

# Men's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Silent Retreat

September 27, 28, 29, 2019

By Father Thomas Loucks

In my Father's house there are many mansions

## Why should a man want to attend a silent retreat?

First of all, the Holy Spirit speaks to us in silence.

Second, if we listen, we can feel the nudging of the Holy Spirit.

Third, a silent retreat is a time to rest and relax and pray.

Fourth, St. Teresa of Calcutta exhorts us to "let God work."

Fifth, St. Therese of Lisieux says, "Everything is grace." Grace is like an elevator; all we have to do is step in and God lifts us up.

Sixth, it is not through our own ego strength that we accomplish God's will, but it is through humbly allowing his love to motivate us in accomplishing his plan for our lives.

Retreat Cost for Friday night through Sunday conferences (meals Included) \$120.00

Lodging at Nazareth Retreat Center (if interested):  
Single person \$80 total for Friday and Saturday nights \$80.00

Check for \$120 (no lodging) or \$200 (with lodging) needs to be made out to "Men's Silent Retreat" and mailed with the registration form to:

Randy Williams  
913 N. Kimball St.  
Boise, Idaho 83704

For more information go to [www.nazarethretreatcenter.org](http://www.nazarethretreatcenter.org)

**Please respond by Sept. 20, 2019.**

This will be a time for growing spiritually and learning how to listen to God's voice. If you have any questions about the retreat, please email Randy at [lisieux4u@gmail.com](mailto:lisieux4u@gmail.com) (208) 602-5667 or Johnny Serpa at [johnnyserpa@gmail.com](mailto:johnnyserpa@gmail.com) (208) 251-4196.

## Retreatmaster Bio

Fr. Thomas J. Loucks, a retired priest of the Diocese of Boise, is a native Idahoan, growing up near Boise, graduating from Boise Senior High School, before enlisting in the US Navy. He trained to work in Combat Intelligence (CIC) and served aboard the USS John S. McCain (DL3) based in Pear Harbor, Hawaii. He later graduated from the University of Idaho before entering Mt. Angel Seminary, Oregon. His studies included concentrations in Scripture Study and counseling. He received certification as a Mental Health Chaplain. He has taken five pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

He was ordained in 1977 and has served as pastor of small parish clusters across the State of Idaho. Projects included building churches, leading energy conservation projects, working with remodeling projects and of course, fund raising for local projects, for the Idaho Catholic Appeal and for capital campaigns. In addition he worked with Catholic Engaged Encounter for twenty-five years across the western United States. He has been active with the Cursillo movement.

Since his retirement in 2014 Fr. Tom has tried to say "yes" to requests coming from pastors for help with Masses and confessions. When he is "home" he resides at St. John Vianny Center, Boise. He has offered retreats at Nazareth, the diocesan retreat center, and at several other places. He is a member of St. Mark's Parish and a Fourth Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus.

"Everything we have or do is a gift from God. What we respond to them is how we return love to God." "If everyone does a little, a lot gets done."

Mansion in old English was the dwelling place of the peasant land worker, a one room cabin with a fireplace for heating and cooking.

Meaning: God is providing for us. What we need rather than what we might want.

Note: Silence during the retreat is of the essence. Please, no talking except when required.

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FRIDAY

- 4 PM registration begins (snacks available)
- 6 PM introductions and odds and ends
- 7 PM silence begins with meditation I (chapel)
- 8 PM Eucharistic celebration with night prayers following

SATURDAY

- 7 AM rise
- 7:30 morning prayer in chapel
- 8 AM breakfast
- 8:30 confessions (depending on the numbers, extra priest(s) will be available at times if necessary)
- 9 AM meditation II
- 10 AM confessions until noon or private prayer
- 12 Noon Angelus plus lunch in cafeteria
- 12:30 rest plus confessions
- 2 PM Stations of the Cross outside
- 3 PM meditation III
- 4 PM personal prayers and Rosary in the chapel
- 5 PM Eucharistic Celebration plus meditation IV
- 6 PM dinner
- 7 PM rest plus prayer
- 8 PM Exposition in chapel plus night prayers plus confessions
- 8:30 Begin adoration until 7:30 AM according to sign-up sheet provided

SUNDAY

- 7 AM rise
- 7:30 Benediction and morning offering (in Chapel)
- 8 AM Breakfast (silence ends) questions and answers
- 9:30 AM Mass, homily (meditation V) plus healing prayer by Father Tom and prayer team. Wrap up and dismissal

Official Registration Form  
Men's Fifth Annual Silent Retreat  
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From Friday 4:00 pm Sept. 27 to Sunday Noon Sept. 29, 2019  
At Nazareth Retreat Center in Boise, Idaho  
(www.nazarethretreatcenter.org)

Registration:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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