

Native Reflections on the Doctrine of Discovery: History, Religion, Nation, Race, and Immigration

**St. Matthew's Catholic Church
Sunday, July 23, 1-4 pm**

Featuring Navajo writer and speaker, Mark Charles



Mark Charles is a dynamic and thought-provoking public speaker, writer, and consultant. The son of an American woman (of Dutch heritage) and a Navajo man, he speaks with insight into the complexities of American history regarding race, culture, and faith in order to help forge a path of healing and conciliation for the nation. Mark serves as the Washington DC correspondent and regular columnist for *Native News Online* and is the author of the popular blog, *Wireless Hogan*.

On Sunday, July 23, Mr. Charles will offer lectionary reflections at the 8:45 and 11 am liturgies and lead a seminar from 1-4 pm in the St. Matthew Parish Hall:

The Doctrine of Discovery and the Mythology of a Christian Empire

The Doctrine of Discovery has been used by governments and churches in Europe and the United States for the past 500 years to dehumanize the "other" based on religion, race and gender. The Declaration of Independence, the US Constitution, United States Supreme Court, even immigration reform and the Dakota Access Pipeline have all been deeply influenced by the Doctrine of Discovery. This seminar will examine this history and offer some steps towards healing that can be taken by both the Church and the nation.

**The seminar is free and open to all. Please RSVP
(410-433-2300) by July 18.**