

Lenten Series

2022

March 9: *"Bearing Witness"* with Dr. George Watson, Jr.

March 16: *No Way Out*

March 23: *Just Mercy*

March 30: *The Best of Enemies*

April 6: A Liturgy of Remembrance and Reconciliation

While we are still unable to gather to share a meal, our Wednesday evening series in Lent continue with four sessions on Zoom and the final event as a service in the church. **This year's theme will focus on bearing witness to racism and being Black in America.** One speaker, our own George Watson; three Hollywood films; and a liturgy to conclude make up the series.

Please note, due to the length of the programs the starting times vary. Also, be aware that due to the nature of the subject matter some of the language and scenes in the three films are difficult and offensive. Fr. Alan chose these films as examples of how Hollywood has dealt with the issue of race and racism. These important films, though they depict things that are difficult to watch, are a part of our culture and a part of us as Americans.

"Bearing Witness: the making of a Black Forensic Psychologist"

with George Watson, Jr., Ph.D.

**Wednesday, March 9
at 7:30 pm on Zoom**

SJM is proud to offer a presentation by distinguished forensic psychologist and long-term parishioner, Dr. George Watson, Jr. This is a very personal presentation focusing on his formative experiences as a Black man and person of faith learning and working within the context of profoundly racist systems in his profession, church, and the larger world. Please join us for what promises to be a moving discussion that will also launch our Lenten series.

Dinner and a Movie: *No Way Out*

**Wednesday, March 16
at 7:00 pm on Zoom**

When a white patient dies under the care of a black doctor, the family seeks to destroy his career. This film noir classic casts Sidney Poitier in his first feature film.
(Not rated, 106 minutes, Drama)

Dinner and a Movie: *Just Mercy*

**Wednesday, March 23
at 7:00 pm on Zoom**

Young lawyer, Bryan Stevenson, turns down a lucrative career to take on cases of the wrongly convicted in Alabama. Centering on the case of death row inmate, Walter McMillian, Stevenson goes up against a legal and political system steeped in institutional racism of the not-too-distant past.
(PG-13, 137 minutes, Drama)

Dinner and a Movie: *The Best of Enemies*

**Wednesday, March 30
at 7:00 pm on Zoom**

The unlikely relationship between civil rights activist, Ann Atwater and local Ku Klux Klan leader, C.P. Ellis as co-chairs of a 1971 community summit on the desegregation Durham, North Carolina schools change them and their city forever.
(PG-13, 132 minutes, Drama)

A Liturgy of Remembrance and Reconciliation

**Wednesday, April 6
at 7:30 pm in the Church**

Please come to a special liturgy to conclude our Lenten series and launch us into Holy Week, as we gather to remember those Black Lives lost to police violence, to grieve the persistence of systemic racism in our society, and to pray for ways of reconciliation in the future. There will be readings, prayers, time for reflection, music, and the tolling of the bell for those lives lost. It will also be an expression of hope and love for each other as we strive to build a beloved community.

Get Connected

March 9 - 30: A link to the Zoom meeting will be emailed to the parish each week and printed in the Sunday bulletin.

April 6: Please join us in person at the Church (masks required). *This event will not be livestreamed.*