BOOK DISCUSSION: *MY LIFE WITH THE SAINTS*
TUESDAY – MAY 20TH – 7PM ---*Please note change of date...*
- **Chapter 17: "Mary – Full of Grace", pages 345 – 371**

1. James Martin writes about his personal devotion to Mary: "occasionally broken and battered, frequently imperfect, and yet somehow whole, its roots deep in my childhood and continuing to grow in the present, in the sunlight of God's creating and renewing love." (page 371)
   - What are your earliest memories of devotion to Mary in your home?, in your school?, in your parish? – when you were growing up?

2. Father Martin says that Mary became for him "a model of how to live my life". (page 348) How was Mary a "model" for Father Martin? Is Mary a "model" for you? In what ways?

3. According to Father Martin, the Annunciation "depicts the dramatic entrance of the divine into our everyday world." (page 350) What does Father Martin mean by this? Have you ever experienced the divine in your everyday world?

4. How does Mary exemplify "the role of the real-life believer"? (page 350)

5. Mary says to the angel: "How can this be since I do not know man"? (page 353) What other Biblical Persons have made excuses – brought objections – to an invitation from God? Have you ever made "objections" to what you sensed God was asking you to do?

6. "If someone asked you how to find God, what would you say?" (page 354)

7. "After praying about the Annunciation, I found myself increasingly drawn to Mary, and began to find her in my ministry." (page 361) What draws YOU to Mary? Where do YOU find Mary in your ministry, in your life?

8. "Mary did what she needed to do. Though she could have had no idea what would happen to her or her family, she soldiered on." (page 369) What did Mary need to do? Have you ever felt this way – just "soldier on"?

9. "Mary understands me." (page 367) Do you believe this? Could these words be found on your lips? How? When? Why?

10. Any final thoughts…..

11. How does Mary help you on the great journey towards becoming a "dynamic Catholic"?