Manresa Memos

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A message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends of Manresa,



Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM

Once again, we approach the season of Advent and the beginning of a new Church year. It begins with Vespers on Saturday, Nov. 28, following closely upon our Thanksgiving celebration.

How will we approach Advent this year?

Advent is a season I look forward to with hope and expectation. Even though Christmas décor dominates throughout December, I like to think "Advent thoughts" during this time. I imagine all the twinkling lights piercing the evening darkness as symbols of the hope of Advent, promising that Christ's light will shatter the darkness of our world.

I encourage each of us do some simple things to keep us and our families mindful of this season of waiting and preparation:

- When we write Christmas cards, we could remind both the receivers and ourselves of Advent and what it's really about.
- Resolve to set aside daily quiet time for prayer or Scripture or use a booklet with a daily reflection on the season.
- Set aside time daily for a quiet walk or visit to a church, even if brief.
- Remember the poor or marginalized by an act of service or an Advent act of charity such as a Giving Tree.

We may not be able to do all of these, but even choosing one or a creative choice of your own devising can be helpful.

In this issue of *Manresa Memos*, may you find something that can help you in your continued spiritual growth at this place of prayer.

Blessed Advent and 2027!

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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.

Tuesday Prayer

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

Make a Note of It

The house will close following daily Mass on Thursday, December 17, for the holidays. We will reopen with Mass on Monday, January 4, 2027 at 8:00 AM.

Learn More

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

Manresa News

Welcoming two new staff members

Manresa recently welcomed two new employees, Marash Ivezic and Leah Merlo. We are grateful for the experience and skills they bring and for the good work they are already doing.

Marash Ivezic, Housekeeper



Marash Ivezic is responsible for the cleaning and daily upkeep of Manresa's guest rooms and other interior spaces. His previous experience includes sales, retail management and many years in the commercial cleaning industry.

"I enjoy every minute working here at Manresa," he said. "I am providing a service for something greater than myself, and knowing that fills me with joy. It really is a blessing to work at Manresa. I look forward to many years of hard work and dedication to this community."

Marash lives in Milford and has five younger siblings. His current hobby is collecting retro video game consoles and games from his boyhood.

Leah Merlo, Front Office Coordinator



Leah Merlo works alongside Jenny Chapman to create a warm welcome for everyone who visits or contacts Manresa. She says life has taken her on many adventures, including work in hospitality, teaching and college campus ministry.

"I worked at a few other retreat centers before, but this is already my favorite!" Leah said. "It stands out as a very special place: full of warmth, a sense of home and a community of people truly living Christ's message to love."

Leah lives in Clarkston with her husband, their four-year-old son, Jeremiah, and her in-laws. When she isn't acting out one of Jeremiah's stories, she enjoys reading, sketching and walking along any waterfront.

Manresa Board approves updated mission statement



Manresa's Board of Directors recently approved an updated mission statement that broadens its welcome to all persons and emphasizes a deeper relationship with God. The new statement reads:

"The mission of Manresa Jesuit Retreat House is to welcome and support all persons in deepening their relationship with God through prayer, reflection and learning, grounded in Ignatian spirituality."

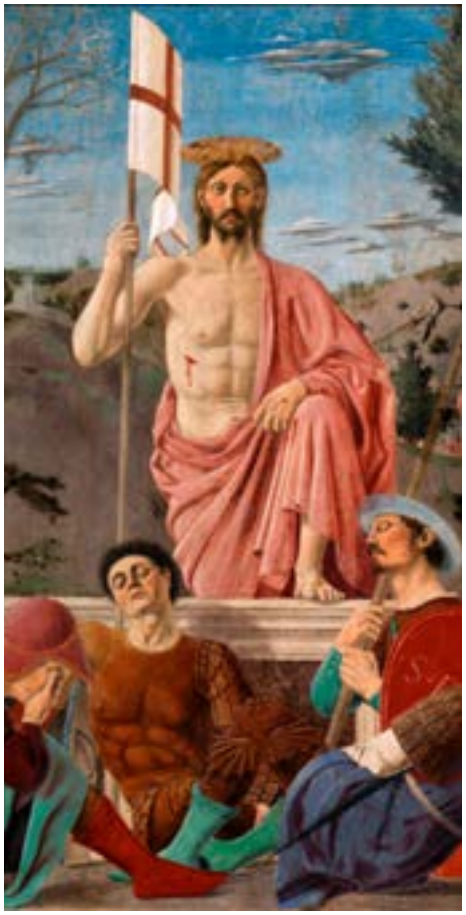
The update also incorporates the Jesuits' Universal Apostolic Preferences as they relate to Manresa. Key changes include:

- "Help" became "welcome and support"
- "Men and women" became "all persons"
- "Grow spiritually" became "deepening their relationship with God"
- "Ignatian tradition" became "Ignatian spirituality."

Board Chair Diane Neville said revising the statement was an essential first step as the board began a year-long apostolic planning process.

"Developing the new mission statement took place over six months and included group discernment involving board members and staff, small and large group discussions and prayer," Diane said. "The process illustrates the fruitful use of Ignatian discernment principles in a group setting."

Manresa's executive director Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM, said the new statement is a better fit for the present moment. "We believe the new statement more clearly reflects the mission of Manresa at this time," she said.



Praying with Art

Fr. Fennessy's Favorite Masterpieces – Part II

This session of the Praying with Art series continues with a focus on Fr. Fennessy's favorite masterpieces from across art history, especially on the life of Christ, like Piero della Francesca's *The Resurrection* (left), which Aldous Huxley famously declared was "the greatest picture in the world."

We invite you to join us in appreciating these beautiful works and learning how to incorporate them into your personal prayer life.

Tuesdays, 7:00–8:30 PM

Jan. 12, 26 | Feb. 9, 23
Mar. 9, 23 | Apr. 6, 2027

Fee: $110 due at registration.

Fee is non-refundable, non-transferable.

Register at
manresa-sj.org/011227-art
or phone
248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

Facilitator: Fr. Peter Fennessy, SJ is superior of the Jesuit community at Manresa. He joined the staff in 2001 after missionary work in Jamaica, theological studies at Oxford University and 26 years in campus ministry at John Carroll University in Cleveland. He gives individually directed and conference retreats using fine art wherever possible to illustrate his presentations.

Saturday: A Day for You

Step into stillness: a day just for you at Manresa.

After a long week filled with deadlines, distractions and demands, imagine a day that asks nothing of you—except to simply be. Come to Manresa for a day of quiet renewal, where peace meets purpose and your soul finds space to breathe.

Nestled in the heart of nature, our serene grounds invite you to leave the noise behind and rediscover your center. No schedule. No expectations. Just sacred space and silence. You'll have your own private room and a simple, nourishing lunch. How you spend the day is entirely up to you:

- Walk the peaceful wooded trails.
- Sit in quiet reflection in the library or chapels.
- Pray, journal or read without interruption.
- Or do nothing at all—and let that be enough.

There is no morning Mass, and spiritual directors are not available or required. This is your time. Your retreat. Your renewal.

8:30 AM-4:00 PM

Saturday, Dec. 12, 2026
manresa-sj.org/121226-saturday

Saturday, Apr. 10, 2027
manresa-sj.org/041027-saturday



Fee: $60, due at registration. Fee is non-refundable, non-transferable. Pre-registration is required. (Space is limited.)
Please Note: Arrival and registration at Front Office: 8:15-8:45 AM. A silent retreat will be in progress on April 10; please be aware of the quiet as you enter. Checkout no later than 4:00 PM. ***To register,*** go to the links above or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

A Day to Call Your Own



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; you decide how you want to spend the day: **reflect, pray, walk the property, read or just BE**. (No director is available or required.) Mark your calendar now to take some time to be alone with God.

8:00 AM–3:30 PM

Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2027
manresa-sj.org/012027-day

Thursday, Feb. 18, 2027
manresa-sj.org/021827-day

Tuesday, Mar. 23, 2027
manresa-sj.org/032327-day

Wednesday, May 26, 2027
manresa-sj.org/052627-day

Fee: $60/day, due at registration. Fee is non-refundable, non-transferable.

Pre-registration is required. (Space is limited.) To register, go to the links shown or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

Scripture Study: Galatians and Romans

Tuesdays
9:30–11:30 AM (EST)

Feb. 2, 16 | Mar. 2, 16
Apr. 13, 27, 2027

This course is offered onsite (space limited to 16) or via Zoom.*

Fee: $110 due at registration.
Fee is non-refundable, non-transferable.

Register at **manresa-sj.org/020227-scripture** or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

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



The apostle Paul's letters to the churches in Galatia and Rome share similar themes: *reconciliation* with God through faith in Jesus Christ alone for Jew and Gentile alike, *freedom* from observance of the Mosaic law and *invitation* to love and serve others rather than indulge self-interest. While similar in theme, however, they are very different in tone and scope.

In Galatians, Paul is direct and dramatic in his warning against falling back into legalism, passionately urging the church to resist the false teachers who were compromising the grace of Christ. In Romans, hoping to win the church's trust before his planned visit, he offers a comprehensive, systematic theological treatise in defense of the gospel.

Join us as we unpack these two letters and listen for what God may be saying to us as we serve Him in our everyday lives.

Instructor: Fr. Steve Hurd, SJ is co-director of the Internship in Spiritual Companionship and a popular retreat director at Manresa.

Your Most Powerful Question



We all have a Powerful Question embedded in the narrative of our life journey. That Powerful Question is the lens through which we see the true difference we were born to make. This retreat will help you discover yours.

Each week you'll hear a presentation followed by a break-out session where trained coaches will guide participants to share worksheets, ask questions and offer reflections. The night will end with group sharing, a summary and suggestions for homework between sessions.

Join us to discover your purpose and place in God's plan while experiencing true fellowship with others.

Wednesdays
7:00-8:30 PM (EST) Via Zoom*
Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2027

Fee: $80 due at registration. Fee is non-refundable, non-transferable. Register at **manresa-sj.org/020327-onequestion** or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

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

Facilitators: John Olesnavage, PhD is a licensed clinical psychologist, author, speaker and founder of the My Powerful Question Institute. He has dedicated his career to helping individuals discover their "Powerful Question" and uncover their purpose and legacy. **Joseph Olesnavage, MA** is a spiritual director and retreat coordinator trained in Ignatian spirituality. A retired public school teacher and counselor, Joe also walks people through the Spiritual Exercises.

Lenten At-Home Retreat via zoom*

Traditionally Lent is a time during which new believers prepare themselves to be welcomed into the church at Easter and for Christians to pray, fast and give alms in support of the new believers. Today, while we continue this tradition of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we can find it difficult to know how to pray in a way that prepares us for the celebration of Easter.

This in-home retreat is an opportunity to pray our way toward Easter in a meaningful way. On the Friday before each Zoom meeting, Fr. Hurd will email a link to a pre-recorded presentation on one of the themes of St. Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises. Watch it at your convenience. The following Wednesday, you'll meet with Fr. Hurd and fellow participants via Zoom for review, sharing and conversation about the presentation. The retreat concludes with a Sunday Afternoon Reflection at Manresa, including healing service, Mass and dinner.

Presenter Fr. Steve Hurd, SJ is co-director of the Internship in Spiritual Companionship and a popular retreat director at Manresa.

Week 1: Jan. 29, 2027—God's Love
Live Zoom: Wednesday, Feb. 3, 7:30-9:00 PM

Week 2: Feb. 5, 2027—Straying From God's Love
Live Zoom: Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10, 7:30-9:00 PM

Week 3: Feb. 12, 2027—Returning to God's Love
Live Zoom: Wednesday, Feb. 17, 7:30-9:00 PM

Week 4: Feb. 19, 2027—Following Christ
Live Zoom: Wednesday, Feb. 24, 7:30-9:00 PM

Week 5: Feb. 26, 2027—Called by Christ
Live Zoom: Wednesday, Mar. 3, 7:30-9:00 PM

Week 6: Mar. 5, 2027—Sustaining Our Hope
Live Zoom: Wednesday, Mar. 10, 7:30-9:00 PM

Week 7: Mar. 14, 2027—Sunday Afternoon Reflection at Manresa
2:00-7:00 PM

Fee: $150, due at registration. Fee is non-refundable, non-transferable. Register at **manresa-sj.org/012927-inhomeretreat** or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

Christian Yoga for body, mind & *Spirit*

Winter 2026-27

Mondays
7:00–8:00 PM (EST)
via Zoom*

Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2026
Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25
Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2027

Fee: $144, due at registration.
Fee is non-refundable non-transferable.

Register soon at
manresa-sj.org/120726-yoga
or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

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



Christian Yoga is a form of meditative body prayer that invites us to be present in the moment with God. As we focus on our breath and move through postures, we find balance and healing uniting our breath, body and spirit with Christ. This brings us to our inner self to be still with God and know His peace.

Instructor: Mary Gresens is a graduate of Manresa's Internship in Spiritual Companionship, certified yoga instructor and first degree black belt Nia teacher.

Oración Contemplativa

Pase una tarde de domingo en Manresa escuchando y reflexionando sobre aspectos de la espiritualidad ignaciana mientras disfruta de la tranquilidad y la belleza de nuestras instalaciones y jardines. Las sesiones son guiadas por un equipo de acompañantes espirituales con experiencia en la tradición ignaciana. Cada tarde le ayudará a profundizar su fe mediante la oración, la meditación de las escrituras y el discernimiento, a medida que aprende a conocer, amar y servir mejor a Dios en su vida diaria.

Domingo de 1:30 a 5:00 PM
21 de febrero | 21 de marzo | 18 de abril, 2027

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 ignacianosdemanresa@gmail.com.

Contemplative Prayer for Spanish Speakers

Spend a Sunday afternoon at Manresa listening and reflecting on aspects of Ignatian spirituality while enjoying the quiet and beauty of our facility and grounds. Sessions are guided by a team of Spanish-speaking spiritual companions with experience in the Ignatian tradition. Each afternoon will help you to deepen your faith through prayer, Scripture meditation and discernment as you come to know, love and serve God better in your daily life.

Sundays, 1:30-5:00 PM
Feb. 21 | Mar. 21 | Apr. 18, 2027

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 ignacianosdemanresa@gmail.com.

Sunday Afternoon Reflection: Lent



Would you like to make a retreat during the season of Lent, but can't get away for an entire weekend? Enjoyed a previous retreat and need a spiritual tune-up? Or are you just curious about what a retreat might be like? If so, an onsite Sunday Afternoon Reflection at Manresa is for you!

The afternoon includes two talks, time for private prayer/devotion, Sunday Mass and a delicious meal to round out the day. Your retreat begins at 2:00 PM; however, you may arrive any time after 1:30 PM for refreshments and fellowship.

Director: Fr. Joshua Peters, SJ is Director of Ignatian Mission Formation at Detroit's Loyola High School.

Sunday, March 7, 2027
2:00-7:00 PM

Fee: $60 due at registration.
Fee is non-refundable, non-transferable.

Register at
manresa-sj.org/030727-SAR-Lent
or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

Finding Meaning in Communal Grieving

Wednesday, May 5, 2027
1:00-4:00 PM



Often there are losses and grieving that a group experiences. For instance, an entire family experiences the death of a member, a parish the loss of a loved member of the staff through retirement, a country an act of terrorism, and so on.

At present the Archdiocese of Detroit is undergoing a time of discernment that will re-organize the parishes of the archdiocese and likely lead to the closing of some parishes. Many people in the AOD will be grieving significant losses.

This afternoon of reflection will consider how we can be in touch with our personal grief while we also support persons around us who are in deep grief. What can help us at this time? How can we prepare? What might God hope for from us? What resources does our faith offer? How can we respond in faith-filled ways while honoring our own grief?

We hope to come away from this afternoon with a strengthening of our own and one another's faith, and a sense of how we might live this Paschal Mystery.

Facilitator: Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM serves as Manresa's executive director. Her ministerial experience includes teaching, professional counseling, and retreat and spiritual direction.

Fee: $30 due at registration. Fee is non-refundable, non-transferable.
Register at **manresa-sj.org/050527-grief** or phone 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

Conference Retreats 2027

Silent retreats for men and women in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Themes and director assignments to come. Unless otherwise noted, all retreats are silent and require a $50 deposit at registration. Register by clicking the links below or at manresa-sj.org/events or call 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

Retreats for Men

January

Friday-Sunday, Jan. 8-10
Patron: Fr. John Courtney Murray, SJ **Theme**: Beholding the Past, Present and Future Through the Eyes of Faith **Format**: Silent, with optional sharing **Director**: Sr. Linda Sevcik, SM

Friday-Sunday, Jan. 15-17
Patron: Fr. Jacques Marquette, SJ **Theme**: In the Midst of Conflict and Division **Director**: Fr. Joe Wagner, SJ

February

Friday-Sunday, Feb. 5-7 (Recovery)
Patron: Fr. John C. Ford, SJ **Theme**: Recovery **Format**: TBD **Director**: TBD

Friday-Sunday, Feb. 12-14
Patron: St. Robert Southwell, SJ **Theme**: A Lenten Journey with Jesus **Director**: Sr. Kathie Budesky, IHM & Fr. Fran Daly, SJ

March

Friday-Sunday, Mar. 12-14
Patron: St. Andrew Bobola, SJ **Theme**: TBD **Format**: TBD **Director**: TBD

Friday- Sunday, Mar. 19-21
Patron: St. Gabriel Lalemant, SJ **Theme**: Palm Sunday **Format**: TBD **Director**: TBD

April

Friday-Sunday, Apr. 2-4
Patron: Blessed Francis Page, SJ **Theme**: TBD **Format**: TBD **Director**: TBD

Friday-Sunday, Apr. 23-25
Patron: Our Lady of the Way **Theme**: TBD **Format**: TBD **Director**: TBD

August

Friday-Sunday, Aug. 6-8
Patron: Fr. Jack Schuett, SJ **Theme**: Recovery **Format**: TBD **Director**: TBD

Friday-Sunday, Aug. 27-29
Patron: St. Stephen Pongrácz, SJ **Theme**: TBD **Format**: TBD **Director**: TBD

September

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 10-12
Patron: Blessed Sebastian Kimura, SJ **Theme**: TBD **Format**: TBD **Director**: TBD

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 24-26
Patron: St. Francis Borgia, SJ **Theme**: TBD **Format**: TBD **Director**: TBD

Thursday-Sunday, Sept. 30-Oct 3 (4-Day retreat)
Patron: St. John Ogilvie, SJ **Theme**: TBD **Format**: TBD **Director**: TBD

October

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 15-17
Patron: St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, SJ **Theme**: TBD **Format**: TBD **Director**: TBD

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 22-24
Patron: St. Stanislaus Kosta, SJ **Theme**: TBD **Format**: TBD **Director**: TBD

November

Friday-Sunday, Nov. 5-7
Patron: Blessed Rupert Mayer, SJ **Theme**: TBD **Format**: TBD **Director**: TBD

December

Friday-Sunday, Dec. 3-5
Patron: St. Francis Xavier, SJ **Theme**: TBD **Format**: TBD **Director**: TBD



Retreats for Women

January

Tuesday-Thursday, Jan. 5-7 (Midweek)
Patron: The Archduchess, Joan of Austria **Theme**: To Know Christ Jesus: the Life of Christ in Art **Director**: Fr. Peter Fennessy, SJ

Friday-Sunday, Jan. 29-31 (Al-Anon)
Patron: Fr. James Cullen, SJ **Theme**: Al-Anon **Format**: TBD **Director**: TBD

February

Friday-Sunday, Feb. 19-Feb. 21
Patron: St. John de Brito, SJ **Theme**: Learning from Julian of Norwich **Director**: Fr. Robert Scullin, SJ

May

Friday-Sunday, May 7-9
Patron: Mary, Mother of the Society of Jesus **Theme**: TBD **Format**: TBD **Director**: TBD

Friday-Sunday, May 28-May 30
Patron: Fr. Frederick A. Harkins, SJ **Theme**: Recovery **Format**: TBD **Director**: TBD

June

Friday-Sunday, Jun. 4-6
Patron: Sr. Mary Ward, IBVM **Theme**: TBD **Format**: TBD **Director**: TBD

October

Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 7-10 (4-Day)
Patron: Blessed Dominic Collins, SJ **Theme**: TBD **Format**: TBD **Director**: TBD

November

Friday- Sunday, Nov. 12-14
Patron: Blessed Miguel Pro **Theme**: TBD **Format**: TBD **Director**: TBD

Friday-Sunday, Nov. 19-21 (Recovery)
Patron: Fr. Ed Dowling, SJ **Theme**: Recovery **Format**: TBD **Director**: TBD

Retreats for Men & Women



February

Friday-Sunday, Feb. 26-28
Ignatian Spirituality & Yoga
Theme: Ignatian Spirituality & Yoga **Directors:** Fr. Bobby Karle, SJ and Alan Haras

March

Thursday-Saturday, Mar. 25-27
Holy Week
Patron: Fr. Pierre Teilard de Chardin, SJ **Theme:** Passion of Christ **Director: TBD**

April

Friday- Sunday, Apr. 9-Apr 11
Patron: St. Peter Canisius, SJ **Theme:** TBD **Format:** TBD **Director:** TBD

Friday-Sunday, Apr. 30-May 2
Christian Meditation Retreat
Patron: Fr. Roberto de Nobili, SJ **Theme:** Christian Meditation **Format:** Silent **Directors:** Tim Hogan and DiAnne Schultz

May

Friday-Sunday, May 21-23
(For Spanish-speaking Adults)
Patron: St. Alberto Hurtado, SJ **Theme:** Ignatian Spirituality **Format:** Silence and sharing **Director:** Fr. Robert Scullin, SJ **Note:** Ends at Noon on Sunday, lunch included.

June

Friday-Sunday, Jun. 25-27
Urban Parishes
Patron: St. Peter Claver, SJ **Theme:** TBD **Format:** TBD **Directors:** Fr. Robert Scullin, SJ and Team

July

Friday- Sunday, Jul. 30-Aug 1
Marriage Retreat for Traditionally Married Couples
Patron: St. Ignatius of Loyola **Theme:** TBD **Format:** TBD **Director:** TBD

September

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 3-5
Christian Yoga
Patron: Fr. John LaFarge, SJ **Theme:** Gift and Gratitude: Finding God in All Things **Directors:** Dr. Mary Gresens, DLS and Fr. Robert Scullin, SJ **Note:** No dinner on Friday; ends after lunch on Sunday

Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 14-16
Patron: Blessed Francisco Gárate, SJ **Theme:** TBD **Directors:** TBD

Individually Directed Retreats

2027 In Session IDRs

IDR Session I	May 10-19
IDR Session II	June 8-17
IDR Session III	July 12-21
IDR Session IV	August 9-18

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 session ends at 10:00 AM on the closing date of the retreat session.

In-Session IDRs are $110 per day with a $110 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit. Application and $110 deposit required. To schedule an In-Session retreat, go to **manresa-sj.org/retreats** or call 248.644.4933 Ext. 0 for an application.

Out-of-Session IDRs

Alternately, individuals may schedule four-to-eight day individually directed retreats between September and April as space and staff allows.

Out-of-Session IDRs are $115 per day with a $115 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit. To schedule an Out-of-Session retreat, call 248.644.4933 Ext. 0.

24-Hour Retreats

Manresa now offers two 24-Hour retreats for men and women, making it easy to fit into even the busiest schedule, while still offering the chance to step away, go deeper in your spiritual journey and encounter the Sacred in the silence.

Retreats begin Friday at 4:30 PM and end on Saturday at 5:00 PM. A non-refundable, non-transferable fee of $125 per person is due at registration.

Friday-Saturday, Sept. 17-18
Overnight Retreat for Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA)
Theme: ACA **Format:** Silent **Directors:** TBD

Friday-Saturday, Oct. 29-30
Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality
Patron: St. John Berchmans, SJ **Theme:** A Prayerful Introduction to Ignatian Spirituality **Format:** TBD **Director:** Fr. Steve Hurd, SJ

Retreat for Religious Sisters & Other Consecrated Women

Sunday-Friday, June 20-25
Theme: TBD **Director:** Jennifer Restine, CWRC

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At $1,500 each, we have just 35 more trees to go to fully fund this project. Help us close out 2026 by donating one of the remaining trees. Go to **manresa-sj.org/100Trees** to donate one today.

Thank you for your generous support of Manresa and for your faithful stewardship of God's resources.

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Sunday Afternoon Reflection in Advent

A Time of Quiet Expectation

Advent is a time of expectation. When around small children it is hard not to experience their increasing excitement of the coming of Christmas and the gifts under the Christmas tree. But there is a deeper expectation during Advent. It is the expectation of experiencing the Lord Jesus' coming to us in new and more meaningful ways. Join us for an afternoon of reflection on the Lord's presence among us.

The afternoon includes two talks, time for private prayer/devotion, Sunday Mass and a delicious meal to round out the day. Your retreat begins at 2:00 PM; however, you may arrive any time after 1:30 PM for refreshments and fellowship.

Sunday, Dec. 6, 2026 | 2:00-7:00 PM



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