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**AN ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017**

**“BEING MARY IN THE MARTHA-PACED  
SEASON OF ADVENT”**

**Father Joe Palermo, Presenter**

The Season of Advent is a grace-filled time of preparation for Christmas: for the coming of Jesus into our world and God’s irrevocable commitment to humankind. Advent is a time of spiritual watching and waiting and reflecting and pondering and praying and anticipating and hoping. This Day of Prayer will suggest ways to resist the pre-Christmas cultural pressure to decorate, party and shop till you drop, and instead, to slow down and focus on the true spiritual reason for the season.

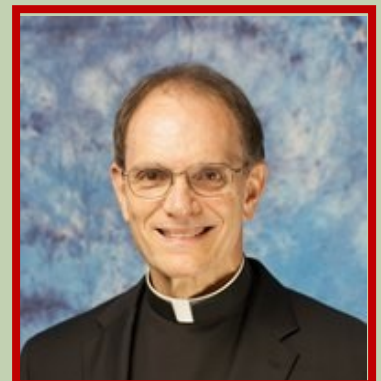
**8:30-9:00 a.m. : REGISTRATION**

**9:00-11:30 a.m.: PRESENTATIONS † QUIET PRAYER † SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**11:30 a.m. : MASS**

FR. JOE PALERMO is a lifelong New Orleanian who practiced law for twelve years before answering God’s call to priesthood. He has a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of New Orleans, a Juris Doctorate from Louisiana State University, and a Masters of Divinity from Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. He is a certified Spiritual Director through the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center.

Fr. Joe was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of New Orleans in 1994. He has served the church in several parishes and diocesan administrative positions and as Chaplain for the St. Thomas More Catholic Lawyers Association, Engaged Encounter, Catholic Men’s Fellowship and Rachel’s Vineyard. Since 2007, Fr. Joe’s primary ministry has been as Director of Spiritual Formation and Spiritual Director for the men being formed as priests at Notre Dame Seminary. He regularly gives retreats, missions and days of prayer on the spiritual life.



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