



# STJB ADVENT-CHRISTMAS RETREAT WITH THOMAS MERTON

## Retreat from the craziness!

Join us for prayer and reflection; for spiritual inspiration through the words of Thomas Merton; and for meaningful dialogue and perspective amid a hectic season.

You can choose from several options of dates and times. Each weekly session will focus on an Advent-Christmas theme: hope, salvation, compassion, tenderness, and incarnation.

### Date/Time/Place:

**Mondays:** 11/25 – 12/16, 2019 & 1/6, 2020; 1:30pm – 3:00pm; New Church Comm. Room (NC/CR)

**Tuesdays:** 11/26, 12/3, 10, 17, 2019 & 1/7, 2020; 10:00am – 11:30am; NC/CR

**Wednesdays:** 12/11, 18, 2019 & 1/8, 2020; 7:00pm – 8:30pm; Young Adults - School/AEC

**Thursdays:** 12/5, 12, 19, 2019 & 1/9, 2020; 8:30am – 10:00am - NC/CR or evenings, 7:00pm – 8:30pm; School/AEC

**Sundays:** 12/1, 8, 15, 22, 2019 & 1/5, 2020; 9:40am – 10:10am - NC/CR

**Suggested donation for the cost of the book: \$6.00**

*Catholic School Teachers and catechists will receive 5 Vocare credits!*

To register online [click here](#) or contact Karen Kane at 513-367 9086 (ext. 221) or email her at [kkane@stjb.net](mailto:kkane@stjb.net). You may also register at the Hospitality Desk after Masses Nov. 17 & 24.

Does your “holiday season” get too busy with decorating, baking, shopping, & Christmas parties?

Do you hunger for a saner, more peace-filled approach to celebrating Christmas?

Give yourself an early Christmas gift!  
Take some time: time for yourself; time to pray and reflect with others in a small group; time to get focused on what is most important - Christ!

*An excerpt from the reading: “We cannot serve two masters. We cannot listen equally well to the Good News of the Incarnation and to the clatter of a secular season of pious sentiments and credit cards. We cannot equate a financial quarter of accelerated commercial activity with the Church’s Advent call for repentance. Advent disposes us to conversion and single mindedness. We are called to attend to our deepest needs and hopes: to realize the mitigation of human suffering through daily deeds of compassion for and in service to our neighbors.”*