



## **BOOK CLUB (THURSDAYS 9:30 -10:30 AM):**

**JUST CALL ME LOPEZ**, by Margaret Silf

(10 WEEKS)

**SEPT. 5 – NOV. 7**

“Would your world be changed if you had regular coffee (and wine) dates with the 16<sup>th</sup>-century Spaniard Ignatius Loyola?” That’s the implicit question posed in this intriguing time travel experiment by Silf. In a series of fictional encounters between her narrator, Rachel, and the Jesuit founder the writer introduces readers to the biography of a Christian mystic whose writings and methods continue to have an outsize influence on contemporary Christian spiritual practices.

**THE AWAKENING OF MISS PRIM**, by Natalia

Sanmartin Fenollera (7 WEEKS)

**JAN. 9 – FEB. 20**

In this #1 international bestseller, a young woman leaves everything behind to work as a librarian in a remote French village, where she finds her outlook on life and love challenged in every way. An intellectual woman, thinking the role of librarian might be a nice change of pace from the busy life she had in the city, she isn’t prepared for the uncommon household or uncommon employer she encounters. Her employer as well as her neighbors are capable of charm and eccentricity in equal measure, determined as they are to preserve their singular little community from the modern world outside. Set against a backdrop of steaming cups of tea, freshly baked cakes, and lovely company, *The Awakening of Miss Prim* is a distinctive and delightfully entertaining tale of literature, philosophy, and the search for happiness.

**MUTANT MESSAGE DOWN UNDER**, by Marlo

Morgan (8 WEEKS)

**APR. 16 – JUN. 4**

*Mutant Message Down Under* is the fictional account of an American woman's spiritual odyssey through outback Australia. Summoned by a remote tribe of nomadic Aborigines to accompany them on walkabout, the woman makes a four-month-long journey and learns how they thrive in natural harmony with the plants and animals that exist in the rugged lands of Australia's bush. From the first day of her adventure, Morgan is challenged by the physical requirements of the journey; she faces daily tests of her endurance, challenges that ultimately contribute to her personal transformation. By traveling with this extraordinary community, Morgan becomes a witness to their essential way of being in a world based on the ancient wisdom and philosophy of a culture that is more than 50,000 years old.

## **LENTEN BOOK STUDY (THURSDAYS 6:30 -8PM)**

**SEVEN LAST WORDS: AN INVITATION TO A DEEPER FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS**, by James

Martin, SJ

**FEB. 20 – APR. 2**

Based on his talks at New York’s St. Patrick’s Cathedral on Good Friday 2015, the *New York Times* bestselling author and editor at large of *America* magazine offers a portrait of Jesus, using his last words on the cross to reveal how deeply he understood our predicaments, what it means to be fully human, and why we can turn to Christ completely, in mind, heart, and soul. Each meditation is dedicated to one of the seven sayings: “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.” “Today you will be with me in Paradise.” “Woman, this is your son”. “This is your mother.” “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” “I thirst.” “It is finished.” “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”

With the warmth, wisdom, and grace that infuse his works, Father Martin explains why Jesus’s crucifixion and death on the cross is an important teaching moment in the Gospels. Jesus’s final statements, words that are deeply cherished by his followers, exemplify the depth of his suffering but also provide a key to his empathy and why we can connect with him so deeply.

## **POTLUCK & MOVIE NIGHTS**

**PAUL, APOSTLE OF CHRIST (2018)**

**Sunday, October 27, 5:30 – 8:30 pm**

Inspired by the New Testament book Acts of the Apostles, the story focuses on Luke (Jim Caviezel), a Greek physician and colleague of Paul’s in setting up early Christian communities, as he visits his incarcerated friend, desperately recording his final words of wisdom while Nero’s forces torture and murder their brothers and sisters outside the prison gates.

**BREAKTHROUGH (2019)**

**Sunday, April 19, 5:30 – 8:30 pm**

Based on the inspirational true story of one mother’s unfaltering love in the face of impossible odds. When Joyce (Chrissy Metz) Smith’s adopted son John falls through an icy Missouri lake, all hope seems lost. But as John lies lifeless, Joyce refuses to give up. Her steadfast belief inspires those around her to continue to pray for John’s recovery, even in the face of every case history and scientific prediction. It’s an enthralling reminder that faith and love can create a mountain of hope, and sometimes even a miracle.