

Manresa Memos

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Our Mission is to help men and women grow spiritually through prayer, reflection, guidance and teaching according to the Ignatian tradition.

A message from the Executive Director

Sacred Heart

Yours is the full heart of acceptance
Welcoming those pushed to the edge.
The Heart overflowing with concern,
Touching the bereaved and the ill.
The Heart broken open and bruised
Hurting from those who reject you.
The Heart peaceful and trusting
Praying alone in hillside solitude.
Yours is the Heart wider than an ocean
Inviting every person to unity with you.

From *Fragments of Your Ancient Name* by Joyce Rupp © 2011.
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Dear Friends of Manresa,

June is the month when we particularly honor Jesus' Sacred Heart, and Sr. Joyce Rupp's poetry captures well the beauty of this title of Jesus. His heart is "full of acceptance ... overflowing with concern ... broken open and bruised ... wider than an ocean." I invite you to ponder the words above, recognizing how deeply true they are of Jesus and asking that our own hearts may become more like His each day.

May God guide this growth in us,

Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM

Executive Director

JOIN US

Weekday Masses

Monday to Friday
8:00 AM in the main chapel
We remember all deceased retreatants the last Friday of each month at the 8:00 AM Mass.

Make a Note of It

The house and grounds will be closed for our annual Summer Shutdown from June 29 to July 14. The House reopens and Masses resume on Monday, July 15.

Tuesday Prayer

Stay for 30 minutes of private Christian meditation following 8:00 AM Mass on Tuesdays.

Learn More

Visit manresa-sj.org/events for a full listing of our programs and retreats.



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Annual Banquet Review

The Spirit of Manresa Banquet on Thursday, May 2, was a great success. More than 200 people came together to celebrate our Mission and Ministry. Held at The Mint at First Michigan Conference Center in Lathrup Village, a new venue for the annual event, the banquet is one of our two major fundraising campaigns.

Guests enjoyed a vibrant social hour with drinks and hors d'oeuvres, a delicious dinner and a heart-warming message from Fr. Tim McCabe, SJ, President and CEO of the Pope Francis Center, on the poor and homeless in Detroit. Thanks to all who demonstrated their ongoing support of Manresa that night, more than \$200,000 was raised through donations and ticket and raffle sales!

Photos by Paul Seibold



New Programs Coming this Fall at Manresa

Praying with Art: James Tissot's Life of Christ - Part I

Tuesdays, 7:00–8:30 PM

Sept. 17 | Oct. 1, 15, 29
Nov. 12, 26 | Dec. 10

Fr. Peter Fennessy, SJ invites us to pray with the art of French society painter James Tissot.

Learning from the Mystics: Teresa of Avila

**Mondays,
6:30–8:00 PM (EST) via Zoom**
Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 | Oct. 7, 14, 21

Rosemary Insley leads this seven-week series in which we will listen to and discuss Dr. James Finley's reflections on St. Teresa of Avila's spiritual classic, *The Interior Castle*. A clinical psychologist, author and modern mystic, Finley invites us to be drawn into deeper communion with God.

Scripture Study: Wisdom Literature

**Tuesdays,
9:30–11:30 AM (EST)**

Sept. 10, 24 | Oct. 8, 22
Nov. 5, 12 | Dec. 3

Fr. Steve Hurd, SJ leads this study of three books from different moments in the history of wisdom: The Wisdom of Solomon, The Wisdom of Ben Sira (Ecclesiasticus) and one of Philo's essays.

Sunday Afternoon Reflection: For Engaged and Newlywed Couples

Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024 | 2:00-7:00 PM



Where does Christian marriage fit into a modern culture that views the life-long commitment of two people as restrictive and limiting freedom? Facilitators Mike and Karin Stewart will guide us as we consider that question and more during this simple afternoon of prayer, reflection and sharing designed for engaged or newly married couples who desire to center their marriage in a shared life of faith. We will reflect on the riches of a marriage grounded in a mutual love of God and in a shared faith that sees our marriages as life-giving and nurturing.

Lectio Prayer Group

**Mondays,
10:00–11:00 AM (EST) via Zoom**
Sept. 9 | Oct. 14 | Nov. 11 | Dec. 9

The ancient prayer practice of *lectio divina*, enhanced with guidance from St. Ignatius' teachings, can help us discover how God is speaking to us in our daily lives.

Sunday Afternoon Reflection: Advent

Sunday, Dec. 8 | 2:00–7:00 PM

As Mary waits for the Messiah, she invites us into a way of life that welcomes the gospel through our own experience of waiting and longing.

Fr. Fran Daly, SJ & Sr. Kathie Budesky, IHM, facilitate.

Sunday Afternoon Reflection: Surprised by Joy



**Sunday, Oct. 13
2:00-7:00 PM**

An afternoon reflection led by Fr. Steve Hurd, SJ designed for those who are looking for joy in their daily lives. We know that people in the early church found this joy in manifestations of the Spirit. What had they found? As Pope Francis put it, "the joy of the gospel." That's a treasure worth finding! Come, relax, pray and find the 2,100-year-old secret to happiness.

Christian Yoga for body, mind & spirit

Mondays, 7:00–8:00 PM (EST) via Zoom

Fall —Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 | Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 | Nov. 4, 11
Winter I—Nov. 18, 25 | Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | Jan. 6, 13, 20

STAY TUNED! More details to come in the Aug.-Sept. issue of *Manresa Memos*.

Individually Directed Retreats



Session 3–July 15-24 | Session 4–August 7-16

In summer, Manresa reserves four blocks of time for individual retreats, with the opportunity to meet one-on-one with a Jesuit or trained lay person. The experience can help you slow down, become more aware of God’s love and presence in your life, and help deepen a loving relationship with God. There’s a special atmosphere in the house when people come together for a shared purpose, growing closer to the Lord and to one another in silent, prayerful communion.

“In-session” dates allow for eight-day retreats as well as retreats of shorter duration (four-day minimum within session dates/times). Arrival time begins at 5:00 PM on the opening date of the retreat session, dinner is at 6:00 PM and the retreat itself begins at 7:30 PM. The retreat ends at 10:00 AM on the closing date of the retreat session. Alternately, individuals may choose “out-of-session” dates for individually directed retreats between September and April each year.

In-session Retreat Cost: \$90/day with \$90 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit. Register at manresa-sj.org/retreats/individually-directed-retreat or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

A Day to Call Your Own



Step away from the cares of your world.

What could be better than a day all to yourself? A day to do something good for your soul. A day to relax, refresh and reflect in a beautiful setting.

There’s no better place to spend a day like that than at Manresa. **Enjoy the quiet, away from the busyness of everyday life.** We provide you with a private room and a simple lunch; the rest is for you to decide how you want to spend your day. So many options: **reflect, pray, walk the property, read or just BE.** (No director is available or required.) Mark your calendar now to take some well-deserved time for yourself.



8:00 AM–3:30 PM

Monday, Sept. 16, 2024
manresa-sj.org/091624-day

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024
manresa-sj.org/100924-day

Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024
manresa-sj.org/111924-day

Friday, Dec. 13, 2024
manresa-sj.org/121324-day

Fee: \$50, due at registration.
Fee is non-refundable, non-transferable. Pre-registration is required. (Space is limited.)

To register, go to the links above or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

Upcoming Conference Retreats



Retreats for Men

Friday-Sunday, Aug. 2-4 (Men in Recovery)

Patron: Fr. Jack Schuett, SJ | **Retreat Theme:** A Simple Kit of Spiritual Tools: Is it odd or is it God? | **Retreat Format:** Silence and Sharing | **Director:** Mr. Terry Sullivan

Friday-Sunday, Aug. 23-25

Patron: St. Stephen Pongrácz, SJ | **Retreat Theme:** Living the Life of the Kingdom of God | **Retreat Format:** Silence | **Director:** Fr. Robert Flack, SJ

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 6-8

Patron: Blessed Sebastian Kimura, SJ
Retreat Theme: To Know Christ Jesus |
Retreat Format: Silence | **Director:** Fr. Peter Fennessy, SJ

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 27-29

Patron: St. Francis Borgia, SJ | **Retreat Theme:** Jesus the Good Shepherd | **Retreat Format:** Silence | **Director:** Fr. Robert Scullin, SJ

Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 3-6

Patron: St. John Ogilvie, SJ | **Retreat Theme:** Praying with Our Tears | **Retreat Format:** Silence and Optional Sharing | **Director:** Fr. Patrick Hyland, SJ

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 18-20

Patron: St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, SJ | **Retreat Theme:** Keeping the End in Mind: Being a Hope-Filled People | **Retreat Format:** Silence and Optional Sharing | **Director:** Fr. Daniel Kennedy, SJ

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 25-27

Patron: St. Stanislaus Kostka, SJ | **Retreat Theme:** Wisdom from the Mystics | **Retreat Format:** Silence | **Directors:** Fr. Fran Daly, SJ and Sr. Kathie Budesky, IHM

Friday-Sunday, Nov. 1-3

Patron: Blessed Rupert Mayer, SJ | **Retreat Theme:** (Re)created in Christ: Meditating on Scripture and the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius of Loyola | **Retreat Format:** Silence and Optional Sharing | **Director:** Fr. Christopher Alt, SJ

Friday-Sunday, Dec. 6-8

Patron: St. Francis Xavier, SJ | **Retreat Theme:** Discipleship in the Spiritual Exercises: Creative and Challenging | **Retreat Format:** Silence | **Director:** Fr. Bob Ytsen, SJ

Retreats for Women

Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 10-13

Patron: Blessed Dominic Collins, SJ | **Retreat Theme:** Discipleship in the Spiritual Exercises: Creative and Challenging | **Retreat Format:** Silence | **Director:** Fr. Bob Ytsen, SJ

Friday-Sunday, Nov. 8-10

Patron: Blessed Miguel Pro, SJ | **Retreat Theme:** Living the Life of the Kingdom of God | **Retreat Format:** Silence | **Director:** Fr. Robert Flack, SJ

Friday-Sunday, Nov. 22-24 (Women in Recovery)

Patron: Fr. Edward Dowling, SJ | **Retreat Theme:** 12-Step Spirituality | **Retreat Format:** Silence and Sharing | **Director:** Sr. LuAnn Brown, BVM

Retreats for Men & Women

**Friday-Sunday, July 26-28
(Married Couples Retreat)**
Retreat is full. Waiting list only.

Friday-Sunday, Aug. 30-Sept. 1 (Christian Yoga Retreat)

Patron: Fr. John LaFarge, SJ | **Retreat Theme:** Gift and Gratitude: Finding God in All Things | **Retreat Format:** Silence | **Retreat Directors:** Fr. Leo Cachat, SJ, Mary Gresens and DiAnne Patterson Schultz | **Note:** No dinner on Friday; ends after lunch on Sunday

Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 10-12

Patron: Blessed Francisco Gárate, SJ | **Retreat Theme:** A Silent Ignatian Retreat | **Retreat Format:** Silence | **Director:** Fr. Steven Hurd, SJ | **Note:** Ends after lunch on Thursday

Friday-Sunday, Nov. 15-17 (Jesuit Alumni)

Patron: St. John Berchmans, SJ | **Retreat Theme:** Ignatian Spirituality | **Retreat Format:** Silence and Sharing | **Directors:** Fr. Steve Hurd, SJ, Fr. Fran Daly, SJ and Fr. Trevor Rainwater, SJ

Retreats for Religious Sisters

Sunday-Friday, Sept. 22-27

Patron: St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, VHM | **Retreat Theme:** Cherish the Hope God Gives | **Retreat Format:** Silence and Optional Sharing | **Directors:** Fr. Peter Fennessy, SJ and Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM | **Note:** Ends after lunch on Friday

*\$50 deposit due at registration for all retreats.
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