

# Praying with Our Foremothers in Faith: An Advent Afternoon for Women



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**Wednesday, December 17, 2025**

**1:00 - 2:30 p.m.**

**Immaculate Conception BVM Church / Conahan Hall**

## **Topic:**

In the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the genealogy of Jesus names forty-two men and five women. The surprising thing about this is not that there are over eight times as many men, but that the list includes any women at all! Surely, the evangelist was trying to tell us something. As Jesus' descendants in faith, perhaps we should know more about his—and therefore our—foremothers? During this gathering, we will explore why Matthew included Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and (of course) Mary in his genealogy, and what inspiration contemporary women can draw from them for our own faith journey.

All are welcome; bring a friend!

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## **Speaker:**

**Christine Marie Eberle passionately connects spirituality, Scripture, and everyday life.**

An Elkins Park resident and former campus minister at Gwynedd Mercy University, she gives talks and retreats on a variety of topics. Christine is the author of three books of practical spirituality, which will be available for sale after the event. (They make great Christmas gifts!) Learn more at [christine-marie-eberle.com](http://christine-marie-eberle.com).

