

*The Thomas Merton Center's Spiritual Education Committee presents:*

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***“Christus Natus Est!”  
Christmas Poems to Change Your Life  
With Fr. John Auther, S.J.***

**St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center  
1095 Channing Avenue, Palo Alto  
Saturday, December 2, 2023, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.**



Please join us for an afternoon of reflection with Fr. John Auther, S.J. Fr. Auther will share select Christmas poems as, together, we enjoy an afternoon oasis from the frenetic aspects of the holiday season.

We look forward to this exploration of poetry as we approach the joy of Christmas!

Fr. John Auther is a member of the pastoral staff at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos. A Jesuit priest for more than 30 years, he is a frequent celebrant for the Thomas Merton Center. Fr. Auther has worked as a high school campus minister, an associate pastor and pastor, most recently at the Jesuit parish in San Diego. In his pastoral ministry he has devoted a good deal of time to retreats, work with the Spanish-speaking community and at detention facilities. Believing that powerful things from God happen on retreats that don't happen at other times, he has always viewed retreat ministry as a wonderful way to serve the Lord.

*All are welcome!*

RESERVATIONS:  
**No**

Light refreshment will be served.

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