

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Arrival and check-in are from 3:00-5:45pm Friday. Supper in our dining hall opens the retreat on Friday at 5:45pm followed by Orientation at 7:00pm. The retreat ends Sunday about 12:30pm.
- The Retreat Center has air conditioned rooms (doubles & singles) with private baths, library, gift shop/bookstore, Chapel, outdoor Stations of the Cross, amphitheater, and special places of meditation - Garden of Seven Sorrows, Blessed Sacrament Garden.
- Casual dress and comfortable shoes are recommended. Evenings tend to get cooler, so please plan accordingly.
- Bedding, linens, and towels are provided. Please bring your own toiletries and hair dryer.
- Please inform the office in advance if you need a special diet, wheelchair, or require a room to accommodate physical disabilities, etc.
- The suggested donation for the weekend is \$325 (which includes the \$50 deposit) for two nights' accommodations with five meals and conferences.

**Mater Dolorosa continues its longstanding policy of not turning anyone away because of financial need.

We are a Passionist Retreat Center, dedicated to preaching the Passion of Jesus Christ. We welcome all who wish to hear the message of the Passion through our traditions of *preaching, hospitality, and compassion.*

We place our focus on the Passion of Jesus Christ and its relevance in the lives of people today. We also foster and promote spiritual growth and renewal through Passionist retreat programs, and by providing a peaceful environment of prayer and reflection.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From the **WB 210 Freeway**, exit on Baldwin Ave and go straight up Baldwin to Sierra Madre Blvd. Turn left and proceed to Sunnyside Ave. Turn right and proceed to the end of the street and through the gates of the Retreat Center.

From the **EB 210 Freeway**, exit on Rosemead/Michillinda and make a left on Colorado Blvd. Turn left on Michillinda Ave, then a right on Sierra Madre Blvd and travel east to Sunnyside Ave. Turn left on Sunnyside Ave and proceed to the end of the street and through the gates of the Retreat Center.



2026-2027
Retreat Season



Remember. Rejoice. Renew.

**Silent Weekend Retreats
for Men & Women**



MATER DOLOROSA
PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER

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Retreat Theme

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For one hundred years, retreatants have come to Mater Dolorosa because here their hearts are touched by the message of the Passionists. In the spirit of Saint Paul of the Cross, Founder of the Passionists, his followers have faithfully implemented his vision in which the Passion of Jesus Christ holds pride of place. Since 1926, season by season, year by year, the Passionists have invited retreatants to partake of Paul's wisdom and vision at Mater Dolorosa.

To mark the centennial of retreats at Mater Dolorosa, the retreat team has tailored the theme of the retreat to remember the past, to rejoice in the present, and to renew as we look to the future.

During this centennial year as always the Passionists will ponder long and lovingly the charism of Christ Crucified which they embody. And especially this year the retreat also provides an opportunity for the retreatant to share in this charism.

The fruit of centuries of prayer and contemplation, a Passionist retreat provides occasion for the retreatant to remember standing at the foot of the cross, to rejoice in standing with those who like the Crucified are wounded and weak, vulnerable and outcast, and to renew our commitment to be practitioners of mercy and compassion in every sphere of life in the church and in the world.

WHAT IS A RETREAT

It is a personal encounter with God through a combination of:

- Mass
- Community prayer
- Conferences
- Periods of silence & solitude
- Spiritual Direction
- Natural beauty
- Sacraments

COME & SEE FOR YOURSELF!

THE RETREAT TEAM

Fr. Febin Barose, C.P., Ed.D
Fr. Clemente Barron, C.P.
Mrs. Jean Bowler
Michael Downey, Ph.D
Fr. Welfen Xavier, C.P.
Fr. Michael Higgins, C.P.
Dan Van Dyke, Ph.D
Mr. Paul Puccinelli
Bro. John Rockenbach, C.P.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER:



RESERVATIONS

People may come as part of a parish group or on their own. If your parish group date does not fit your schedule, please feel free to attend any weekend available.

If you are not part of a parish, please call the Weekend Retreat Coordinator:
626-355-7188 ext 133

A \$50 deposit is required at time of registration.

MEN

Sept. 11-13, 2026	Feb. 19-21, 2027
Sept. 18-20, 2026	Feb. 26-28, 2027
Oct. 9-11, 2026	Mar. 5-7, 2027
Nov 13-15, 2026	Mar. 19-21, 2027
Jan 8-10, 2027	Apr. 23-25, 2027
Jan 15-17, 2027	May 14-16, 2027
Jan 22-24, 2027	

WOMEN

Oct. 2-4, 2026	Apr 2-4, 2027
Oct. 23-25, 2026	Apr 30-May 2, 2027
Dec. 4-6, 2026	June 4-6, 2027
Feb. 5-7, 2027	

MARRIED COUPLES

Feb. 12-14, 2027	June 11-13, 2027
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SPANISH-SPEAKING/EN ESPAÑOL

Hombres: Mar 25-28, 2027
Hombres: Feb 26-28, 2027
Mujeres: July 30-Aug 1, 2027
Parejas: Feb 12-14, 2027

OTHER EVENTS

Young Adults	Apr 9-11, 2027
Captains/Co-Captains	Oct 31-Nov 1, 2026 June 26-27, 2027
One-Day Retreat	June 19, 2027
Grief Retreat	Aug 29, 2026
Grief Retreat (General)	Nov 7, 2026