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A Stroll Through the Gospel of Mark

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Fr. William Meninger, OCSO
sharing the Wisdom Talk

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Who: Fr. William Meninger OCSO
What: Zoom Talk with Q & A session
Day: Saturday, January 9, 2021
Time: 4:00 pm (EST)
How to Attend: Zoom
GREETINGS

Dear Friends Along the Way,

We begin the New Year with a series of four talks by Fr. William: *A Stroll Through the Gospels*.

For the next four months, Fr. William will give separate talks on the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John in that order on the second Saturday of each month at 4 PM EST. You'll receive an announcement approximately one week prior to each monthly talk. Please share with your friends and communities.

It is not necessary to have been present for any prior talks. You may access any of his talks since April 2020 at Fr. William's YouTube Channel: [Click Here](#).

Fr. William had a successful surgery and is doing very well. He sends his gratitude and blessing for your thoughts, prayers, and cards.

Continuing Christmastide Joys as we approach Epiphany,

We look forward to seeing you.

Grace & Peace,
Dan Dobbins
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ABBOT'S REQUEST/SPENCER ABBEY:

"We would like to thank all of you who so graciously contributed to the renovation and enhancement of our retreat house. Due to Covid-19 we had to close the retreat house in March, and we took advantage of the unexpected shutdown to begin the renovations. We are now seeking funds to continue with the improvements during the continued shutdown. Our industries here at the Abbey: Trappist Preserves, The Spencer Brewery, The Holy Rood Guild and our Abbey Gift Shop, are all doing their best to adjust to difficult market conditions. Although we have always aimed at earning our living by the work our hands, the pandemic has made this very difficult, as it has for many people. We hope you would consider helping us with a donation."

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Please reference Retreat House renovations.
BACKGROUND
In 1974, young pilgrims of the faith were passing by Spencer Abbey west of Boston on their way to a nearby Buddhist Insight Meditation Center. Being made aware of it, Abbot Thomas Keating went to Fr. William Meninger with these words, "We have what they’re looking for. See if you can find a way to teach it."

Shortly thereafter, Fr. William was in the Abbey's library when he pulled a dusty little book off the shelf written in Middle English titled The Cloud of Unknowing, a 14th century English classic written by Anonymous. Once Fr. William began reading the book, he knew he held in his hands a way to teach contemplative prayer which he later taught to Fr. Basil Pennington, Fr. Thomas Keating, and others who came on retreat to Spencer Abbey.

That was forty six years ago. Since then, Fr. Meninger has read the work several hundred times as well as given lectures, workshops, and retreats to thousands of people worldwide on The Cloud.

Fr. William's own book, The Loving Search for God, is neither a translation, paraphrase, or commentary but an attempt to share the message of love found in The Cloud easily understood by men and women today. He recommends William Johnston's book, The Cloud of Unknowing, as an excellent translation.

MORE ABOUT FR. WILLIAM
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At almost 88 years of age, Fr. William is limited physically which prohibits travel except by Zoom. He relocated to the mother house, St. Joseph's Abbey, Spencer, Massachusetts (spencerabbey.org) 2 years ago from St. Benedict's Monastery, Snowmass, Colorado (snowmass.org) where he had lived, worked, and prayed for over 40 years. Fr. William now resides in the same room as Fr. Thomas Keating did in the health wing of the Abbey.

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