



Summer Retreats, 2016

Preached Retreat:

Praying the Psalms in Liturgy and Life

May 23-29, 2016

Fr. Charles Faso OFM

\$425 (\$75 deposit)

Together with a bible in hand, let us enter into the historical situation of the first pray-er of the Psalms. We will pray through the five books of the Psalms. We will discover the Who, When What, Where and Why of the Psalms' composition. And most importantly, how do we pray the Psalms as Christians today? Only 150 Psalms? Let's compose our own 21st century Psalms!

Preached Retreat: "Do Not Be Afraid of Tenderness, Mercy, Love."

June 13-19, 2016

Fr. Anthony Ciorra

\$425 (\$75 deposit)

Pope Francis spoke these words as he began his pontificate on March 13, 2013. He proclaimed "that the one thing the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm hearts through mercy." Inspired by Cardinal Walter Kasper's book, **Mercy**, the Pope has made this his signature theme. This retreat will focus on mercy as being at the core of Jesus' teachings in the parables and explained by Pope Francis and Cardinal Kasper. The invitation offered during this retreat will be to receive mercy, healing and forgiveness so that we might bring these gifts to others.

Guided Retreat:

"Song of Songs: A Celebration of the Many Faces of Love"

October 26-November 1, 2015 and

July 17-23, 2016

Michael Laratonda FMS

\$425 (\$75 deposit)

This all-new retreat will cover on some of the most beautiful aspects of "The Song of Songs": the focus on Love in its many/varied dimensions.

Questions to be explored will include:

Where might we discover – over and over – God's presence in this Love?

How do we continue to grow in praying with the loves of our lives?

How do we navigate the sometimes mystifying aspects of Love: human/divine; sensual/spiritual; masculine/feminine... so that ALL loves might be valued (and not de-valued)?

Our retreat will offer: gathering prayer and presentation each morning; films reflecting our theme/s in 'stories' that touch our own heart-stories; suggestions for prayer (Scripture, poetry, reflection questions); daily Eucharist; and a relaxed schedule for personal prayer time.

(Please bring a Bible and notebook or journal).

Guided Retreat

The Long and Winding Road: "Journeying Through the Gospel of Luke"

August 8-14, 2016

Clare D'Auria

\$425 (\$75 deposit)

During this guided retreat, we will prepare for Cycle C of the upcoming liturgical year which will again offer us the Gospel of Luke for our prayer and reflection. We will be invited to walk with Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem, and we will listen with the disciples to the parables which he recounts along the way – stories of the "great reversal" which characterize the coming of the reign of God. As we follow in the footprint of this Jesus whose "firm resolve" (9:51) sets him on the irreversible course which will end on Calvary, we will explore how the lessons offered in these paradoxical tales can move us forward on the sometimes "long and winding road" that will eventually lead us home to God.



Directed Retreat

July 25-31, 2016

Mary Walsh OSF, Mary Killoran OSF

\$425 (\$75 deposit)

This silent retreat offers a contemplative setting and daily spiritual direction with a certified spiritual director. Daily Mass is offered each day in Our Lady of Angels Chapel.

SPECIAL RETREATS

Franciscan Solitude Extended Experience

(at Clare House and the Hermitages)

June 13-19, 2016

Arrival: 6:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Departure: 10:00 a.m.

Clare Agnes Conforti OSF, Jean Ustasiewski OSF

\$425 (\$75 deposit)

This experience invites you to sit at the feet of Jesus as you enter into a solitude based on the Gospel images of Martha and Mary. Following St. Francis of Assisi's insights wherein all your needs are tended to, Franciscan solitude offers an opportunity to be deeply attentive to Jesus while sharing your experience with others who seek peace and quiet in their busy lives. Those attending this experience will be residing in the hermitages while meals, etc., will be shared in Clare House.

T'ai Chi Chih Retreat

August 22-27, 2015

Antonia Cooper OSF

\$325

These extended days of retreat will provide time and experience for participants to sink more fully into the essence of Tai Chi Chih. The full TCC form will be taught with special emphasis on the last 10 moves. No prior experience is necessary. The learning experience will encompass instruction, practice sessions, spirituality and reflection. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and soft-soled shoes or socks.

Registration Directions

For Sumer Retreat

Please use the attached form when registering for a Summer Retreat. Please **include your deposit** to guarantee your space on the retreat.

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You can also register online at our website: www.fscaston.org (Search for the retreat you want under the Events Tab.)

