

## Retreat Theme

### FAITH: TRUSTING IN THE GOD WHO WAITS FOR YOU.

For nearly one hundred years the retreats at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center have invited participants into a faithful, trusting relationship with the God who waits for us.

Too often we think of faith in terms of a whole set of beliefs, some of which we understand, many of which are simply beyond us.

But in this year's retreat, Trusting in the God who Waits for You, the focus is less on specific beliefs and more on faith as openness to the heart of God who waits long and always lovingly --- to touch our own hearts in deep and abiding relationship. God does not shout. God is present to us in what we see as graced moments, often in hindsight.

As a Passionist Retreat, the Passion of Jesus Christ occupies a central role. Here we see, and experience, the trusting relationship of Jesus to his Father through the gift of the Spirit, even and especially in the midst of humiliation, suffering, and death. The relationship is unbroken, as Jesus is brought through death to new life in the glory of God the Father.

In the Spirit of Saint Paul of the Cross, Founder of the Passionists, his companions and followers have faithfully implemented this vision and have invited retreatants to share in it. The fruit of centuries of prayer and contemplation finds expression in the theme of this year's retreat, calling us to deeper trust in the God who is present and active even now in our hearts, our communities, the church and the world.

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## WHAT IS A RETREAT?

It is a personal encounter with God through a balance of

- Mass
- Communal prayer
- Conferences
- Silence and solitude
- Opportunity for spiritual direction
- Natural beauty and
- Sacraments.

This sacred time brings renewal for your body, mind, and spirit.

**Come and see!  
Rest and be renewed!**

### THE RETREAT TEAM

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

## 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 Weekend Retreat Coordinator:

626.355.7188.x133

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

### Men

Sept 05-07, 2025	Feb 06-08, 2026
Sept 12-14, 2025	Feb 27-29, 2026
Oct 10-12, 2025	Mar 06-08, 2026
Nov 14-16, 2025	Mar 20-22, 2026
Jan 09-11, 2026	Apr 24-26, 2026
Jan 16-18, 2026	May 15-17, 2026
Jan 23-25, 2026	

### Women

Oct 03-05, 2025	Apr 10-12, 2026
Oct 24-26, 2025	May 01-03, 2026
Dec 05-07, 2025	Jun 05-07, 2026
Jan 30-Feb 1, 2026	

### Married Couples

Feb 13-15, 2026	Jun 12-14, 2026
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### Spanish Speaking

Hombres: Apr 02-05, 2026  
Mujeres: Jul 31-Aug 2, 2026

### Other Events

Young Adults	TBA
Captains/Co-Captains	Nov 1-2, 2025
Retreats	Jun 27-28, 2026



## GENERAL INFORMATION

- ♦ Arrival and check in from 3:00-5:45 PM Friday. A supper in our dining hall opens the retreat on Friday at 5:45 PM followed by Orientation at 7:00 PM. The retreat closes Sunday about 12:30 PM.
- ♦ North of I-210, Mater Dolorosa is located in the San Gabriel foothills.
- ♦ The center has air conditioned rooms (doubles and singles) with private baths, library, gift shop/bookstore, Chapel, outdoor Stations of the Cross, amphitheater, and special places of meditation— the Garden of the Seven Sorrows, the Blessed Sacrament Garden, and a meditation pergola overlooking the Los Angeles Basin.
- ♦ Casual dress and comfortable shoes are recommended. Evenings tend to get cooler, 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 of the weekend is **\$315** (which includes the \$50 deposit) for two nights' accommodations with five meals and conferences.

\*\*Mater Dolorosa continues its long-standing 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 and turn right. Proceed to the end of the street and through the gates of the Retreat Center.

From the EB 210 Freeway. Exit on Rosemead / Michillinda, make a left on Colorado Blvd., a left on Michillinda Ave., 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.

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**Silent Weekend  
Retreats  
for Men and Women  
2025-2026**



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