

Thursdays 2012-2013
1 & 7 PM in the Chapel of SJE Office Building or in Conference
Room First Floor of School
Please watch bulletin for change of location or to call Sr. Joan to order
books.

October 4 ***Have a Little Faith*** by Mitch Albom. 249 pp. Albom helps show the true definition of Church. It is not the building. It is the people. This is a remarkable, true story of contrast, of two men of God; one an aging rabbi, and the other, an African American pastor working in a ghetto. Two men---two different faiths; two entirely different backgrounds. In the end, the message is clear: Faith ties us closely together and can give us the chance to accomplish things we never dreamed possible.

November 1 ***Jacob color 93 minutes.*** Highlights of Jacob's life – how he usurped his brother Esau's birthright and blessing, the pillow of stone, the ladder to heaven, wrestling with God – are set against the heartache and hope of his relationship with the woman he seems destined never to possess. Sustained by his faith in God and his love for Rachel, Jacob perseveres...and becomes the father of the 12 tribes of Israel.

December 6 ***Expecting Adam*** by Martha Beck 349 PP. This work represents Martha Beck's luminous journey towards choosing to mother Adam, her son who was prenatally diagnosed with Down's Syndrome. Because her Harvard education and academic resume brings the reader into a journey towards coming to accept Adam through a skeptic's eyes, her story seems more credible than that of the average person who sits down to write a book that says "oh, but my child is so much more than what he seems." Martha's tale is as convincing as it is spellbinding. Her range as a writer is vast—she is both a comedian and an accomplished dramatist. It is impossible to read *Expecting Adam* and fail to see that every life has meaning and dignity.

January 3 ***The Story of Ruth color 131 minutes.*** In a stunning retelling of the Old Testament story, Elana Eden portrays the beautiful Ruth, who as a young girl, is sold to worshippers of the stone god, Chemosh. As a young woman, however, she is moved by

the plight of a Jewish slave named Mahlon, renounces her idolatry, frees him and befriends his mother, Naomi. When tragedy compels the women to make the arduous journey to Jerusalem, Ruth meets Boaz and falls in love. But as she is promised to another, she must rely on her courage, wits and newfound faith to find the peace she's longed for since she can remember..

February 7 ***The Alchemist*** by Paulo Coelho. 192 pp. This story, dazzling in its powerful simplicity and inspiring wisdom, is about an Andalusian shepherd boy named Santiago who travels from his homeland in Spain to the Egyptian desert in search of a treasure buried in the Pyramids. Along the way he meets a Gypsy woman, a man who call himself king and an alchemist, all of whom point Santiago in the direction of his quest. No one knows what the treasure is, or if Santiago will be able to surmount the obstacles along the way. But what starts out as a journey to find worldly goods turns into a discovery of the treasure found within.

March 7 ***King David color 113 minutes.*** Actor Richard Gere gives a bravura performance as the lowly shepherd boy who ascends to the throne of ancient Israel in this compelling, thrilling biblical saga This panoramic drama brings David and his legendary Old Testament adventures to life, from his confrontation with Goliath to his self-destructive desire for Bathsheba.

April 4 ***To Be Like Jesus: Inspiration from the Gospel of Luke*** by Sister Ann Shields, S.G.L. 127 pp. Church Year 2013 is the Year of Luke Thirty-one reflections designed to lead you to an encounter with the living God and His plan for your life – which is not as mysterious or unknowable as you might think. The key to knowing what God is asking of you is to discover, first, who God is. If you are willing to spend time daily in His presence, ruminating on His Word as it comes to you in Scripture, He will reveal Himself and help you make the choices that conform to His will for your life.

May 2 ***Jeremiah color 95 minutes*** The film tells the story of the prophet Jeremiah who abandons his family and the woman he loves in order to relay God's message in Jerusalem. Although he is persecuted and branded as a traitor for warning others of the destruction of the Holy City, he continues fearlessly with his mission.

When his prophecy is fulfilled, he experiences first-hand Jerusalem's destruction by the Babylonians.