



“Must read” books

Recommendations from the Rev. Chuck Collins, rector of Christ Church, San Antonio.

Left to Tell by Immaculee Ilibagiza - This is the story of a woman who spent 100 days of the 1994 Rwandan Genocide hiding behind a wardrobe and learning how to pray. God redeems even the most horrible of situations as he promised he would in Romans 8:28.

Death by Suburb by David L. Goetz - How do you break through the veneer of superficial Christianity of life within the bubble (in this case, Wheaton, IL) to an authentic relationship with the living God? No more platitudes or easy solutions, just real talk with a real God.

Offerings include articles by a host of different authors – including some from the Diocese of West Texas – spiritual disciplines, tools for the journey, prayers, quotes, resources, and more. Viewers can subscribe to a free weekly e-newsletter. This month explore “A Thankful Life, Coming from a Place of Gratitude” on explorefaith.org.



“Must visit” websites

“Gracious God, I am easily undone when things don’t go my way,” begins a prayer on www.explorefaith.org. The non-denominational site describes itself as being dedicated to providing tools for spiritual nourishment and faith formation and spreading the joyous news of God’s love and grace.

“Must see” movies

Make it a family night and sit down to watch the 70th anniversary of **The Wizard of Oz**. View deleted scenes, hear personal commentary, and see the new color enhancement of this classic music. The official site is <http://thewizardofoz.warnerbros.com/> where you can purchase the DVD, Blue-Ray, Digital Download and even a 52-page commentary picture book. **t**



For more info and online registration: www.dwtx.org, Special Events or Church and Other Events.

Workshops, Seminars & Retreats

2009

Advent Retreat (at the Bishop Jones Center)

December 4-5. Sponsored by the Work+Shop and St. Mark’s, San Antonio. Leaders the Revs. Mike Chalk and Mary Earle.

Christian Contemplative Christ Centered Prayer Retreat (at Mustang Island Conference Center)

November 30-December 3, and January 14-20, 2010. Led by the Rev. Sandra Casey-Martus, rector of All Saints’, Corpus Christi.

Mary, the Mother of God Seminar (at Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio)

December 12. 9 am to 4:30 pm. Presenters: James R. Dennis, Bishop Bob Hibbs, Fr. Bob Wright.

The Bailey Lecture Series “The Genesis and Genius of Anglicanism” (at All Saints’, Austin)

December 11-13. With the Rev. Michael Russell.

2010

Artists & Writers Retreat (at Mustang Island Conference Center)

January 2-6. Leaders Gary Heidt and Carey Rote.

Seminary of the Southwest Lecture Series The Claude Payne Lecture in Mission and Leadership

February 11. Guest lecturer, Dr. William Abraham, professor of Wesley studies at Perkins in Fort Worth, TX.

The Harvey Lecture

March 22. Guest lecturer, Dr. Kathryn Tanner, professor of theology at Chicago Divinity School.

People of Pilgrimage: Journeying into Silence - An Ecumenical Gathering of Pilgrims (at Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio)

February 28 - March 4.

2010 Christian Women’s Conference (at Christ Church in San Antonio)

March 26-27. Speaker, author Susan Yates, from Falls Church, Virginia.

Women’s Spiritual Gatherings for 2010 (at Camp Capers)

Spring Gathering

April 9-11. Speaker the Rev. Jane Patterson

Fall Gathering

October 22-24. Speaker the Rev. Suzanne Guthrie. **t**