

# Kindred Hearts Ministries

## EVENTS CALENDAR 2015-2016

### 2015 BOOK STUDY

#### OCT *Church of Mercy - A Vision for the Church*

1 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM

#### 8 **Facilitator: Sister Marie Paul Grech**

15 Pope Francis has declared the coming liturgical year The Year of Mercy (December 8, 2015-November 20, 2016). How appropriate it would be to spend some time reading and sharing his work *The Church of Mercy* in anticipation of this celebration! This book is a collection of papers by Pope Francis that focus on his "new way of being Church." Books can be purchased through Amazon at a reasonable cost. Please contact Sister Marie Paul Grech to sign up (mgrech@sndca.org) by September 15. The syllabus will be sent to you when you register.

#### OCT TAIZE PRAYER

14 7:00 to 8:00 PM

#### **Facilitators: Sister Mary AnnCarla Costello and Sister Cristina Marie Buczkowski**

This is a beautiful prayer experience that includes candles, simple chants, scripture and periods of silence and icons. It is a relaxing time to spend with God in quiet and peaceful prayer.

### NOV JOURNEY INTO JUSTICE

#### 12 *Catholic Social Teaching*

7:00 PM

#### **Facilitator: Sister Marie Julie Bruss**

This series responds to Pope Francis' call to be "one with the sheep." We are called to be in solidarity with the poor, the frightened, the oppressed and the marginalized. We are called to open our eyes and heart to the realities in our world and to respond. Come and explore the basic themes of Catholic Social Teaching and the ways that we are called to respond as faithful global citizens.

### 2016 TAIZE PRAYER

JAN 7:00 to 8:00 PM

#### 13 **Facilitators: Sister Mary AnnCarla Costello and Sister Cristina Marie Buczkowski**

### FEB 4 UNTOLD BLESSINGS (PART I)

10:00 AM and 7:00 PM

#### **Facilitator: Sister Marie Paul Grech**

Bishop Robert Barron's Untold Blessing DVD series can best be understood via the description provided by WORD ON FIRE: "Our ultimate goal is to be a saint. It is our greatest calling and what is desired for us by our Creator. Bishop Robert Barron paints a beautiful and mysterious image of what it takes to be a follower of Jesus Christ. Untold Blessing [is an insightful guide] for meditation as you walk in 'The Way,' either for personal reflection or for small group study and discussion." Notre Dame Center will screen this series in three parts on February 4, 18, and March 3, at 10:00 AM and again at 7:00 PM. Each 90-minute session will include an opening reflection, the film and sharing.

### FEB JOURNEY INTO JUSTICE

#### 8 *Trafficking*

10:00-11:30 AM and 7:00-8:30 PM

#### **Facilitator: Sister Mary AnnCarla Costello**

Modern day slavery is not only alive and well, but growing in unprecedented dimensions with the help of modern communication and Internet access. Today the term 'human trafficking' is used to describe this modern day form of slavery because of the mobility involved by both victims and traffickers. Join us to learn more about the travesty of trafficking and what you can do to become part of the solution to rid our world of this cruel crime against sisters and brothers.

### FEB WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

11 2:00 PM

#### **Facilitator: Sister Marie Paul Grech**

This special day, February 11, was established by Pope St. John Paul II in 1992 to coincide with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. We gather to pray for our elderly and those who are sick, suffering and in need of our loving service, as well as for all caregivers and those who serve in healthcare ministry.

### FEB UNTOLD BLESSINGS (PART II)

18 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM

#### **Facilitator: Sister Marie Paul Grech**

### MAR UNTOLD BLESSINGS (PART III)

3 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM

#### **Facilitator: Sister Marie Paul Grech**

### MAR JOURNEY INTO JUSTICE

#### 8 *Lenten Desert and the Drought*

10:00-11:30 AM and 7:00-8:30 PM

#### **Facilitator: Sister Mary AnnCarla Costello**

It seems that Lent always comes too quickly and passes too slowly. The call of Lent to prayer, penance and fasting adds to its dread for most of us. Yet these are only means to assist us to reconnect with the fundamental thirst at the core of our being, for the One in whom we find all happiness. Our climate in California seems to be reminding us of this thirst as we experience the longest drought in recent history. Take some time for prayers and reflection on our spiritual thirst for God as well as reflect on what we can do to more conscientiously save our precious commodity of water for ourselves and our sisters and brothers.

### MAR TAIZE PRAYER

16 7:00 to 8:00 PM

#### **Facilitators: Sister Mary AnnCarla Costello and Sister Cristina Marie Buczkowski**

### APR PRIEST, PROPHET AND KING (3 PARTS)

8 4:00 PM

#### 15 **Facilitator: Sister Marie Paul Grech**

22 Again we "welcome" Bishop Robert Barron through the miracle of media as we host his insightful expression of faith in Jesus: Priest Prophet and King. Notre Dame Center will facilitate this series in three parts on April 8, 15, 22 at 4:00 PM. Each 90-minute session will include an opening reflection, the film and sharing.

### MAY JOURNEY INTO JUSTICE

#### 5 *Mary and the Immigrant Experience "Dying to Live"*

10:00-11:30 AM and 7:00-8:30 PM

#### **Facilitator: Sister Marie Paul Grech and panel**

We do not often think of Mary as an immigrant---but the Holy Family journeyed as immigrants into the strange land of Egypt. This sharing will explore what it must have been like for Jesus, Mary, Joseph, and what others have also experienced with those who have lived this reality. A panel will share and facilitate a discussion of the video "Dying to Live" and all will explore the reality from our Catholic perspective.

### MAY TAIZE PRAYER

18 7:00 to 8:00 PM

#### **Facilitators: Sister Mary AnnCarla Costello and Sister Cristina Marie Buczkowski**

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2015-2016 Events Calendar

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## Ongoing Events at Notre Dame Center

### WEEKDAYS SPIRITUAL SPA

9:00 AM-5:00 PM Beginning in September

**Coordinator: Leslie Lenko**

All of us can use a little time off now and then to just relax, refresh and renew our energy and we must admit we all could use some time away with God. The Spiritual Spa experience enable you to do both of these things. Your reservation will include the use of a lovely room for a day (SPA is available from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Monday-Friday), the use of our chapel and lovely grounds. Just contact the SPA coordinator to reserve a day, pack a lunch or let us provide one, bring some materials or use ours and *voila!* You're enjoying a SPA day!

### WEEKLY LECTIO DIVINA

**EVENINGS** *Reading and Praying With Scriptures*

**STARTING** Begins 9/15/15 at 7:00 PM

**9/15/2015** **Facilitator: Sister Mary Regina Robbins\***

Committing to the daily practice of reading and praying the Word of God has a transformative impact on us. Supplementary to other Bible studies, these weekly sessions will provide the atmosphere, community support, selected scripture texts and guidance to pray scripture (beginning with John's Gospel) as a way to commune with God and grow in Christian virtue. The first meeting will introduce the method and the Gospel of St. John as the text for prayer.

*\*Sister Mary Regina Robbins is also available for private spiritual direction.*

## One-Time Events at Notre Dame Center

### OCT 22 CONTEMPLATIVE ROSARY EXPERIENCE

10:00-11:30 AM and 7:00-8:30 PM

**Facilitator: Sister Antoinette Marie Moon**

Let's celebrate Our Lady's month of the Most Holy Rosary with a unique rosary experience! You are invited to re-discover and experience the rosary as contemplative prayer. We will pray the Luminous Mysteries with scripture readings, meditation, music and song, icons and other sacred images of our Blessed Mother. Inspired by St. Pope John Paul's apostolic letter on the rosary (*Rosarium Virginis Mariae*), musician and composer Bob Hurd created this beautiful contemplative rosary experience.

### DEC 1 ADVENT REFLECTION RETREAT

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM

**Facilitator: Sister Mary AnnCarla Costello**

Every year we look forward to Advent as a time of expectation and waiting. If you are beginning to think about how to make this Advent different—more prayerful, more gentle, more reflective—why not take advantage of this opportunity to meet with others for an evening of prayer, reflection, conversation and sharing.

## The Spirit of the Sisters

As Sisters of Notre Dame we are ready to respond to what we have come to see as a growing desire for spirituality, for a deeper relationship with our God and for Mary, Mother of the Church, to companion God's people on their journey to holiness. Kindred Hearts Ministries reaches out to those seeking meaningful opportunities to deepen their relationship with God and those for whom our charism offers hope. *There is no cost for any of these opportunities. A free-will offering is appreciated but not necessary.*

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