

Legacy of Faith

...as seen through the eyes of Mary



Morning Retreats Directed by Patty Merlo and Paula Dow

Through storytelling, Patty Merlo will explore the lives of heroic Jewish women, Mary's ancestors, whose stories may have nurtured Mary's faith and trust in God.

As they were in earlier times, these women can become "prophets and friends" to us. Reflecting on their stories can help us recognize God's presence TODAY in our everyday life events and relationships.

Join us on the following Wednesday mornings as we pray with the stories of:

Feb. 21: Hannah *(whose words prefigure Mary's Magnificat)*

March 14: Susannah *(falsely accused of adultery)*

April 11: Esther *(whose story shows that the presence of God is sometimes hidden)*

May 16: Miryam *(Mary's namesake whose courage helped to save the baby Moses)*

Time will be provided for personal prayer and reflection. Small group sharing will be an *(optional)* opportunity to encourage one another, as we remember and honor those who influenced our faith journeys.

Patty Merlo has a Master's Degree in Pastoral Ministry and has served as a spiritual director, hospital chaplain and teacher for several years. Presently she offers retreats and provides spiritual direction as well as spends time with her seven grandchildren. Check out more about her retreats at www.pattymerlo.com

Paula Dow completed Manresa's Internship in Ignatian Spirituality in 2005. She facilitates group Lectio Divina and trains others to lead this way of praying with scripture. Currently she offers spiritual direction, the Spiritual Exercises and enjoys helping with her grandchildren.

9:45 am to 12:30 pm

(No lunch will be served; participants can bring a bagged lunch if they wish to stay for fellowship.)

Cost \$15.00