



“Rejoice ...you have found favor with God”

Savoring Advent with Mary

A Silent Weekend Retreat for Women

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Advent is traditionally an invitation to look at our lives and seek God’s power to transform us. This Advent weekend provides an opportunity to take time to pause, to reflect on, and to strengthen our awareness that God is always with us, encouraging us, loving us, forgiving us, and guiding us.

In the context of a silent retreat, let us listen to the Lord speak to our hearts and spirits amid the busyness of the pre-Christmas Season. May we wait on the Lord: in the silence, in the Word, in the Conversation we call Prayer. This weekend provides a wonderful opportunity to begin the Holy Season of Advent listening and waiting. Join us for this special weekend beginning the wondrous season of Advent.

The weekend will include:

- Conferences
- Rosary
- Adoration/Benediction
- Private Prayer Time
- Reconciliation
- Daily Mass

This Advent Weekend for Women will be conducted in silence, including meals. We recommend you bring with you a bathrobe and alarm clock (if desired). Many people find a journal helpful during retreat.

Fr. David Centner, O.C.D. was born in Billings, Montana the second eldest of nine children. He entered the Discalced Carmelite Friars in 1966 and was ordained in 1971. Fr. David has been active in World Wide Marriage Encounter and co-produced and edited a radio series entitled The Mystic Mind. He has preached retreats in English, Italian, and Spanish and is interested in the connection between contemplative prayer and manual work. Fr. David is known for his sourdough bread and his nickname is “Fr. Kitchen.” Currently, he is associate editor of **Spiritual Life** magazine and an adjunct faculty member of Washington Theological Union.