



Series: The Children of Abraham - Judaism, Christianity, and Islam

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The world three great monotheistic religious traditions, each intimately related with the others, are remarkable historic and contemporary communities of faith. Often known more for their conflicts – with each other, and within themselves – these extraordinary religions share much in common. They all claim the Middle Eastern nomad Abraham as their patriarch, and they all share a common commitment to the one God.

Southern Californians live in religiously diverse communities, believe in religious tolerance, and are aware of “religious” issues that regularly appear in the news. Yet studies show that few of us are genuinely familiar with religious traditions other than our own, even those of our neighbors, or those with whom we are historically so connected.

This series provides an opportunity for you to learn more about these religions of Abraham – how they are related to each other, and how diverse they are within themselves. As you journey with your able guide, Fr. Alexei Smith, you’ll get a glimpse of each tradition’s history, practices, core beliefs, structures, and its impact upon our region and our world. You’ll also come to a deeper understanding of the relationship of Catholicism with each of them, including with the many varieties of Christians.

Each of these workshops may be taken separately, or together in the three-part series:

- September 16: Judaism - 9am to 4pm
- February 3: Christianity - 9am to 4pm
- April 7: Islam - 9am to 4pm

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