



LOCAL LECTURES



ST. THÉRÈSE
OF CARMEL

4355 Del Mar Trails Road
San Diego, CA 92130

6:30 - Wine & Cheese

7:00 - Lecture

2.17.23

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, OPPRESSOR OF WOMEN?

Is this concern a legitimate one or one rooted in misunderstandings in anthropology? After all, Pope St. John Paul II, apologized in his 1995 Letter to Women for occasions "when members of the church have reflected more the attitudes of the culture than the kind of culture that Christianity is supposed to generate in the world." Using the Letter to Women as a point of departure, theologian Simone Rizkallah, Director of Program Growth at ENDOW (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women), will take up this vexed question and help us understand whether the Church is the greatest oppressor, or greatest liberator, of women in history.

**Simone
Rizkallah**



3.17.23

THE LOGIC OF BEING CATHOLIC

Catholics are often accused of accepting without discernment whatever the Church teaches, "taking things on faith," and even of superstition. But is the Catholic religion, and indeed Christianity, in fact irrational? Dr. Ray Guarendi, clinical psychologist, radio host, father of ten adopted children, mustache enthusiast, and author of several books including Thinking Like Jesus: The Psychology of a Faithful Disciple, will demonstrate how reason and logic can convince us that Jesus is who he said he is, and that the Catholic Church is what she says she is. A little clear thinking goes a long way in engaging those whom God puts in our path about the truth of the Catholic Faith.

**Dr. Ray
Guarendi**



4.21.23

DEVIL IN THE CASTLE

St. Teresa of Avila,
Spiritual Warfare, and the
Progress of the Soul

St. Teresa of Avila was one of the most important figures in Church history regarding prayer and the progress of the soul. What is not well known is the depth of her teaching on how the enemy afflicts a soul at each stage of their spiritual journey and what we can do about it. Dan Burke, president of the Avila Institute for Spiritual Formation will speak from his latest book and describe St. Theresa's vision and practical wisdom in the battles we will face as we make progress along the narrow way.

Dan Burke



5.19.23

HOW THE EUCHARIST MAKES SENSE OF EVERYTHING ELSE

Often when we talk about the Eucharist, our conversations focus on establishing that the Real Presence is true: That Jesus is truly present, body and blood, soul and divinity, in the Eucharist. These conversations are critical, agrees Catholic Answers apologist, Joe Heschmeyer, but he adds that also what is meant for the Eucharist to be the "source and summit" of the Catholic Faith is that there is a real sense in which the Eucharist makes sense of the rest of Christianity. Joe is the author of 123, and his talk will help you move from apologetics to an intimate relationship with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament—one that informs every single moment and aspect of your life.

**Joe
Heschmeyer**



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