

# THE STORY OF OUR Catholic Family

## THE CHURCH

# JOIN US FOR A New & Exciting Way

To Explore and  
Fall in Love With

## The Special Gift that Christ Gave Us, His BRIDE – THE CHURCH

**PART 3 - The Story of our Catholic Family** — This Adult Faith Formation Study uses a new approach to explore the connection between events in the Church now and in Her past, while looking toward Her future. It provides a means through better understanding of our family history to help us grow and deepen our faith as we participate in the life of the Church today!

### **PART 3: The Catholic Counter-Reformation to the Church of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

In the early modern period we will explore how the Church responds to the Protestant Revolution through the reforms from the Council of Trent, the role of the papacy, the rise of new Religious orders, and other developments of the time, such as the missionary efforts and the Discovery of the New World. The Age of Enlightenment will bring the Church to confront the issue of the relationship between faith and reason, an important issue along with the effects of modernism which exist for both society and the Church today! We will see more reforms and the doctrine of papal infallibility develop from the First Vatican Council along with the impact of the lives of the saints and sinners of this time. Elements of the Church's devotional life will be part of the new understanding of the Church in the Modern period with Vatican II. Finally we will see the impact of our three post-Vatican II popes, St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis on the Church of the 21<sup>st</sup>. century.

Due to the Coronavirus we will be offering **only Zoom sessions**. These will **start on Tuesday, 9/1/2020 from 6:30-8 p.m. and repeat on Thursdays, 9/3/2020 from 9:30-11 a.m. for 7 weeks**. If you are interested in participating in this Part 3 study, please contact Pat Zak at 303-466-8720, ext. 117 or by e-mail at [Pat.Zak@saintmarkcc.org](mailto:Pat.Zak@saintmarkcc.org) for **further information and to register. There is no fee for these sessions**