

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

Dear Friends of Manresa,



Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM

The season of spring is here, with signs of new life surrounding us, including these at Manresa:

- The many people who come here seeking God—a wonderful witness of hope
- New retreats offered recently or planned: “A Prayerful Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality” directed by Fr. Steve Hurd, SJ (Feb. 21-23), “Boundless Compassion” directed by Sr. Mary Dean Pfahler, SND (Feb. 28-Mar. 2) and “Care of Earth” directed by Mr.

Mark Blancke, SJ (June 6-8)

- The faithful directors, both staff and guest, who offer our other conference retreats nearly every weekend
- Our in-session individually directed retreats May 12-21, June 9-18, July 14-23 and August 6-15
- Changes in staff, with Fr. Leo Cachat, SJ being missioned to Colombiere in Clarkston following his fruitful ministry here, and Mike Rhadigan joining the team as Operations Director (see page 2)
- Two cohorts of persons for Manresa's Internship in Spiritual Companionship in the Ignatian tradition
- Healing services at all our Conference Retreats.

May you experience new life and hope in this season!

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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 will be closed and Mass will not be celebrated on Good Friday, April 18, Easter Monday, April 21, and Memorial Day, Monday, May 26. The House reopens and Masses resume the following business day.

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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New staff member

We welcomed Michael Rhadigan to our staff in February as our Operations Director. Mike assumes these responsibilities as Steve Raymond, who has been functioning in the role for ten years, will continue in his capacities as Associate Director and Advancement Director.



Mike brings with him a wealth of experience, having worked for 21 years in Human Resources and Labor Relations at General Motors and 15 years in the restaurant industry, including five years as a chef at Mountain Jack's Restaurant. Currently he is a second-year intern in Manresa's Internship in Spiritual Companionship.

"I am blessed beyond words for this opportunity to work at Manresa," Mike said.

A lifelong Spartan, Mike lives in Commerce Township with his wife of 41 years, Suzy, whom he met at MSU. They have two adult sons and a daughter-in-law. The couple attend Christ the Redeemer parish in Lake Orion. In his free time, Mike enjoys snow skiing, boating, hiking, traveling and caring for his two Aussiedoodles Izzy and Molly.

Mike is a wonderful addition to the staff, and we are grateful for God's gracious provision in bringing him to us.

Jubilee Year of Hope Prayer



Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our
brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds
of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from
within both humanity and the
whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil
vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of
heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our
Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen
~ Pope Francis

Celebrating the ministry of Fr. Leo



Fr. Leo Cachat, SJ recently announced he will leave Manresa in early June to accept a new assignment at Colombiere Retreat & Conference Center in Clarkston, MI.

A beloved retreat and spiritual director, Fr. Leo has been at Manresa since 2007.

Commenting on the move, Fr. Leo said, "As I became aware that it was time to move to Colombiere, asking my Provincial

to mission me there, the image of transplanting came to mind. ...I've loved my time here, my ministry and my communities. There is definitely pain in uprooting and replanting, but also joy in this meeting of Christ in a new community and mission—praying for the Church and the Society."

An open house is planned in his honor on Sunday, May 25, from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM in the Lounge. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served. A prayer service follows. **All are welcome; however, attendees MUST RSVP to ensure we are adequately prepared.** Come greet Fr. Leo and thank him for his 18 years of service and extraordinary ministry at Manresa.

Mother's Day Weekend Retreat for women

**Friday, May 9, 6:30 PM –
Sunday, May 11, 2025, 12:30 PM**

Mother's Day weekend is a good time for women to make a retreat at Manresa—to get away from the stresses of daily life and to enter into the silence of Manresa and of your own heart. Inspired by Pope Francis' declaration of 2025 as the Year of Jubilee, this year's retreat is focused on the theme of Hope.

Besides meaningful daily presentations, there is ample time on your own to rest, relax, reflect, pray, walk or just be. Come and be refreshed in your spirit and leave with new hope for the days ahead.

Facilitator: Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM

Non-refundable, non-transferable deposit of
\$50 due at registration.

Register at manresa-sj.org/050925-w
or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.



Care of Earth: The Call to Love the Created



Retreat for Men & Women | Friday, June 6, 6:30 PM–Sunday, June 8, 2025, 12:00 PM

This weekend retreat invites participants to integrate the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola with the Catholic Church's mission to Care for Our Common Home.

Conference retreat talks will draw from Scripture, St. Ignatius, Pope Francis and more. We will focus on nurturing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ while also exploring ecological themes. This retreat is for anyone seeking to grow closer to Christ and cultivate a deeper love for God's creation, offering a chance for personal renewal and spiritual growth.

Retreat Director: Mr. Mark Blancke, SJ

**Non-refundable, non-transferable
deposit of \$50 due at registration.**

Register at manresa-sj.org/060625-mw
or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

For Spanish Speakers

Domingos de oración contemplativa

Pasa una tarde en Manresa percibiendo, reflexionando y meditando sobre temas de la espiritualidad ignaciana. Tendrás la oportunidad para practicar el silencio y la oración individual y con otros, disfrutando de la belleza de nuestros jardines, capillas e instalaciones.

Cada sesión es facilitada por un equipo de acompañantes espirituales con experiencia en la tradición ignaciana. Estos espacios de meditación y reflexión son preparados para ayudarte a cultivar tu formación espiritual, así como temas basados en discernimiento, la gratitud, la oración con las Escrituras y el examen del consiente. La tarde le ayudará a profundizar su fe a medida que conozca, ame y sirva mejor a Dios en su vida diaria.

**Domingo de
1:30 a 5:00 PM
4 de mayo**

**Costo: Tu donativo es
bienvenido**

Se alienta a los participantes a donar a Manresa Jesuit Retreat House en apoyo de su Misión.

**Para registrarse,
llame al 248.644.4933
Ext. 128 o correo
electrónico
[ignaciosdemanresa@
gmail.com](mailto:ignaciosdemanresa@gmail.com).**

Sunday Afternoon Contemplative Prayer

Spend a Sunday afternoon at Manresa listening, reflecting and meditating on topics of Ignatian spirituality. This is an opportunity to practice silence and prayer on your own and with others while enjoying the beauty of our grounds and facility. Each session is facilitated by a team of Spanish-speaking spiritual companions with experience in the Ignatian tradition.

These experiences of meditation and reflection are prepared to help you cultivate your formation in Ignatian spirituality, along with discernment, gratitude, prayer with the Scriptures and examination of consciousness. The afternoon will help you to deepen your faith as you come to know, love and serve God better in your daily life.

**Sunday,
1:30-5:00 PM**

May 4

**Fee: Donations gratefully
accepted**

Participants are encouraged to donate to Manresa Jesuit Retreat House in support of its Mission.

**To register, phone
248.644.4933 Ext. 128
or email
[ignaciosdemanresa@
gmail.com](mailto:ignaciosdemanresa@gmail.com).**

Individually Directed *Retreats*

Individually Directed Retreats provide a quiet space to pray and reflect on God's Word at your own pace and schedule. This is a time of sacred silence, an invitation to step away from the pressures and demands of daily life to listen to God and notice where God is moving in your life. You are accompanied by a trained spiritual director who will meet with you daily during the retreat, offering guidance for the next day's prayer based on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius.

In Session IDRs

IDR Session I	May 12-21
IDR Session II	June 9-18
IDR Session III	July 14-23
IDR Session IV	Aug. 6-15

These sessions allow for four-to-eight-day retreats (minimum of four full consecutive days/maximum of eight full consecutive days 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.

In-Session IDRs are \$90 per day with a \$90 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit. Application and \$90 deposit required. To schedule an In-Session retreat, go to manresa-sj.org/retreats or call 248.644.4933 Ext. 0 for an application.

"I schedule a day retreat periodically in order to be intentional about taking time for personal and spiritual inventory, and to be still. The facility and the grounds provide beautiful, welcoming space for me to step away from the busyness, to get quiet and listen. So grateful!"

~ Linda Waldo

8:00 AM–3:30 PM

Wednesday, Apr. 16
manresa-sj.org/041625-day

Thursday, May 29
manresa-sj.org/052925-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.

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.



Christian Yoga for body, mind & *spirit*

Spring 2025 Mondays, 7:00–8:00 PM (EST) via Zoom*

Apr. 7, 14, 21, 28 | May 5, 12, 19, 26

Christian Yoga is a form of prayer in which we place ourselves in a position to be present in the moment with God, with a focus on breath. **As we move through postures accompanied by meditative quiet and prayer, we find balance, strength and union of our whole self with God.** In the end, this brings us to our quiet center to be still with God and to know His peace. Join us for this healthy, healing practice in an atmosphere of prayer and meditation. **Instructor:** Mary Gresens

Fee: \$96 due at registration. Fee is non-refundable, non-transferable.

Register at manresa-sj.org/040725-yoga or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

*Zoom instructions will be emailed to registered participants prior to each session.

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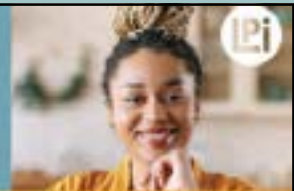
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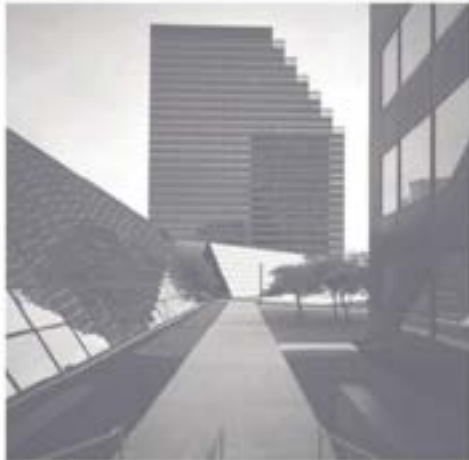


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Upcoming Conference Retreats

Retreats for Men



Friday-Sunday, Apr. 11-13

Palm Sunday

Patron: St. Gabriel Lalemant, SJ
Director: Fr. Robert Scullin, SJ

Friday-Sunday, Apr. 25-27

To Know Christ Jesus

Patron: Our Lady of the Way
Director: Fr. Peter Fennessy, SJ

Retreats for Men & Women

Friday-Sunday, Apr. 4-6

To Know Christ Jesus

Patron: St. Peter Canisius, SJ
Director: Fr. Peter Fennessy, SJ



Thursday-Saturday, Apr. 17-19

Holy Week

Patron: Fr. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ
Director: Fr. Bob Ytsen, SJ **Note:** No lunch on Saturday

Friday-Sunday, May 2-4

Christian Meditation

Patron: Fr. Roberto de Nobili, SJ
Directors: Fr. Leo Cachat, SJ, Mary Gresens and DiAnne Schultz **Note:** No dinner on Friday; ends after lunch on Sunday

Friday-Sunday, May 30-June 1

Spanish-speaking Adults

Patron: St. Alberto Hurtado, SJ **Format:** Silent with some sharing **Directors:** Team led by Fr. Robert Scullin, SJ **Note:** Ends Sunday at 3:00 PM, lunch included

Retreats for Women

Friday-Sunday, May 9-11

Hope Springs Forth

Patron: Mother of the Society of Jesus
Format: Silent and optional sharing
Director: Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM

Friday-Sunday, May 23-25

Women in Recovery

Patron: Fr. Frederick A. Harkins, SJ
Format: Silence and some sharing
Director: Terry Sullivan



Retreat format is silent except where noted. To register for retreats, click on the retreat date or go to manresa-sj.org/events or call 248.644.4933 Ext. 0 to register. A non-refundable, non-transferable \$50 deposit per person is required for all retreats.

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Spirit of Manresa
2025
BANQUET

Thursday, May 1, 2025
Cocktails 5:00 PM | Program 6:00 PM

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