

Fall 2020

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3, 5, AND 8-DAY RETREATS

8-day retreats begin on first date.

3 & 5-day retreats begin on either date.

Tue., Jan. 19 or Fri., Jan. 22
Mon., Feb. 1 or Thu., Feb. 4
Mon., Feb. 22 or Thu., Feb. 25
Mon., Mar. 8 or Thu., Mar. 11
Mon., Mar. 22 or Thu., Mar. 25
Mon., Apr. 12 or Thu., Apr. 15
Mon., Apr. 26 or Thu., Apr. 29
Mon., May 10 or Thu., May 13
Mon., May 24 or Thu., May 27
Mon., Jun. 7 or Thu., Jun 10
Mon., Jun., 21 or Thu., Jun. 24
Tue., July 6 or Fri., July 9
Mon., July 19 or Thu., July 22
Mon., Aug. 2 or Thu., Aug. 5
Mon., Aug. 23 or Thu., Aug. 26
Tue., Sep. 7 or Fri., Sep. 10
Mon., Sep. 20 or Thu., Sep. 23
Mon., Oct. 4 or Thu., Oct. 7
Mon., Oct. 18 or Thu., Oct. 21
Mon., Nov. 1 or Thu., Nov. 4
Mon., Nov. 15—3 or 5 days only
Mon., Dec. 6 or Thu., Dec. 9

Thirty-Day Retreats

Mon., Feb. 22 to Sat., Mar. 27
Mon., May 3 to Sat., Jun. 5
Tues., Sep. 7 to Sun., Oct. 10

WEEKEND PROGRAMS

An Introduction to the Directed Retreat
Nelda Turner
Fri.—Sun., Jan. 15- 17

An Ignatian Retreat:
Encountering the Living God in our
Everyday Lives
Robin Hebert
Thur. —Sun., Feb. 18- 21

THE SPIRITUALITY CENTER SHUT DOWN

The pandemic shut down the Spirituality Center beginning March 11 through the rest of 2020. In addition to the directives given by civil authorities, the total shut down was necessary in order to protect about 25 Jesuits living in Grand Coteau who are over the age of 65, some of whom are in ill health. After much discussion, and following the advice of health officials, it was determined that there would be no way to isolate these vulnerable men and retreatants from each other. That concern included protecting the health of retreatants also.

The virus situation in the area will determine when the Center will open again for retreats. **Currently, the Center plans to resume retreats in January 2021.** The schedule of retreats and programs for 2021 can be seen at the left and below.

Jubilee Celebrations

This summer Fathers **John Payne, S.J.** and **Jack Callahan, S.J.** celebrated 50 years since their ordination as priests; and Father **Tony Ostini, S.J.** celebrated 60 years as a Jesuit. Due to the virus, the celebration was in-house and without family or friends in attendance.

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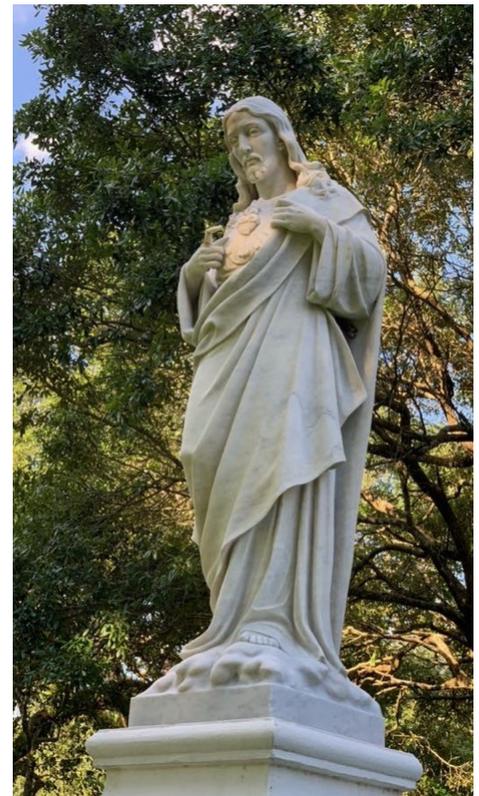
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A Retreat for Young Women,
20's to early 40's
Jane L. Hebert and Stephanie K. Newell
Fri.—Sun. *after lunch*, Apr. 23- 25
Information & **registration** at:
retreatsforyoungwomen.org.

The Little Way: A Journey with St. Therese
along the Path of Confidence and Love
Robin Hebert
Thu.— Sun., Sept 30—Oct 3

Zen Practices for Christian Living
Fr. Robert Kennedy, S.J.
Thu.— Sun., Nov. 11- 14

A Retreat for People in 12 Step Recovery
Fr. Tom Weston, S.J.
Wednesday —Sun., Dec. 1-5



From the Director — The directors here in the Center have missed welcoming our retreatants. Earlier, in March, and April, and May we kept hoping that we would be able to resume retreats; but it became more and more clear that we could not. After consulting widely, I very reluctantly decided that we would shut down for the rest of the year. We are shut down for now, but all of us here hope and pray that we will be able to resume retreats in January 2021.

As of now no Jesuits here in Grand Coteau have been sickened by the virus. We have been following guidelines closely, and have kept our building closed to visitors. We pray daily for all our benefactors and retreatants that you

too, and your families, will be safe and healthy.

Some good news in the midst of this stressful situation is that **Fr. Tom Greene, S.J.**, a native of New Orleans and graduate of Jesuit High there, became the Provincial of the Central and Southern Province on July 31. Also, the Jesuits in the U. S. ordained thirteen priests this summer, two were members of our UCS Province. Further, on August 8, five of our novices here pronounced perpetual vows, and left for further studies in St. Louis or in Chicago. On August 20 thirteen men entered the novitiate here. They join the four men who are now in their second-year of formation.

Tony Ostini, S. J.

Due to fewer Jesuits available than in the past, the Jesuits of the Central and Southern Province have finalized a plan for our ministries in the South and Mid-West. The plan is the product of several years of discernment and conversations with Jesuits and collaborators, and will direct apostolic decision-making in the province for the next ten years (2020-2030).

Jesuit Superior General Arturo Sosa had announced new Universal Apostolic Preferences in February 2019, calling on Jesuits and collaborators to view them as a way to respond to God’s desires for our world. The preferences are:

1. To show the way to God through the Spiritual Exercises and discernment;
2. To walk with the poor, the outcasts of the world, those whose dignity has been violated, in a mission of reconciliation and justice;
3. To accompany young people in the creation of a hope-filled future;
4. To collaborate in the care of our Common Home.

In conjunction with collaborators who share the mission of the Society of Jesus, the province will explore how to respond more fully and creatively to the evolving needs within the province, with these preferences as a lens.

The Apostolic Plan addresses all the critical components of the province: spirituality, community life and apostolic ministries. It will be implemented gradually and

strategically over the next decade, with an initial emphasis on restructuring relationships with current apostolates to respond to the changing needs and resources of the province.

“If we are to prepare ourselves to respond to the needs of our day, we need to reshape our current ministries,” Fr. Provincial Mercier wrote. “This will require changes in the relationships with these works and the communities they serve. No doubt this will require some painful decisions, but freedom in apostolic discernment calls for boldness in the undertaking.”

The plan includes basic commitments that will shape future decisions concerning which of the current Jesuit ministries will continue to be served by Jesuits.



The ministry of the Spiritual Exercises which the Jesuit Spirituality Center offers is made possible thanks to the generous contributions, both large and small, of its supporters and benefactors. The Jesuits of the Central and Southern Province of the United States also contribute substantially to its ministry. The Jesuit Spirituality Center is a non-profit and tax exempt ministry. It is one of only a few retreat centers in the United States that offer individually-directed retreats of three, five, eight, and thirty days. The Staff of the Center remember gratefully in prayer all the benefactors and supporters of the Center.