

Mercy by the Sea: 2022 Directed and Themed Retreats

DIRECTED REREATS

7-day Directed Retreat - Sold out!

Sunday, February 6 – Sunday, February, 13 (\$675.00 (Winter rate applies)
with Janet Weber (Sold out)

7-day Directed Retreat (Registration opens mid-January)

Sunday, May 29 – Sunday, June 5 (\$700)
With Joanne Bourquard, Gail DeMaria, CSJP, Lisa Irish, Andrea Minelli

7-day Directed Retreat (Registration opens mid-January)

Sunday, July 3 – Sunday, July 10 (\$700)
With Marge Milanese, Ann Rodgers, CP, Eileen Smith, RSM, Vincent Pelletier, FSC, Jan Webb

7-day Directed Retreat (Registration opens mid-January)

Sunday, July 17 – Sunday, July 24 (\$700)
With Laura Arvin, OP, Fr. Joseph Donnelly, Margaret Galiardi, OP, Honora Nicholson, RSM, Carol Tropiano, RSM

7-day Directed Retreat (Registration opens mid-January)

Sunday, July 24 – Sunday, July 31 (\$700)
With Nan Bouche, Maureen Christensen, RSM, Eleanor Guerin, RSM, Fr. Terry Moran

Summer Sabbath with Andrea Minelli and Carol Villaggio (registration opens mid-January)

Week I: Sunday, July 31-Sunday, August 7 (\$800)

Week II: Sunday August 7-Friday August 12 (\$650) (or \$1450 for both weeks)

Come to the water to renew your connection with life's animating Spirit and recover your potential for joy and peace. Sabbath time can be as unplanned and open as you seek. Time to gather for reflection and prayer will be offered during the week, and spiritual direction is offered by request, not on a daily basis.

4-day Directed Retreat (Registration opens mid-January)

Sunday, August 21 – Thursday, August 25 (\$400)
With Anne Duhaime, RSM, Judy Fortune, RSM, Shane Phelan, CMA, Claire Rusowicz

7-day Directed Retreat (Registration opens mid-January)

Sunday, August 28 – Sunday, September 4 (\$700)
With Joannie Cassidy, SSJ, Roberta Cote, Jean Marie Holup, SSCM, Mary E. Looby, GNSH, Connie Messitt, CSJ

4-day Directed Retreat (Registration opens mid-January)

Tuesday, September 6 – Saturday, September 10 (\$400)
With Judy Fortune, RSM, Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager, Mary MacGillivray, Tren Meyers

4-day Directed Retreat (Registration opens mid-January)

Sunday, October 2 – Thursday, October 6 (\$400)

With Carol Villaggio

7-day Directed Retreat (Registration opens mid-January)

Sunday, October 2 – Sunday, October 9 (\$700)

With Kathleen Geelan, Janet Weber, RSCJ, Kathleen McAlpin, RSM

7-day Directed Retreat (Registration opens mid-January)

Sunday, December 4 – Sunday, December 11 (\$675, winter rate applies)

With Sue LaVoie, Sue Wiczynski, RSM

2022 THEMED RETREATS**Easter Triduum (Registration opens in March)**

Holy Thursday, April 14 – Easter Sunday, April 17 (Price TBD)

Our Triduum retreat begins at 5:00 p.m. on Holy Thursday, April 14. It opens in a world that at times feels hopeless. It is our faith and the strength of community that enables us to hold the suffering, violence and hungers of our world and invites us to embrace a hope that arises in and amongst us. In these holiest of days, hearts are transformed, and our hopelessness evolves into a love that strengthens us to be the living presence of Christ in the world. This retreat is grounded in an atmosphere of silence which begins Holy Thursday evening and extends until the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 16 at 8:00 p.m. Registrations to open Spring 2022.

"Living Into the Presence": An Invitation into the Great 'I Am' with Singer/Songwriter, Carmel Boyle

Wednesday, June 8 – Friday, June 10, 2022 (\$425.00 single occupancy, \$250.00 commuters)

“Journey with Celtic themes and perennial spiritual wisdom into a deeper awareness of the reality that we are ‘Living in the Presence’ and the great ‘I Am.’ With each passing day, I am living more consciously in awareness of the ‘I Am’ Presence. Nurtured by the spirituality of my Celtic ancestors, I am spiralling on a pathway that has for many years both comforted and stretched me. It has nurtured my soul, touched my heart with healing and inspired my spirit to sing, ultimately drawing me into the heart of the Divine. For more details, [click here](#).

The School for Earth and Soul with John Philip Newell (Registration opens in March)

July 12-14, 2022 – Celtic Wisdom 2: Sacred Earth (Price TBD)

The School of Earth & Soul will be resuming its in-person gatherings. Its purpose is to awaken awareness of the sacred in all things through the recovery of Celtic wisdom for today and to help translate this awareness into compassionate action and justice. The School follows a three-year cycle of teaching and spiritual practice. Participants may join at any stage in the three-year cycle. Mercy by the Sea will be hosting the Celtic Wisdom 2 component.

Celtic Sabbath with Program Department staff and graduates from the School for Celtic Consciousness

July 14-16

These days are designed to foster deeper integration of the material presented by John Philip Newell through contemplative dialogue, prayer and rituals. Registrations will open mid-February

**Interfaith ZEN Retreat with Roshi Robert E. Kennedy, SJ (Registration opens in March)
Sunday, August 14 – Saturday, August 20 (Single occupancy \$750, double occupancy \$650,
commuter \$80)**

This is a week-long silent retreat (Zen sesshin) during which participants practice seated meditation (zazen) together — about 12 25-minute periods per day — as a supportive community, or sangha. Roshi Kennedy and other Zen teachers will provide daily talks (teishos) to share Zen insights and to encourage sitting practice, as well as opportunities to meet privately with them (daisan) throughout the days.

Silence is observed at all times throughout day in order to deepen experience. Following the final sitting each evening, the liturgy will be offered for all who wish to participate. This is a warm, wholehearted practice of being with ourselves as we are, with things as they occur. The support of devoted teachers and one another encourages the quieting of our minds, the lessening of struggle, and the movement from self-centeredness to life-centeredness. Through this process we taste the richness of human life and become of true benefit to others and the world.

**The Reclaiming of our Humanity: Being Fierce and Tender in our Call to Love, with Poet and
Author Mark Nepo
Friday, August 26-Sunday, August 28 (Price TBD)**

Given the trying times we are living through, we need to hold each other through our suffering, and to ask for the story that has brought each of us to today, and to complete each other by listening with an open heart. In this weekend retreat, Mark will explore how a life of meaning and love unfolds through adversity, how love awakens everything, and how care erases the walls we keep building between us.

Every generation and tradition discovers, again and again, that our spiritual journey on Earth is not to strive from here to there, but to unfold from in to out. How we do this is both personal and Universal. But do it we must, if we are to flower and offer our nectar to the world. This weekend retreat will unpack and bear witness to the turning inside out we all endure that lets Spirit show its beauty through our humanity.

The central questions remain: Will you be a good steward of the portion of Universal Spirit you are blessed to carry in the container that is your life—as well as you can, for as long as you can? And what does being a good steward of your soul mean? What does being a good steward of the light you carry look like for you personally?

Every so often, across the expanses of time, a mountain remakes itself, a forest clears itself, and the ocean reshapes its shore. And once in a generation of two, humanity remakes itself, such as we are right now. And such a remaking is both profound and painful. But here we are, being asked to put aside our old hypocrisies and all the ways we have pushed each other away. Here we are, being asked to be fierce and tender in our call to love each other until justice and healing are the same thing. Yet how do we participate in this remaking of humanity? I think one heart at a time, one truth at a time, one kindness at a time. And we can begin by remaking ourselves. —Mark Nepo

