

UNION WITH JESUS: SURRENDERING TO CHRIST TODAY

St. Cletus' Lenten Parish Mission gladly welcomes **Fr. David Meconi, SJ** from Saint Louis University. The theme of our Lenten Mission his year is "Becoming One with Jesus Christ." Our three-night mission will begin each night at 7 p.m. with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a 45 minute talk by Fr. Meconi, and end with Benediction around 8 p.m. Confessions will be available each evening at the conclusion of Benediction.

Sunday, February 18th

MADE IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD

Tonight's talk will examine what it means to be made to become like God and what are the typical patterns of sin that keep us from deeply desiring such union. The evening's reflections will follow St. Ignatius of Loyola's Principle and Foundation from his famed Spiritual Exercises.

Monday, February 19th

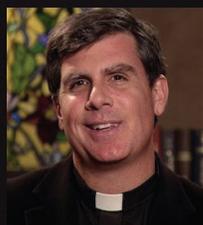
COMING TO CHRIST THROUGH SURRENDER, NOT SUBMISSION

Tonight's talk takes up what St. Paul means in Galatians 2 that it is no longer he who lives but Christ who lives in us. The heart of the Christian message is one often forgotten—holiness is not about keeping the rules or fulfilling one's duties, but it is about becoming another Christ. Yet, afraid to surrender to Love, we do not want to let Christ live our life.

Tuesday, February 20th

THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Tonight we shall look at the role of the Holy Spirit and how he alone can enable us to keep the great commandment of loving God and loving neighbor. Love is not a feeling or an emotion, love is a person, the person of the Spirit dwelling within each of us.



Fr. David Vincent Meconi, S.J., is an Associate Professor of Historical Theology as well as the Director of the new Catholic Studies Centre at Saint Louis University; he is also the editor of Homiletic and Pastoral Review. He holds the pontifical license in Early Church History from the University of Innsbruck in Austria, as well as his doctorate in Ecclesiastical History from the University of Oxford. He has published numerous books and articles on the early Church, most recently is his 101 Surprising Facts About Church History (St. Benedict's Press). Fr. Meconi is a Fellow of the Augustinian Institute at Villanova University; he serves on the boards of the St. Benedict Forum at Hope College in Holland, MI, as well as on the ecclesiastical board of Boston College.