

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

With Monsignor Henry Breier & Father Thomas Keller

Tiberias ✝ Nazareth ✝ Cana ✝ Capernaum ✝ Mt. Tabor
Jericho ✝ Abu Ghosh (Emmaus) ✝ Bethany ✝ Jerusalem ✝ Bethlehem
The Holy Sepulcher ✝ Caesarea Philippi ✝ The Sacred Tomb ✝ Mt. Carmel
Garden of Gethsemane ✝ Mt. Beatitudes

February 22 - March 6, 2026

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Sunday, February 22: We depart from our home city for an evening connecting overnight flight to Tel Aviv. Dinner and breakfast served aboard. **D (dinner) & B (breakfast)**

Monday, February 23: We land at Ben Gurion Airport in the morning. We clear customs and drive North up the Mediterranean Coast Line to Haifa where we will celebrate the Opening mass of our Pilgrimage at **the Carmelite Chapel at the Stella Maris Monastery**. Here we have the opportunity for the Investiture of the Brown Scapular. In the afternoon we transfer by motor coach north to the city of **Tiberias** to our hotel, located directly on the Sea of Galilee. We check into our hotel and have dinner together.

D GALILEE

Tuesday, February 24: This morning we arrive at the shore of the **Sea of Galilee**, where we embark on a **boat ride**, remembering the scripture passages of Jesus and His apostles on this lake. After our voyage, we drive to the north rim of the Sea of Galilee to a site called Tabgha (Seven Springs), where our first stop is at the site of the **Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes**. Next we visit the Church of the **Primacy of Peter**, the place where Our Lord bestowed upon Peter the role of leadership of the Church. Here we will pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. We celebrate **Holy Mass at the Primacy of Peter**. After Mass, we are provided with a local favorite called **St. Peter Fish** for our Lunch. After we traverse around the lake shore where we visit **Kursi** where Jesus delivered and healed a man possessed by demons. We then enter **Capernaum**, known as the Second City of Jesus, where we will see the ruins of the second century Synagogue (John: 6). In this city Our Lord called a number of the Apostles, he taught the Good News of our Redemption and he cured many people of their afflictions. We return to our hotel for dinner.

B, L (lunch) & D GALILEE

Wednesday, February 25: This morning we head to **Nazareth**. Shortly before our destination we stop in **Cana**. Here we recall the scene of Our Lord's first miracle, remembering His Blessed Mother's words, "Do whatever He tells you." Couples in our group will have the opportunity to renew their Marriage Vows. Arriving in Nazareth, where Jesus spent most of His Life, we go to the beautiful **Basilica of the Annunciation**. There in the **Grotto of the Annunciation** we venerate the very spot where the Word Was Made Flesh. We will also visit the nearby Church of St. Joseph's Workshop. After a lunch break we ascend the heights of **Mt. Tabor**, where Jesus took Peter, James and John and was gloriously **Transfigured** in their sight. We celebrate **Holy Mass in the Basilica of the Transfiguration**. Back at our hotel we have dinner together.

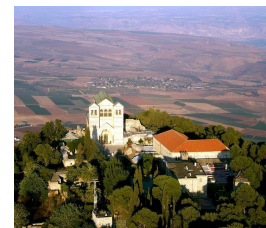
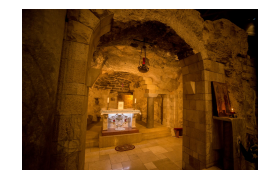
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Thursday, February 26: This morning, we drive to the north to **Caesarea Philippi**, where in response to the profession of faith spoken by Peter, Jesus promised him leadership in His Church—that He would give to him the "Keys to the Kingdom." Returning south to the Sea of Galilee, and head back a short distance to ascend a hill called **Mount of Beatitudes**. Once we reach the Mount we have lunch and thereafter we celebrate **Holy Mass on the Mount of Beatitudes** at an outdoor altar overlooking the Sea of Galilee, where we remember Our Lord's profound teaching of the **Eight Beatitudes**. This afternoon we are given time for Prayer Reflection on the Mountain. After our spiritual exercise we depart for our hotel and a well deserved dinner.

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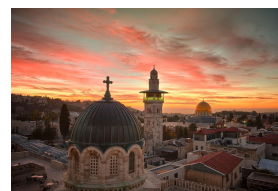
Friday, February 27: We check out of our hotel this morning, Then we drive south through the fertile Jordan River Valley, arriving just above the place where the Jordan empties into the Dead Sea. We go directly to its bank and recall that here, when St. John was baptizing those who responded to his call for repentance heard Our Lord and obediently Baptized Jesus Himself. We will renew our own **Baptismal Promises** at the river. We can find a light snack here. Then we drive through the most ancient city in the Holy Land. We recall its prominence for events in both the Old and the New Testaments. We can find a light snack here. Driving up to Jerusalem, but before arriving to this Holy City, we will stop at **Bethany**, home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, to visit. **We then Celebrate Holy Mass at The Crusader Church**. In **Bethlehem** we check into our hotel. We have dinner together.

B, L & D Bethlehem



Saturday, February 28: Our visit begins in the countryside at the **Shepherds Fields of Boaz**, remembering the angels' glad tidings to the shepherds. We celebrate our **Mass in a Grotto at Shepherds Fields**. Within the Town of Bethlehem at Holy Nativity Church we go to venerate the **Holy Grotto of the Nativity** and the adjacent **Holy Manger**, as well as the **Grotto of St. Jerome**, the setting where this early saint translated the Bible into the Vulgate (into the Latin language). We also will be in the Franciscan church of St. Catherine, scene of Bethlehem's Christmas Midnight Mass. **For lunch, we will venture near the Church of the Nativity at the Casa Nova**. Time permitting, we will stop at a Bethlehem store that offers olive wood religious carvings and many other items. For dinner, we will **meet Christian Families in the area and go to their homes for dinner**.

B, L & D Bethlehem



Sunday, March 1: This morning we drive to the Summit of Mt. Olives to visit the **Chapel of the Ascension** and the **Church of Pater Noster**. Walking the Palm Sunday Road, we visit and celebrate **Mass in Dominus Flevit Chapel**. There, too, we have a wonderful panoramic view of the City of Jerusalem. At the base of Mt. Olives we enter the **Garden of Gethsemane**, scene of Our Lord's Agony in the Garden. We board our bus again and go to a Gate of the Old City where we enter and are at the sacred Jewish Temple area of the **Western Wall** or Wailing Wall. Prayers are offered up at these remaining holy stones of the glorious second temple. We are aware that now the only structures standing above on the Temple Mount itself are the Muslim Shrines of the Dome of the Rock and Mosque el Aqsa. This afternoon we travel to Ein Karem to visit the **Church of St. John the Baptist** and the **Visitation Church**, where Mary came to visit her cousin Elizabeth and spoke praise of God with her *Magnificat*. After dinner we go to the base of Mt. Olives to the **Church of All Nations at Gethsemane** for a **Holy Hour** from 8:00 to 9:00 PM with an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

B, L & D JERUSALEM



Monday, March 2: This morning we celebrate **Holy Mass in the Franciscan Cenecal Chapel**, located near Zion Gate. Then a few steps away we pay a visit to the traditional site of the **Upper Room**, and there prayerfully recall that this was the setting for Holy Thursday, the Easter Sunday appearance of Our Lord as well as the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Just across the road we are at the entrance of the **Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu**. This church is built over the spot where Jesus was held in the dungeon of **Caiphas' house**, and the site of St. Peter's triple denial of Our Lord. We drive back to the Hotel and have time for lunch on our own. This afternoon we enter the Old City of Jerusalem at St. Stephen's Gate where our first stop is at the **Church of St. Anne** and the **Pools of Bethesda**. A special experience will be a visit to the **Herodian**, which was the summer palace of King Herod the Great and his burial place. Easily seen from Bethlehem, because this monumental fortress and palace is on the highest hill in the Judean desert, it was a rebel stronghold and hiding place during the great revolts against the Romans and is one of the most fascinating sites in the Holy Land.

B, L & D JERUSALEM



Tuesday, March 3: This morning after breakfast, we start the day with the Celebration of **Holy Mass in the Chapel of The Notre Dame Center**. Next, we partake in a series of Spiritual exercises that include a conference, individual prayer and reflection at various Holy Shrines and Churches within the Old Walls of Jerusalem. After lunch, we meet at 2 PM at the **Chapel of Flagellation**, in preparation for making the Way of the Cross. Carrying a wooden cross and praying the **Way of the Cross** along the streets and among the markets and shops as Jesus did on His journey to Calvary, we follow the **Via Dolorosa** to the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. Within the church, we visit Golgotha and complete our devotions at the **Sacred Tomb of Christ**. Later, we return to our hotel for dinner.

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Wednesday, March 4: Early this morning we celebrate **Holy Mass at the Tomb of Jesus in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre**. This truly will be a privilege and the highlight of our entire pilgrimage. Returning to The Notre Dame for breakfast, we then go on a tour of the **Western Wall Tunnels (The Kotel in Hebrew)**. We walk through ancient and fascinating subterranean spaces with exquisite archeological findings, such as large stone arches, water pits, an ancient water aqueduct that ends at the Strouthion Pool, and more. This afternoon, we have the rest of this day free for our own activities. Some may want to visit the Museum at the Citadel, which displays the history of Jerusalem from

ancient times to the present day. This evening as our farewell to the Holy Land we go out to be served a special **Middle East Dinner at Eucalyptus.** **B & D JERUSALEM**

Thursday, March 5: After a late breakfast at The Notre Dame, we check out. We then venture to the **Abu Gosh Monastery.** Abu Gosh is an active Monastery where we recall the two disciples walking to **Emmaus** & encountering our Lord. Once at their destination, they finally recognize him in the breaking of bread. Driving west, we reach **Deir Rafat Monastery.** This Monastery is dedicated to **Our Lady of Palestine.** The facade in the Convent Church bears the Latin inscription "Reginae Palaestinae", meaning "to the Queen of Palestine". A large statue of the Virgin Mary dominates as does the painted ceiling of the Church. The Latin Patriarchate, Luigi Barlassina, established this Monastery in 1927. Today, the Little Sisters of Bethlehem serve in the Shrine bringing forward a project of prayer, care and support for young people in difficulty. **Here we Celebrate our Daily Mass.** Soon after, we arrive at the coastline and reach the old city of **Jaffa**, now a suburb to the south of modern Tel Aviv. In biblical history we read that Jonah sailed from this port city in his flight from God. In Acts we read that here St. Peter stayed at the house of **Simon the Tanner** and also performed the miracle of raising Tabitha from the dead. In **St. Peter Church in Jaffa** is where we have an opportunity for prayer and reflection. Soon thereafter, we have an early dinner together at **St. George Restaurant** and then transfer to a Tel Aviv hotel for overnight before our early flight. **B & D TEL AVIV**

Friday, March 6: - This morning, we check out early and make our way to the airport for our flight back to the United States. We will connect in Frankfurt for a direct international flight into St. Louis that will arrive around 3 PM **B & L ON PLANE**

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