5, 2024, 7-8:30 p.m.

Who is Mary and what do we know about her from the various Biblical passages that pertain to her? Many theological explanations and devotional practices often minimize the fact that Mary is a first century Jewish woman. Recent theologians, especially women, have helped us understand what it was like for Mary to be a woman in the first century male dominated Jewish world.

Mary struggles like you and I to discern and make sense of where God is leading her. Mary is a woman of faith caught up in the faith traditions of her Jewish ancestors who nurtured within her a certain image of God. Being part of a society that is heavily male dominated, Mary has to struggle as any woman does to maintain her dignity and worth as a human being. Mary experiences what it is like to leave home, be an immigrant and refugee from oppressive and unjust powers, while trying to keep her family together and safe.

The sessions will explore these and other facets and aspects of Mary's life as understood through the cultural and historical unpacking of various biblical passages pertaining to her. Bring your bible and a friend and let us explore together Mary's role in Jesus' life and in the life of the church. All faith traditions are most welcome. The sessions will be facilitated by Biagio Mazza, Church historian and theologian. To register...

