

## **St. Mary's Library**

### **NEW BOOKS FOR APRIL/MAY**

**America's Prophet: How the Story of Moses Shaped America, Bruce Feiler, 2009**

Traveling through touchstones in American history, the author traces the biblical prophet's influence from the Mayflower through today. Meticulously researched and highly readable, this original work of history will change how we view American, our faith, and our future.

**Into the Silent Land: A Guide to the Christian Practice of Contemplation, Martin Laird, 2006**

Described as a beautiful and consoling book and a reminder that prayer is both real and fundamentally simple, Martin Laird's guide to contemplation describes the Christian tradition's teachings on using a prayer word to focus the mind, working with the breath to cultivate stillness, and the practice of inner vigilance or awareness.

**Living into God's Dream: Dismantling Racism in America, Catherine Meeks, ed., 2016**

Combining personal stories and theoretical and theological reflection with examples of the work of dismantling racism and methods for creating the "safe space" for dialogue to occur, the authors of this book address such issues as reasons for the failure of past effort and the necessity to honor rage and grief in the process of moving to forgiveness and racial healing.

**Chanting the Psalms, Cynthia Bourgeault, 2006 (book and CD)**

Author Cynthia Bourgeault brings the practice of psalmody into the twenty-first century, providing a history of Christian Psalmody as well as an appreciation of its place in contemplative practice today. Basic techniques and easy melodies that anyone can learn are demonstrated on the accompanying CD where you can chant along with the author.

**Grieving with Hope: Finding Comfort as You Journey through Loss, Samuel J. Hodges, IV and Kathy Leonard, 2011**

This volume is packed with short, gospel-centered, topical chapters addressing the issues grieving people face but are often hesitant to mention to others. Practical and straightforward, warm and compassionate, *Grieving with Hope* offers realistic, biblical counsel and, through real accounts from people who have experienced loss themselves, offers real help and comfort.

**The Forgotten Touch: More Stories of Healing, Nigel W.D. Mumford, 2007**

This long-awaited sequel to *Hand to Hand: From Combat to Healing*, offers vivid snapshots of God at work in the world. In his personal and engaging style, Mumford shares his personal story, true tales from his healing work, and advice both practical and pastoral for a flourishing healing ministry.