

Fr. Stephen Watson's
SIX-CLASS SERIES ON
St. John of the Cross

Presented in the Parish Meeting Room in the Parish Center from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

September 15:

*St. John of the Cross: An Introduction
to His Place and Times*

→ We will examine the Church's response to the Protestant Reformation, the Golden Age of Spain, and the personal formation and vocation of St. John of the Cross. Who and what are the Discalced, Carmelites of *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*?

September 29:

*St. John of the Cross, Poet of
the Dark Night*

→ We will examine the poetry of St. John of the Cross as the fount of his mystical theology and his teaching on the interior life of prayer and contemplation. What is contemplation?

October 13:

*St. John of the Cross and the
Ascent of Mount Carmel*

→ We will examine the central message in the teaching of St. John of the Cross; the spiritual life lived by faith, hope, and love; and the three stages of the ascent. What is spiritual marriage?

October 27:

*St. John of the Cross and
the Spiritual Canticle*

→ We will examine the soul's ardent longing for God culminating in spiritual marriage. What is spiritual marriage?

November 10:

*St. John of the Cross and the
Living Plame of Love*

→ We will examine the role of the Holy Spirit in the transformation of the soul and the attainment of perfect union with God. What does union with God mean?

November 24:

*St. John of the Cross, Doctor
of the Church*

→ We will examine the influence of the teaching of St. John of the Cross, in the Lives of Christians from his time until ours. Pope St. John Paul II called St. John of the Cross a "Master in the Faith and Witness to the Living God," emphasizing his enduring presence in the Church's memory.

