



# Winter/Spring Retreat Schedule

As the Abbey Guest Center continues to safely welcome guests to Conception, we invite you to attend one of our retreats however you feel comfortable in today's current climate. Some retreat offerings below will be offered as hybrid retreats, meaning guests can attend in person or virtually. Learn more about how this hybrid option can fit your need for spiritual enrichment by visiting [www.conception.edu/guests](http://www.conception.edu/guests). You can also find full descriptions of each retreat in the online event calendar or by contacting [guests@conception.edu](mailto:guests@conception.edu).

## **Christmas, the Birth of the Child-King // December 11-13, 2020 (VIRTUAL ONLY)**

The soft, gentle story of Christmas touches the hearts of many, but the reality is that the birth of Christ comes at a time of violence and threat. Beginning with the Old Testament stories and figures, you will take a journey of looking deeper at how the Child-King overcomes the expectations of the world to bring about a rebirth in the Kingdom of God. Led by Fr. Etienne Huard, OSB

## **Annual New Year's Retreat: Stepping Stones into 2021 // Dec. 30, 2020-Jan. 1, 2021 (VIRTUAL ONLY)**

Finding our footing will continue to be a challenge as we move into 2021. The retreat will invite you to follow stepping stones across the rushing water of day to day activities. Set your feet upon stepping stones of prayer, relationships, hospitality, balance and many others. Led by Fr. Daniel Petsche, OSB

## **The Lord's Prayer // January 15-17, 2021 (VIRTUAL ONLY)**

How often has this traditional prayer taught to us by Jesus been recited with little thought of the powerful meaning of each line? Take time to reflectively grasp the deep spiritual meaning of this prayer that is prayed so often and by so many every day. Led by Fr. Roger Schmit, OSB

## **Entering the Sacred Mysteries // January 22-24, 2021 (VIRTUAL ONLY)**

Reflections on and analysis/explanation of the various elements that make up the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, so as to enhance and deepen our full and active participation in the Sacred Mysteries. Led by Br. Cyprian Langlois, OSB

## **Finding God in All Things (silent retreat) // February 12-14, 2021**

Spend the weekend on learning how to find God in the midst of a noisy and busy life, in anxieties and suffering and in your everyday routines. The weekend includes personal prayer time, Eucharistic, three conferences, Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Led by Fr. Paul Sheller, OSB

## **Catholic Ritual: Collective, Formal, Performative, Formative, Transformative // February 12-14, 2021**

Reflections and analysis of the treasure of our Catholic ritual tradition as based in Community, as formal rites that teach us and form us, and ultimately transform us, in our Catholic faith. Led by Br. Cyprian Langlois, OSB

## **The Easter Vigil's Exultet // March 26-28, 2021**

The Exultet is one of the most evocative and poetic hymns of praise in the liturgy, giving thanks and praise for God's saving activity through both night and light. An excellent opportunity to bring your RCIA groups to this weekend to enrich their upcoming Easter Vigil experience. You will also be able to participate in the Palm Sunday Liturgy at the Abbey. Led by Br. Thomas Sullivan, OSB

## **Hispanic Retreat // April 30-May 2, 2021**

The retreat will be in Spanish and touch upon themes centered on the liturgy and prayer. Watch the website for more details as we work with Hispanic ministers to develop an enriching weekend.

*Virtual Retreat: \$25 per computer connection or household.  
Overnight: \$180 single room, \$165/person for a shared room with a spouse or member of the same household.*