

Holy Cross Hermitage and private retreats

Why go to a hermitage or make a private retreat?

The desire to find a quiet place to prayer, often in the desert, is a long tradition. Moses went up Mount Sinai, Elijah heard the voice of God in the silence of a mountain, John the Baptist and Jesus went to the desert to pray. St. Anthony the Great lived in the desert of Egypt.

The hermitage at Holy Cross provides a place of quiet and some isolation in the desert, with a view of the Organ Mountains. Individuals come to listen to the voice of God, to relax and help discern the direction of their lives, and to nurture the inner call to solitude. Some also come for meditation or for creative expression. Occasionally a couple comes together to deepen their shared faith as well.

Give yourself time to be still. To **“be” more than to “do.”**

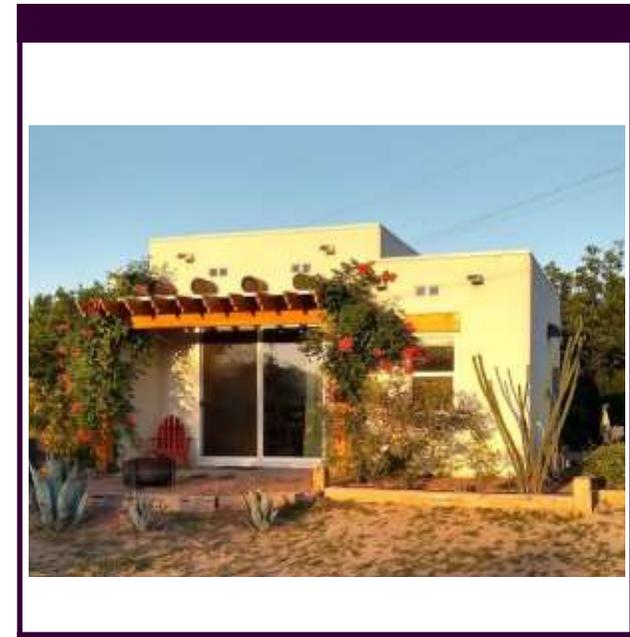
St. Francis of Assisi often took extended times of prayer alone, to guide his active ministry.

Consider spending a few days to let yourself be at peace, and feel the richness of a hermitage experience.



The shower with a grab bar is both comfortable and safe.

If the Hermitage is unavailable, we have retreat rooms which are very fine as well.



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“Come away to a deserted place.” Mark 6:31

SPACES:

Feel free to walk the grounds, road, and pathway by the irrigation canal.

Inside the **Atrium area** near the offices is the **Kiva Chapel**. You can also use the **New Chapel** as well as the **Rosary Walk** and the **Labyrinth** just outside. Both Chapels are always open for your convenience.



There is a self service Gift Shop located in a corner of the main dining room.

If you have any needs or questions while here please ask the office staff or one of the friars – we will be happy to assist you. Cell phone of Fr. Tom is 575 649-8202 if needed.

We hope that you have a pleasant stay with us.

MEALS:

Breakfast is 8:00 am; **Lunch** is at 12:00 **Dinner** 6:00pm. During the week dinner is on your own time unless we have a group here. (We can supply a plate or salad for you.)

If staying in the hermitage you can prepare meals using the kitchenette.



St. Francis is the patron of ecology, we ask that you help us take care of Mother Earth by recycling and not wasting electricity.

Costs:

For one: \$60.00 for 1 night; \$75.00 for two persons. During the week, \$7.00 per meal
Weekends or when full food service
Breakfast: \$8.00, Lunch: \$10.00 Supper: \$11.00
Spiritual Direction: \$15-25.00 a session

A deposit of \$60.00, or \$90.00 for five nights or more is required to reserve dates.

(If finances are a concern, let us know.)

THANK YOU for considering Holy Cross Retreat Center for your retreat.



The hermitage has a full size bed, rocker, table and chair, There is a bathroom and walk in shower, ceiling fan, heat and cooling. You should find it quite comfortable. You can also use a regular retreat room at \$55.00 per room. There is no wi-fi at the hermitage by choice, but it is available in the courtyard. The password is herc1954.



View of the Organ Mountains at sunrise