

# Contemplative Spirituality Retreat

## Pecos Benedictine Monastery

### April 8–11, 2022

#### TRUST THE SLOW WORK OF GOD: A CENTERED LIFE IN A SHIFTING WORLD

Our Lady of Guadalupe Abbey will be the setting for this Lenten retreat. At the monastery outside Pecos, NM, we will pray common prayer together in the Chapel, allow the wild and beautiful setting along the Pecos River to refresh our souls, and spend time in spiritual reflection with a community of spiritual pilgrims.

The retreat will weave together times of silence with times for sharing . . . times of teaching and times for processing . . . times for prayer in community and times for personal reflection . . . times for exploring the created world of the Pecos River Valley and times for rest. (Note: Considerable time each day will be given to contemplative silence.) The retreat spans the final days of Lent, move through Palm Sunday, and conclude as Holy Week begins, preparing our hearts for Holy Week, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Resurrection Sunday.

Accommodations are private rooms with bath in the monastery's Tolomei Guesthouse. Meals will be eaten in the main building's Dining Room. The grounds provide ample space for exploring in the created world.

Each morning our retreat leader, Dr. Jerry Webber, will offer a talk on the contemplative life using poetry, scripture, and the writings of the contemplative tradition. The talks will provide material to consider around the theme, "*Trust the Slow Work of God: A Centered Life in a Shifting World*," (shaped by the well-known admonition of Jesuit priest and philosopher, Teilhard de Chardin). After each talk, the retreat community will enter a time of silence for reflection, then have the opportunity to process and share in a large group setting.

The daily rhythm will include opportunities to participate in Mass each day, Daily Prayer in the Chapel, Centering Prayer, and contemplative walking. We are hopeful Abbot Aidan will be able to join us for Daily Prayer.

The retreat will follow all Covid directives issued by the NM Governor's Office, the NM Department of Health, and the CDC. Those attending the retreat will be asked to wear masks when indoors in all public areas. At check-in, retreatants will be asked to show proof of vaccination status.

Retreat Cost: \$475/person

Registration includes:

- ◆ 3 nights lodging
- ◆ 4 retreat days
- ◆ Meals at the monastery, beginning Friday evening, April 8

Please note that the retreat cost does NOT include airfare or ground transportation.

Check-in, Apr. 8 from 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Retreat concludes Apr. 11 at 12:00 noon.

You may register for the retreat through the monastery Guest Relations office ([guestmaster@pecosmonastery.org](mailto:guestmaster@pecosmonastery.org) or 505/757-6415) and make payment to "Pecos Benedictine Monastery." Space at the monastery's Tolomei Center is limited.

The week prior to the retreat, those registered will receive materials related to Dr. Webber's presentations via email. Please print that handout and bring it with you, or have it available on an electronic device for the morning sessions.

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#### Retreat Leader: Dr. Jerry Webber



Jerry Webber is a seasoned retreat leader and soul-guide. His spiritual journey has been shaped significantly by the Pecos monastery. He led The Center for Christian Spirituality in Houston, TX for 18 years. He is a writer, spiritual director, seminary professor, and frequent speaker for the Academy for Spiritual Formation (Upper Room).

