



Parish Advent Retreat
St. Theresa Parish, Ashburn VA
Saturday morning-December 6, 2025

The Mystery of Waiting — And the Call of Advent

An Advent Day of Recollection

Advent is a time of waiting for the Lord's coming, which we are called to do with vigilance and readiness. But within this mystery of waiting, which lies at the heart of Advent, this is also an invitation and a call to wait with the Lord, who is Himself waiting for us.

During this Advent Day of Recollection, guest preacher, Fr. Michael O'Connor, O.P. will reflect on both the Mystery and the Call of Waiting for the Lord, and the Mystery and the Call of Waiting with the Lord.

Program

- 8:30 am Mass celebrated by Fr. O'Connor
- 9:15 am Light breakfast-Atrium
- 9:45 am First reflection: **The Call of Waiting for the Lord**
- 10:25 am Personal Reflection and Prayer
- 10:45 am Second Reflection: **The Call of Waiting with the Lord**
- 11:45 am Closing Prayer



**Fr. Michael Dominic
O'Connor O.P.**



Fr. Michael Dominic O'Connor, O.P. is a Dominican priest of the Province of St. Joseph. He has been ordained for 13 years and has spent his priestly ministry teaching at the universities and seminaries and preaching retreats and conferences to parishes and religious communities throughout the country. He is presently the Director of Liturgical Music at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD as well as a professor and spiritual director at the seminary.