



MARYMOUNT HERMITAGE NEWSLETTER

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GUESTS at JUBILEE HOUSE+

By Sister Mary Beverly, HSM

Retreatants at Marymount Hermitage now have several choices for lodging. Not only are they able to choose between which of the five hermitages they prefer, but they also can choose a bedroom in the Jubilee Guest House. An illustration of three choices are presented here by the people making them in October, 2025.

OCTOBER 5-7:

Three religious Sisters from Twin Falls, ID came to Marymount to make a retreat here for the first time. The Sisters are from the Institute of Religious Servants of the Immaculate Conception from Mexico. From L-R



are Sister Oneida Nicolasa Martinez Gamino, Sister Maria de Lourdes Sedano Mendoza and Sister Angelica Gutierrez Ramirez with Father Julio Vicente, who was their pastor before he was assigned in July as the new pastor of Our Lady of the Valley parish in Caldwell, ID and Sister M. Beverly, HSM. The Sisters had invited Father Julio to offer Mass for us on Monday, which was a joy and a privilege for which we thank Father. There was a young woman from the St. Edwards parish staff in Twin Falls, who accompanied the Sisters, and we thank Yolanda Hernandez for her presence and photos.



Sisters in front of Jubilee House (above) and Mercy House/library.



This old but beautiful statue of Our Lady of Lourdes was given to Marymount for the Jubilee House by Elaine Countryman of Boise. The statue is in a niche in the master bedroom. Sister Maria de Lourdes fell in love with her! The Sisters and Yolanda were lodged in four hermitages, but they enjoyed a tour of the guest house before they departed at the end of their retreat.

OCTOBER 20: Father Julio Vicente, Father Nelson Cintra, and members of the parish staff of Our Lady of the Valley came for a day retreat on October 20. They spent the majority of their time in the Jubilee House, but used the chapel for Mass and

prayer and the library for activities during their retreat. In the Jubilee House, the dining room is a good group meal and meeting space and the living room is comfortable for 12-15 people to read, write, listen or study. Father Julio asked me to give a talk on "Ora et Labora" for the group. We used the library for that part of their retreat, since there is a podium and a large writing board for group presentations. For day groups using the Jubilee House, chapel and Mercy House/library, the maximum number is 30 people.

OCTOBER 24-26: Last February, the BSU men came to Marymount Hermitage for a silent weekend retreat. On Oct. 24, the BSU women had their first opportunity to come and were the first to use the Jubilee House for lodging the 13 students. The hermitages were used to lodge the 5 staff members: Father Nathan Dail, chaplain; Mary Marcak, his administrative assistant, who also does Women's Ministry on campus; and 3 of the women Focus Missionaries. Dana George was the leader for the retreat and she asked that I give a talk to the women on the topic and identity of "sister". That presentation I gave in the library, but except for Mass and prayer time, the Jubilee House was where most of their retreat activities took place.

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The weather for the women's retreat was stormy but



beautiful. Seen above (L), the women walk to chapel for prayer times, like the holy hour with Adoration and Benediction led by Fr. Nathan Dail on Saturday afternoon. At L, Bella gives a retreat talk. The

living room of the Jubilee House was warm, cozy and comfortable during the days. Walking to the chapel or library was cool and brisk and a nice active contrast to being inside. Desert skies



ending on Saturday evening. High winds, torrential rain, pounding, pea-sized hail, loud thunder and bright lightning shook the earth and us, too! The lights flickered

are often vivid as seen above. As God would have it, an extremely dramatic storm hit just as Mass was



once, but in answer to my fervent prayers, the power did not go out. No power, no water.

After everyone was safely back at the Jubilee House for dinner later that evening, the storm passed, and over Marymount was the most extraordinary golden aura of light making everything as if it were made of gold, shining brightly.

Amazing! Above Father Dail and some women retreatants are looking out the living room window, with



Emily (at L), on the awesome scene shown in the above photo by Dana George.

A sign in the dining room expresses welcome & thanks. The two photos of the group (L), just ready to depart, show their inner

joy the morning after the storm. It was in the storm, they said, that God talked to them. The women felt they had received messages.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

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NEWS FROM NEIGHBORS: These three photos were



taken by neighbors, who live out on Goodrich Rd., the gravel road which runs to the SW of Marymount. After the dramatic storm on Saturday evening, Oct. 25, Shelli and Jim Ross saw these scenes from their living room window. Sunday afternoon after Mass in Cambridge, they excitedly told me about the “golden aura”, which

hovered over Marymount Hermitage while the sun was setting. I share this with you to corroborate the scene and story, which the BSU women retreatants saw and told about. In the first of Shelli’s photos, you see the tail-end of the full rainbow, which was visible in the photos Dana George took. Interestingly enough, both Shelli and Jim felt that God was speaking to them by his visible presence, and it inspired them to attend Mass on Sunday! Honestly, I am still meditating on what God did so audibly and visibly that Saturday evening. It is truly an inspiring mystery!

RETREATANTS WRITE: October 24-26, 2025

[BSU Women’s Silent Retreat: The writer was one of 13 students who occupied bedrooms in the Jubilee Guest House.]

Thank you so much for providing such a beautiful home to stay in. I truly feel like I was able to find peace in this little pocket of heaven. I really appreciate how great a host you were to us.

Yours,

Dominique O.

October 31-November 2, 2025

What a beautiful weekend! And how amazing to give the gift of a retreat (and one of my most favorite places on earth) to my beloved daughter-in-love, Riley S.! Thank you, Father! And thank you, Sister M. Beverly!

Love & prayers always,

Suzanne S.

Boise, ID

October 31-November 2, 2025

Sister Mary Beverly, Thank you so much for your work that made the Jubilee House possible! This place is filled with peace and it has been an immense blessing to retreat here, especially in the room of St. Joseph (my favorite Saint!) The Lord has abundantly blessed our time here, and I am returning home to Bobby & my little boys with many new spiritual treasures and a heart refreshed. Thank you for your hospitality, and the most important gift of your prayers. I hope to see you here again soon!

With deep gratitude,

Riley (and baby #3)

Bosie, ID

October 27-29, 2025

Dear Sister, Thank you for the tour of Jubilee House! It was so memorable. I am struck by how thoughtfully you planned everything to facilitate and encourage prayer and time with God. He has truly used you and your open heart to build a place that is beautiful, peaceful and full of joy...I rejoice in the great gift that God has given to so many of us—your faithfulness and the wonderful place of prayer that is your home...In Christ’s love,

Nancy V.

Bozeman, MT

SALT & LIGHT PODCASTS: I will be doing a special series during Advent on Our Lady. Each of four teachings is about 15 min. long and can be found on the S&L website under MORNING LIGHT, then “Podcasts” by date. The teachings are on the Mondays of December 1, 8, 15 & 22. The topic is Mary as the New Ark of the Covenant from Dr. Brant Pitre’s book, Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary. Please join me for this beautiful and profound Scriptural study of Mary under her title and image as Ark. **PS: Thank you for your love, prayers and gifts!**