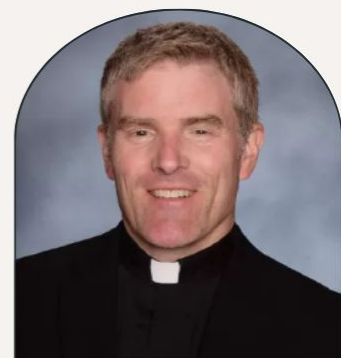




Footsteps of Paul & St. Nicholas With Father Timothy Foy & Father Nick Winker August 20 - September 4, 2026

Day 1 – Thursday, August 20: Departure from St. Louis

Your sacred pilgrimage begins as you board an international flight from St. Louis to Turkey, a journey entrusted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. As you settle into your seat, you offer a prayer for safe travels, invoking St. Paul, the tireless Apostle to the Gentiles, and St. Nicholas, patron of pilgrims, to guide your path. This journey is a call to deepen your faith, walking where the early Church flourished and where saints bore witness to Christ's love. With rosary in hand, you prepare your soul for the graces that await, ready to encounter the living Word through the landscapes of Scripture.



Day 2 – Friday, August 21: Arrival in Istanbul and Journey to Antalya

You arrive in **Istanbul**, the ancient city where East meets West, once called **Constantinople**, a cradle of Christian faith under the patronage of the Virgin Mary. After a connecting flight to **Antalya**, a jewel of the Turkish Riviera, you are greeted by the Mediterranean's serene beauty, a reflection of God's creation. Your guide welcomes you, and you transfer to your hotel, where you offer a prayer of gratitude for safe arrival. Over dinner, you reflect on the Eucharistic call to be nourished for the mission ahead, resting in anticipation of the sacred sites to come.

Overnight: Antalya

Day 3 – Saturday, August 22: Myra and the Legacy of St. Nicholas

After a morning prayer and breakfast, you journey to **Myra**, an ancient Lycian port where St. Paul paused as a prisoner en route to Rome (Acts 27:5–6). This stop marked a pivotal moment in his mission, a testament to his trust in Divine Providence amidst trials. You explore Myra's rock-cut Lycian tombs and Roman theater, marveling at their historical splendor, but the true treasure is **St. Nicholas Church in Myra**, where the 4th-century bishop served. St. Nicholas, whose generosity inspired the legend of Santa Claus, is a model of charity and devotion to the poor. Here, you celebrate **Mass**, offering intentions for those in need and seeking his intercession to live out Christ's love. The Eucharist strengthens your resolve as you continue through the Taurus Mountains to Pamukkale, where travertine terraces and thermal springs evoke the cleansing waters of Baptism. At dinner, you share in fellowship, giving thanks for this day of grace.

Overnight: Pamukkale



Day 4 – Sunday, August 23: Laodicea, Colossae, Hierapolis, and Kusadasi

On this Lord's Day, you begin with **Mass in the Hotel**, uniting with the universal Church in the Eucharistic sacrifice. The priest's words echo Christ's call to be "salt and light," preparing you for the day's journey. At **Laodicea**, one of the Seven Churches of Revelation, you meditate on St. John's warning against spiritual lukewarmness (Revelation 3:14–22), praying for fervent faith. In **Colossae**, you reflect on St. Paul's letter urging the Colossians to root their lives in Christ, a reminder to anchor your pilgrimage in prayer. At **Hierapolis**, you walk where tradition holds that the Apostle Philip was martyred, his sacrifice a beacon of fidelity to the Cross. You pause to venerate his memory, asking for courage to bear your own cross. Arriving in Kusadasi, a serene Aegean town, you may celebrate an optional **Mass at the hotel in Kusadasi**, offering thanks for the martyrs and saints who inspire your journey.

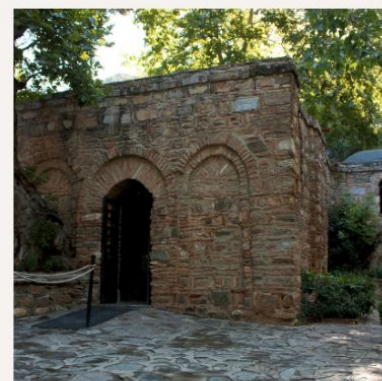
Overnight: Kusadasi.



Day 5 – Monday, August 24: Ephesus, St. John, and the House of the Virgin Mary

After breakfast and morning prayer, you visit **Ephesus**, a cornerstone of early Christianity where St. Paul preached (Acts 19:1). Walking the Marble Street, you marvel at the Library of Celsus and stand in the Great Theater, where Paul proclaimed the Gospel to a skeptical crowd. At **St. John's Basilica**, you honor the Beloved Disciple, whose Gospel reveals Christ's divinity, and pray for a deeper love of Scripture. The highlight is the **House of the Virgin Mary**, venerated as her final earthly home, where you celebrate **Mass** in the presence of the Mother of God. This sacred moment, under Mary's maternal gaze, renews your fiat to God's will. In **Izmir** (ancient Smyrna), another of the Seven Churches, you reflect on the perseverance of early Christians amidst persecution, praying for strength to live your faith boldly. Returning to Kusadasi, you rest, your heart full of Marian devotion.

Overnight: Kusadasi



Day 6 – Tuesday, August 25: Embarking the Aegean Cruise and Patmos

You board a 3-night Aegean cruise, settling into your cabin with a prayer for safe passage, invoking Our Lady, Star of the Sea. As the ship sails, you prepare for **Patmos**, where St. John received the divine visions of Revelation. Visiting the **Monastery of St. John** and the **Cave of the Apocalypse**, you stand where heaven touched earth, contemplating God's eternal plan. Before disembarking, you celebrate **Mass onboard the ship**, uniting with John's prophetic call to worship the Lamb. As you sail toward Rhodes, you pray the Divine Office, entrusting the night to God's care.

Overnight: Cruise Ship





Day 7 – Wednesday, August 26: Rhodes' Sacred and Historic Beauty

Docked in Rhodes, a blend of ancient Greek and medieval Christian heritage, you begin with **Mass at the Roman Catholic Church on Rhodes**, joining the local faithful in the Eucharistic banquet. The Mass strengthens your communion with the universal Church, rooted in the sacrifice of the altar. After lunch on the ship or time to explore, you join a walking tour of Rhodes' medieval town, where cobblestone streets and fortified walls recall the Knights of St. John, defenders of the faith. You offer a prayer for their intercession, seeking courage to defend the Gospel in your own life.

Overnight: Cruise Ship

Day 8 – Thursday, August 27: Heraklion and Santorini

Awakening in **Heraklion**, Crete, you celebrate **Mass on the ship**, giving thanks for the missionary zeal of the early Church. An optional tour explores the Minoan Palace of Knossos, evoking the complexity of human history redeemed by Christ. In Heraklion's charming port, you reflect on God's providence in all cultures. Sailing to **Santorini**, you ascend to Fira via cable car, wandering its whitewashed streets. The island's beauty inspires awe, prompting a prayer of praise for the Creator. Returning to the ship, you rest, carrying the day's graces in your heart.

Overnight: Cruise Ship



Day 9 – Friday, August 28: Meteora's Heavenly Monasteries

Disembarking in Athens, you celebrate **Mass at Santa Barbara Catholic Church at Lavrion Port**, offering the Eucharist as the source and summit of your pilgrimage. Journeying to **Meteora**, you encounter Byzantine monasteries perched atop rock pinnacles, built by monks seeking union with God in solitude. These sacred spaces, dating to the 14th century, invite you to contemplate the call to holiness through prayer and asceticism. You pray for the grace to climb the spiritual heights, trusting in God's mercy. Dinner in Kalambaka fosters fellowship, and you rest, renewed by the day's encounter with monastic spirituality.

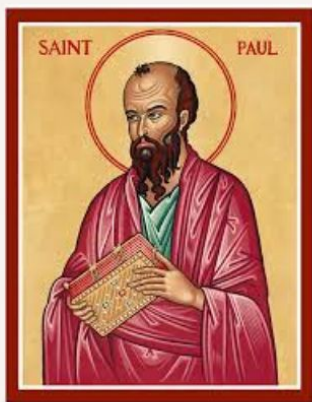
Overnight: Kalambaka

Day 10 – Saturday, August 29: Philippi and Kavala

In **Philippi**, you walk where St. Paul and Silas preached during the Second Missionary Journey (Acts 16:11–40). At **Lydia's Baptistry**, where Europe's first convert was baptized, you celebrate **Mass**, renewing your baptismal promises and giving thanks for the Church's missionary roots. Visiting the site of Paul and Silas' imprisonment, freed by a miraculous earthquake, you reflect on God's power to break chains, both physical and spiritual. In **Kavala** (ancient Neapolis), where Paul landed, you pray for missionary zeal. Overnight in Thessaloniki, you rest, inspired by the faith of the first Christians.

Overnight: Thessaloniki





Day 11 – Sunday, August 30: Thessaloniki and Berea

On this Sunday, you celebrate **Mass in Thessaloniki**, joining the local Church in worship, the Eucharist uniting you across time and space. In Thessaloniki, where St. Paul preached for three Sabbaths (Acts 17:1–9), you visit the agora and the House of Jason, where he stayed. At **St. Demetrius Basilica**, you venerate the martyr-saint, praying for his courage. The Galerius Arch recalls the city's ancient Via Egnatia, a path of evangelization. In **Berea**, you stand at **St. Paul's Bema**, where he preached in 54 AD (Acts 17:10–15), inspired by the Bereans' love for Scripture. A specialty lunch and a drive to Athens conclude the day, with dinner and rest in the capital.

Overnight: Athens

Day 12 – Monday, August 31: Athens, Corinth, and Journey to Bari

In **Athens**, you follow St. Paul's path from 51 AD (Acts 17:16–34), visiting the **Acropolis** with its Propylaea, Parthenon, and Erechtheum, symbols of human striving redeemed by Christ. At **Mars Hill**, where Paul delivered his Aeropagus Sermon, you pray for wisdom to proclaim the Gospel today. The **Agora** and Olympic Stadium evoke Paul's dialogues with the Athenians. In **Corinth**, you walk where Paul built the early Church (Acts 18:9–11). Celebrating **Mass next to the Bema**, where Paul preached, you draw strength from his mission to the Gentiles. After a late lunch, you fly to Bari, arriving late and resting at your hotel, entrusting the night to Our Lady.

Overnight: Bari



Day 13 – Tuesday, September 1: Bari and San Giovanni Rotondo

After a late start and breakfast, you visit **Basilica di San Nicola in Bari**, where St. Nicholas' relics have rested since 1087. Celebrating **Mass in the crypt**, you pray before the relics of this saint of charity, seeking his intercession for a generous heart. The St. Nicholas Center deepens your devotion to his legacy. Traveling to **San Giovanni Rotondo**, you receive a blessing of the gloves at the English Office, a moment of grace tied to Padre Pio's ministry. You may visit his shrine for personal prayer, reflecting on his stigmata and love for the Eucharist. Dinner and rest prepare you for a day dedicated to this modern saint.

Overnight: San Giovanni Rotondo



Day 14 – Wednesday, September 2: Padre Pio's Legacy in San Giovanni Rotondo

Your day begins with **Mass at the Crypt of Padre Pio**, a sacred encounter with the saint who bore Christ's wounds and spent hours in the confessional, reconciling souls to God. The Eucharist here is a profound moment of union with Christ's Passion. A guided tour of **San Giovanni Rotondo** reveals Padre Pio's life of prayer, sacrifice, and charity, inspiring you to embrace the sacrament of Reconciliation. The afternoon offers time for personal devotions, perhaps praying the Stations of the Cross or the Rosary, seeking Padre Pio's intercession. Dinner at a local restaurant fosters community, and you rest in this holy place, your heart lifted by his example.

Overnight: San Giovanni Rotondo

Day 15 – Thursday, September 3: Farewell to Rome

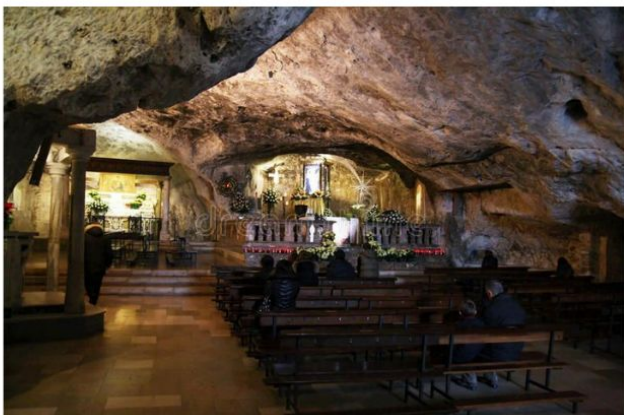
You journey toward the Hilton Hotel at Rome's airport, stopping at a winery for a farewell lunch, where you give thanks for the graces of this pilgrimage. The shared meal recalls the Eucharistic banquet, uniting you in fellowship. Checking into the hotel, you spend time in personal prayer, perhaps journaling or praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, reflecting on the saints encountered. Dinner on your own allows quiet contemplation as you prepare to return home.

Overnight: Hilton Hotel, Rome Airport



Day 16 – Friday, September 4: Return Home

As you board your flight to the United States, arriving the same day, you carry the spiritual treasures of this pilgrimage. The footsteps of St. Paul, St. Nicholas, and Padre Pio have drawn you closer to Christ, and the Masses celebrated in sacred spaces have nourished your soul. With the rosary in hand and the saints' intercession in your heart, you return home, renewed in faith and ready to live as a missionary disciple, proclaiming the Gospel with love and courage.





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