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| **Saint Simon Catholic Parish Lenten Retreat****“Keeping Time … Sacred” Tuesday, March 14, 2023****Opening Prayer****Blessing of Newness of Life**By John DonohueFather of all creationShow us the power of your lovein new and special ways.Open our hearts and minds to receive your loveand all the ways you want to share it with us.And allow your love to flow through us to others,so that by knowing usthey may come to know you and your love a little bit more.We pray this through Christ, our Lord.Amen. | **Closing Prayer****Deeply Grateful**By Edwina GatelyGrowing Into GodWhen I stopped waitingand only sat,breathing gently, steadily,lost simplyin the flow of air...Ah, then,you tumbled, God,like an avalanchefast fallingwithin me,gathering self-energized force,unexpected, unrequested,but suffusing and possessing all— leaving mestunned,stilled,and deeply grateful. |