

## DEMONTREVILLE RETREAT WEEKEND



**Luke 17:10**

### SATURDAY MORNING

Focus is now on Christ as we discover Him in the Gospels

We now **contemplate Christ Jesus** asking simply that we can  
**Know Him** better through our contemplation . . .  
So that we can come to **love Him** more intimately. . .  
And thus **to follow him** more closely in our daily lives

Prayer:

**Welcome, Lord Jesus Christ, into our flesh, into the heart of humanness.  
I welcome your godly holiness upon earth.  
I welcome your complete holiness upon my life world.  
I welcome you, yourself, into my life and self.  
I thank you that I may embrace humanity and find myself embracing you.  
For you remain in our flesh now and forever  
Among humankind whose eyes reflect your eyes,  
Whose use of words matches your use of words,  
Whose need of you matches your willing need for us.**

Some Scripture Readings for Prayer:

- Luke 1:26-38. Gabriel says, “Hail, full of grace.” He tells about God’s confirming action: Elizabeth is pregnant with John the Baptist. The Lady says, “Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
- John 1:1-18. Jesus Christ stands at the beginning of all creation. He comes into our flesh, as it is. Going through it all, he transforms me, and all humankind.
- Philippians 2:6-11. He chose to live among us. He chose our smallness. He chose to embrace all darkness in us, even the final darkness of death.

Suggestions and Reminders:

- Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. How did he truthfully live his life? What was his way?
- Jesus kept the law; he was the “just one”. He obeyed the Holy Spirit moving within him. He found the desires that his Father planted in him. He came to realize a way very different from the powerful around him.
- What I want now: What ideas and images filled Jesus’ mind in the desert? In the Jordan? I want to know them, and to love the One who entertained these thoughts and images. I would then follow him.
- My task: to see Jesus, to learn from him, to love him and to follow him in my life. How do I bring his life to bear on my own?

Prayer:

**Lord, Jesus Christ, you left behind you all power and security  
To embrace the terrible risks  
Of loving God in all and loving all in God.  
You walked through every valley of darkness,  
You faced the full force of evil,  
So that you would know a way to lead us  
Out of sin and death.  
No desert could dry out your love for God.  
No selfishness could dry out your love for us.  
Lord, show me your way.**