



## Directed Retreats

A directed retreat is a time of prayer, silence and solitude with the daily opportunity to meet with a spiritual director. The resident retreat director at St. Mary of the Pines is Sister Dorez Mehrtens, SSND.

*Suggested donation for directed retreats:*

*3 days-\$240; 5 days-\$400; 8 days-\$640*

## Spiritual Direction

*Suggested donation: \$35 to \$50 per session*

**For information and to reserve a directed retreat or spiritual direction, contact:**

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## Private Retreats

A private retreat is a retreat without a director and may be scheduled any time when space is available. The individual chooses his/her own resources and rhythm of prayer and reflection throughout the day.

*Suggested donation: \$65 per night*

*Financial assistance is available upon request.*



## General Information

St. Mary of the Pines Retreat Center, a ministry of the School Sisters of Notre Dame of the Central Pacific Province, is staffed by Sisters Helen Roper, Dorez Mehrtens, Joan Schaefer.

The grounds are surrounded by woods, providing a place of peaceful serenity. There is ample space for walking, an outdoor swimming pool, a cosmic walk, a meditation well, a labyrinth, outdoor Stations of the Cross and a small lake.

The nearby retirement center of the School Sisters of Notre Dame provides those in retreat with opportunities for liturgical services and the assurance of remembrance in prayer.

## Directions

St. Mary of the Pines is two miles east of I-55. It is about a two-hour drive from Jackson, MS and from New Orleans and Baton Rouge, LA. Take Chatawa Exit #4 and follow the signs to St. Mary of the Pines.

**Mailing address:**

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# Retreat Center

**ST. MARY OF THE PINES  
Chatawa, Mississippi**

## 2016 Programs



School Sisters of Notre Dame  
Central Pacific Province

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**February 5-7, 2016**

**Married Couples Retreat: Finding God in All Things, Encountering the Living God in Marriage**

We will journey through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola and encounter the living God in ourselves, our spouses, and *in all things*. There will be pockets of silence and ample time for deep personal reflection and couple-sharing within the context of prayer. Easton and Robin Hebert are the presenters. Easton is a spiritual director at the Jesuit Spirituality Center in Grand Coteau, LA, and Robin serves at Our Lady of Wisdom Church and Catholic Student Center on the U. of Lafayette campus as a coordinator of marriage ministry. Retreat begins at 3 p.m. on Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday. *Suggested donation: \$340 per couple*

**February 13, 2016**

**A Lenten Day of Reflection**

This will be a time to reflect and pray on our sufferings, losses, hurts and grief, and search together for the promised reality of resurrection and transformation in everyday life. Sister Margie Klein, SSND, presenter, is a provincial councilor of the SSND Central Pacific Province, and a spiritual director and retreat director. The Day of Reflection begins at 9:30 a.m.; ends at 3:00 p.m. *Suggested donation: \$35; includes lunch*



*Retreat Center established: 1988*

**May 15-21, 2016**

**Conference Retreat: Rekindling the Fire: Embracing the Paradox of Imagination and Faith**

This retreat challenges us to return to Jesus' teaching that favors relationship over righteousness, presence not proof, compassion over condemnation. We will ponder our gifts of abundance, our longing for the Holy, for Mystery, for Intimacy. The presenter, Father Jack Conley, is a Passionist priest at Catholic Theological Union and is director of his province's Office of Mission Effectiveness. He conducts parish missions and retreats around the country. The retreat begins on Sunday with 5:30 p.m. supper and ends after breakfast on Saturday. *Suggested donation: \$425*

**October 28-30, 2016**

**Annual Women's Retreat: "Sir, We Want to See Jesus!"**

In this weekend of quiet prayer and reflection these words of a group of Greeks to St. Philip will be our heart's desire. The reflections will guide participants to enter into a prayerful, deeper relationship with Jesus. Sister Noel Toomey, presenter, is a Dominican Sister of Peace in New Orleans, LA. She serves as a spiritual director, retreat giver, and teacher of spirituality. The retreat begins on Friday with supper at 5:30 p.m.— ends on Sunday at noon. *Suggested donation: \$135 single; \$115 double*

**November 7-14, 2016**

**Advanced Icon Workshop**

This six-day workshop/retreat is for students who have completed several classes under the tutelage of a master from the Prosoyon School of Iconography.

*Suggested donation: \$990.*

**December 3, 2016**

**An Advent Day of Reflection**

During this day of reflection, we will enter into the Advent-Christmas spirit, as we journey with three Wisdom Women: Mary of Nazareth, Elizabeth, and Anna the Prophetess. We will listen to their stories, pray with them, and rejoice as we prepare for the celebration of God-with-us. The presenter, Sister Maria Elena Ferrer-Lopez, SSND, has experience in spiritual direction, pastoral ministry, education, and leadership in her religious congregation. This Saturday reflection day begins at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m.

*Suggested donation: \$35, includes lunch*

