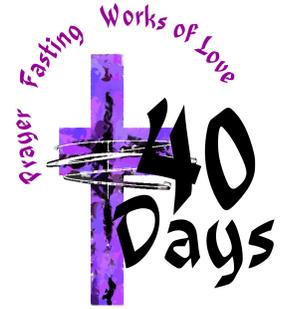# Lenten Mission

March 2-3, 2026

6:00 – 7:00 pm

St. Elizabeth Seton Church

Topic: Lent is the Season to *Turn, Turn, Turn.*

In the late 1950's music artist Pete Seeger wrote and performed a popular song *"Turn, Turn, Turn, (To Everything There is a Season)* based on the third chapter of Ecclesiastes. The theme of turning is central to the season of Lent. We are called to turn away from sin, to turn back to God and to turn towards one another. In all of these 'turns' we are called to grow in our communication with God, we turn our wills over to him and because our spiritual journey is ultimately social, we turn to our sisters and brothers, especially the poor, to assist them, physically, spiritually, and psychologically. Jesus promises us the gift of the Holy Spirit and gives us the three disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to assist us in being better ambassadors of the gospel.

This retreat is a journey into the very heart of Jesus where He will allow you to find yourself… His love, mercy and desire to be completely reconciled with you. Through praise and prayer, teaching, scriptural and reflection. Jesus will call you beyond yourself.

Fr. James Martin Nobles, OP

Fr. Nobles has held various pastoral positions during his ministry, which include Rector at the Church of the Incarnation in the Diocese of Dallas and Parochial Vicar at St. Peter's in the Diocese of Memphis. In 2016, he participated in a social justice internship in Vietnam, which inspired him to conduct future social justice pilgrimages already during his priestly ministry; he has also been Chaplain for several schools and his experience also includes being a grant writer.

Fr. Nobles believes that being present for a parish community on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach allows the faithful to enter an examination of conscience and to re-center themselves in line with the values of the Gospel. "Creating awareness for the poor remind all of us to move away from an "us or them" attitude and towards a Catholic mindset".