

SPRING 2019

Four Seasons

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
We are quite naturally impatient in everything
To reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
We are impatient of being on the way to
Something unknown, something new.
And yet it is the law of all progress
That it is made by passing through
Some stages of instability ____
And that it may take a very long time.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S. J.

Galilee Centre's work may be a slower Ministry, in that we may not always be able to successfully say that we've met our targets. Yet when we reach year end, we look back and realize that we have accomplished much. 2019 is another year that is poised to be a success, with many programs available through the year. Within this newsletter you will see that there is something for everyone, from those that are interested in recovery work to those that ponder the possibilities of a

new church inspired by a monk, a poet, a novelist and composer.

As always, it is with immense gratitude that I welcome you to visit Galilee Centre and stay awhile.

The Unending Pull of Love

Facilitated by Maureen McDonnell, D. Min.



May 10th - 12th, 2019

This retreat invites you to draw aside. Through story, contemplative practice, literature, music & nature we encounter the promise of more life, new freedom & deeper love. We will engage with the endless pull of Love so that we may become the wise folk we are summoned to be today.

Cost: Single \$210; Double \$180; Commuter \$150

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Mary Undoer of Knots

In her lenten publication **Mary, A Beacon to Light the Way**, Sr. Joan Chittister offers the following mantra.

Mary, Undoer of Knots, be our guide.
Undo in us the obstacles to peace and love
so we may grow to the height of our
compassion.

When this passionate advocate for peace & justice, engages the one she is so often refers to simply as Mary of Nazareth under the title of Undoer of Knots I am inclined to wonder what connections she is making.

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Relishing A More Imaginative Church for Our Time

Facilitated by Fr. Trevor Scott S.J.



July 7-12
Cost: \$575

You are invited to spend prayerful time with the rich imaginations & works of contemporary Christians like Brother Roger of Taizé, Estonian composer Arvo Part, & Japanese novelist Shusaku Endo. This retreat will be an opportunity to witness & pray with the imaginative richness & power that exists in our church today so we may give witness fit for new questions in our world.



Icon Workshop (Therese of Lisieux)

Facilitated by
Suzanne Massie &
Michelle Reis-Amores
June 2nd - 7th, 2019

Focused on St. Therese of Lisieux, participants will engage in the Christian sacred art form of iconography. Suitable for all levels of painting experience from none to professional. Materials & tools: gessoed boards, paints & brushes, gold leaf, photos & line drawings, etc. are supplied.

Cost: Single \$740 (room & meals);
Commuter \$500 (meals)

Lunch & Learn:
Icons: Images of the Divine
Presented by
Suzanne Massie Manchevsky
May 5th, 11:45 am - \$17

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Life is tangled! Complex & seldom open to some masterstroke solution. The journey to healing or reconciliation or justice is, as they say, long & winding. Sr. Chittister commends Mary to us as a companion & guide - as one who challenges the urges in us to cut away the knotted places. Who has time to untie a knot when a new rope can be picked up for almost nothing? Who has the patience when so much in life is urgent? Even at the political level there is a deep populist movement offering simplistic solutions to complex & tangled issues. Often so much is discarded & so many are excluded. This is not the way of liberation & not the way of compassion.

Those things that bind us - knots of injustice, knots of addiction or knots that bind our hearts - were formed over time. The lives of those that are pushed to the margins are often tangled in a web of hurts & causes. Liberation and healing is not hurried work.

May we be guided in the Month of Mary to come to know Mary as an advocate for our freedom & for our growth & in a deep way an advocate for the flourishing of compassion & justice.

Five-Day Directed Retreat

Facilitated by Fr. R. Boucher, OMI, Fr. R. Kelly, OMI,
Sr. L. Germain, CSJ, Sr. M.C. Kelley, GSIC

July 26th - 31st

Cost: \$650



Retreat in an environment of silence, as a part of a praying community discerning the ways of God through prayer. Each day you will meet with your Spiritual Director to speak of your life & prayer. Your Director will ask you questions, give you scripture passages, or suggest other ways to pray. You will spend the next 24 hours praying, walking in the grounds of Galilee, napping or just being quiet.

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Calendar

MAY

Lunch & Learn: Icons: Images of the Devine - May 5

Mother's Day Luncheon - May 9

Gracernote Vespers - May 9

Unending Pull of Love - May 9 - 12

OMI Community Days - May 13 - 16

Monthly Eucharist with Fr. Richard Kelly, OMI - May 18, 4pm

Spring Cleaning Day at Galilee - May 22

Wellness Day at Galilee Centre - May 23

Sanbo Zen - April 28 - May 3

Ottawa Christian Meditation - May 3 - 5

JUNE

Icon Painting Workshop - June 2 - 7

Father's Day Luncheon - June 12

Monthly Eucharist with Fr. Richard Kelly, OMI - June 15, 4pm

Qi-Matic - May 31 - June 3

Pathwork - May 6 - 9

Women's Interfaith Fellowship Weekend - June 7 - 9

Passion for Painting - June 10 - 12

Arnprior Regional Health - June 11

Ottawa Mindfulness Clinic - June 14 - 16

True North Insight - June 24 - 30

JULY

Relishing a More Imaginative Church For Our Time - July 7 - 12

Monthly Eucharist with Fr. Richard Kelly, OMI - July 20, 4pm

Guided Contemplative Retreat - July 22 - 26

5-Day Directed Retreat - July 26 - 31

Holy Spirit Chinese Catholic Church - July 6

True North Insight - July 12 - 15

True North Insight - July 16 - 21



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