

# Holy Face Eucharistic Miracles

## Italy Pilgrimage of Reparation

### October 4 - 17, 2026



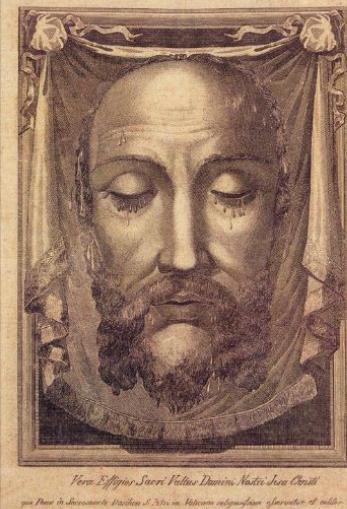
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Led by Father Frank Furman and Jule Lane, this Italian pilgrimage of reparation, the Holy Face and Eucharistic Miracles features five Eucharistic miracles, Rome's four major basilicas, the Vatican Museums with the Sistine Chapel, and sites honoring Blessed Maria Pierina de Micheli, two Marian apparitions, St. Padre Pio and St. Michael's Cave, the Veil of Manoppello, the Holy House of Loreto, St. Rita and St. Carlo Acutis, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare, as well as St. Catherine of Siena and St. Gemma.





Icon of the Holy Face of Jesus Christ, showing a bearded man with a crown of thorns and a cloth over his head.



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### Day 1 – Sunday, October 4: Departing for the Eternal City

Our pilgrimage begins as we leave the United States, embarking on an overnight flight to Italy. Dinner and breakfast are served aboard the flight as we journey toward the heart of the Catholic world — *Rome*, the Eternal City, where centuries of faith and history await us.



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### Day 2 – Monday, October 5: Arrival in Rome – St. Paul and the Early Church

Upon arrival in Rome, we are met by our English-speaking guide and driver, who leads us through the ancient city that became the cradle of Christian civilization.

Our first destination is the magnificent **Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls**, one of the four major papal basilicas of Rome. Built over the tomb of the Apostle to the Gentiles, this grand church stands where St. Paul was laid to rest after his martyrdom under Emperor Nero. Beneath its altar lies the sarcophagus containing his relics. **We Celebrate Mass the Basilica.** Nearby we visit **Tre Fontane (Three Fountains)**, the site of St. Paul's beheading. According to tradition, his head bounced three times on the ground, and at each spot, a miraculous spring of water burst forth. Close by is the shrine of **Our Lady of Revelation**, where the Blessed Virgin appeared in 1947 to convert an anti-Catholic man, Bruno Cornacchiola. The message of this apparition was one of repentance, fidelity to the Church, and deep devotion to the Eucharist.

We continue to our accommodations at the *Orazio Palace* near the *Borgo Pio*, where we enjoy dinner and rest after our first day in Rome.

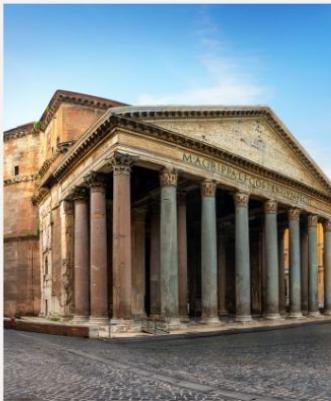
**(Dinner provided)**

### Day 3 – Tuesday, October 6: Relics of the Passion and the Holy Face of Christ

This morning, our pilgrimage leads us to some of the most sacred relics in Christendom. At **Santa Prassede**, we venerate the column upon which Christ was scourged, brought to Rome by **St. Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine**. We continue to the **Basilica of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme**, also founded by St. Helena to **house relics of the True Cross**, the nails, and the inscription "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." The air here still carries the reverent silence of Golgotha itself. At **Santa Pudenziana**, one of Rome's oldest churches, we recall **the first recorded Eucharistic Miracle, then celebrate Mass before visiting St. Mary Major**, whose gold-adorned ceilings and mosaics honor the Blessed Mother. Here we venerate the icon **Salus Populi Romani** and pray before relics of the original manger of Bethlehem. In the afternoon, we visit **St. John Lateran, the Pope's cathedral, and climb the Scala Sancta—the Holy Stairs from Pilate's praetorium**—on our knees in prayer, a profound act of penance. Later, at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit Institute, we venerate **Blessed Maria Pierina de Micheli**, visionary of the **Holy Face devotion**, recalling Our Lord's call for reparation for blasphemies and for the Feast of the Holy Face on Shrove Tuesday. We end the day with a cultural dinner and, for those who wish, an optional visit to **Santa Sabina**, the oldest basilica in Rome and mother church of the Dominicans.

**(Breakfast and Dinner provided)**

#### Day 4 – Wednesday, October 7: Walking the Ancient City



Today, Father Furman leads a walking pilgrimage through the historic heart of Rome. We pass the **Colosseum**, where countless early Christians gave their lives for the faith, and the **Roman Forum**, once the center of imperial power and later the ground upon which Christianity would triumph. We stop at the **Church of the Gesù**, the mother church of the Jesuit Order, home to the tomb of **St. Ignatius of Loyola** and relics of **St. Francis Xavier**, two saints whose missionary zeal carried the Gospel to the farthest corners of the world. Our walk continues to the **Pantheon**, an ancient Roman temple turned church dedicated to Mary and the martyrs — a powerful testament to the Church's victory over paganism. We stroll through **Piazza Navona**, once an ancient stadium and now one of Rome's most beautiful squares, adorned with Bernini's fountains. **We celebrate Mass at Sant'Agnese in Agone**, dedicated to the young virgin-martyr St. Agnes, before visiting **San Luigi dei Francesi**, where Caravaggio's luminous paintings of St. Matthew bring the Gospel vividly to life. Dinner at a local restaurant concludes the evening.

**(Breakfast and Dinner provided)**

#### Day 5 – Thursday, October 8: The Vatican – Heart of the Catholic Church

After breakfast, we enter **St. Peter's Basilica**, the largest and most sacred church in Christendom, built over the tomb of the first pope. **We Celebrate Mass in St. Peters.** Inside, Michelangelo's **Pietà** captures the sorrow of Mary cradling her Son after the Crucifixion. We pray before the reliquaries housed in the massive pillars — including **St. Veronica's Veil**, the image of Christ's Face believed to have been imprinted as she wiped His suffering face on the road to Calvary. We Celebrate Mass in St. Peters. We then tour the **Vatican Museums**, home to centuries of sacred art and history, and, if available, descend into the **Scavi (Vatican Necropolis)** to venerate the bones of St. Peter himself. After lunch, we visit **Castel Sant'Angelo**, originally Emperor Hadrian's tomb and later a papal fortress, offering sweeping views of the city. The rest of the day is free for shopping or prayer near the Vatican. Pilgrims may visit Comandini, a respected shop known for its Holy Face medals. \* If Scavi access is unavailable, we will instead journey to the **Catacombs of San Sebastiano**, where early Christians gathered in secret, and the **Domine Quo Vadis Church**, built where St. Peter met Christ on the road as he fled persecution — and was called back to Rome to embrace his martyrdom.

**(Breakfast and Dinner provided)**



#### Day 6 – Friday, October 9: Castelpetroso and San Giovanni Rotondo – Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Padre Pio

This morning, we leave Rome and drive through the serene Italian countryside toward **Castelpetroso**, nestled in the mountains of the Molise region. This is the site of one of the Church's most touching Marian apparitions — **Our Lady of Sorrows** — who appeared here in 1888 to two shepherd women, Fabiana Cicchino and Serafina Valentino. As the women tended their flock, they saw a light emanating from a nearby rock crevice. Approaching it, they beheld the Virgin Mary, kneeling before the lifeless body of her Son. The Mother of God appeared six times, urging prayer, penance, and consolation for her sorrowful heart. The apparition reflects the deep connection between Mary's suffering and that of her Son — a living image of the prophecy of Simeon: "A sword will pierce your heart." (Luke 2:35). A magnificent neo-Gothic basilica now marks this sacred place, often called "The Lourdes of Italy." **Here we celebrate Mass and pray the Chaplet of the Holy Face**, offering reparation for the sins of the world. We then continue to **San Giovanni Rotondo**, a pilgrimage destination known throughout the world for **St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina**, one of the Church's most remarkable mystics of the 20th century. Born in 1887, this humble Capuchin friar bore the wounds of Christ's Passion — the **stigmata** — for fifty years. His life was marked by extraordinary gifts: healing, bilocation, prophecy, and an intense devotion to the Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin. He heard confessions for as many as sixteen hours a day, guiding countless souls to reconciliation with God. Upon arrival, we check into our hotel for dinner and rest. If time allows, we spend the evening in silent **Eucharistic Adoration**, recalling Padre Pio's constant plea: "Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life."

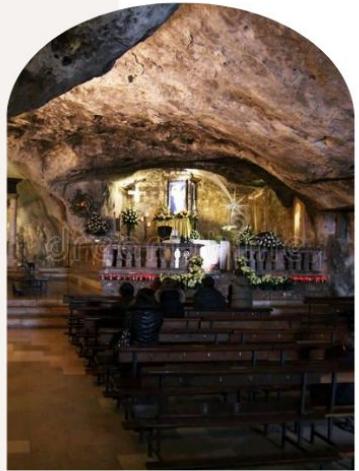


**(Breakfast and Dinner provided)**

## Day 7 – Saturday, October 10: In the Footsteps of St. Padre Pio and the Archangel Michael

After breakfast, we explore the holy sites of **St. Padre Pio**, visiting his humble cell, confessional, and the Church of Our Lady of Grace, where he received the visible stigmata in 1918 while praying before a crucifix. His bleeding wounds, which emitted the fragrance of flowers, became a powerful testimony of his mystical union with Christ. We then visit the **modern Sanctuary of Saint Pio**, designed by Renzo Piano, where his incorrupt body rests beneath a golden mosaic depicting his life and Christ's Passion. Pilgrims from around the world come to venerate him, drawn by his promise: "I will stand at the gates of Heaven until all my spiritual children have entered." After lunch, we drive to **Monte Sant'Angelo**, one of Europe's oldest Christian pilgrimage sites, where **St. Michael the Archangel** appeared four times between 490 and 493 A.D., commanding that a pagan cave be consecrated to God. Saints such as Francis of Assisi, Bernard of Clairvaux, and John Paul II have prayed in this sacred grotto, built directly into the mountainside and aligned with six other shrines forming the mysterious **Sword of St. Michael**. We celebrate Mass within the holy cave, then return to San Giovanni for dinner, reflecting on the Archangel's cry: "Who is like God?" (Quis ut Deus?)

(Breakfast and Dinner provided)



## Day 8 – Sunday, October 11: Eucharistic Miracles – Lanciano and the Holy Face of Manoppello

Today we journey to **Lanciano**, site of the oldest and most scientifically verified Eucharistic Miracle. Around 750 A.D., a Basilian monk doubting the Real Presence witnessed the Host transform into flesh and the wine into blood. Scientific studies in 1971 and 1981 confirmed the flesh is human heart tissue and the blood type AB — the same found on the **Shroud of Turin**. We celebrate Mass here, giving thanks for Christ's living presence in the Eucharist, which inspired the Feast of Corpus Christi. After lunch, we continue to **Manoppello**, home to the **Holy Face of Jesus (Il Volto Santo)** — a mysterious veil of byssus (sea silk) bearing a luminous image with no paint or pigment. Many scholars identify it as the Sudarium mentioned in John 20:6–7, the cloth that covered Christ's face in the tomb. When compared with the Shroud of Turin, the two images align perfectly — one showing the dead Christ, the other the risen Lord. We venerate this relic in the **Shrine of the Holy Face**, where Pope Benedict XVI called it "the true icon of the Resurrection." We end the day in prayer, then continue to **Loreto** for dinner and overnight rest.

(Breakfast and Dinner provided)

## Day 9 – Monday, October 12: Loreto, Cascia, and Assisi – Mary, St. Rita, and the Saints of Umbria

This morning we visit the **Basilica of the Holy House of Loreto**, believed to be the very home where the Virgin Mary lived in Nazareth and where the Annunciation took place. According to tradition, angels miraculously transported the house to Italy in 1294 to save it from destruction. Now enclosed within a magnificent basilica, the Holy House has drawn countless pilgrims — popes, saints, and kings — who have knelt before the **Black Madonna of Loreto**, a symbol of the Church's universality and maternal love. After lunch, we journey to **Cascia**, home of **St. Rita**, the "Saint of the Impossible." She endured great suffering in marriage and widowhood before joining the Augustinians, receiving a mystical wound from Christ's Crown of Thorns. In the basilica that bears her name, we venerate her incorrupt body and the Eucharistic Miracle of Cascia (1330), when a Host bled inside a priest's breviary, imprinting the face of Christ. We celebrate Mass here, then continue to Assisi, the city of peace.

(Breakfast and Dinner provided)



## Day 10 – Tuesday, October 13: Assisi – The Joy of St. Francis and the Light of St. Clare

Assisi, set amid the Umbrian hills, radiates holiness. After breakfast, we begin at **San Damiano**, the little church where Christ spoke to **St. Francis** from the crucifix: “Francis, rebuild My Church.” Here he discovered his mission of renewal through poverty, humility, and love; later, **St. Clare** and her sisters made it their home of prayer. We continue to the **Basilica of St. Clare**, housing her incorrupt body and the original San Damiano Crucifix, whose image of the glorified Christ still calls the Church to conversion. At the **Church of St. Mary Major**, we venerate **Saint Carlo Acutis**, the teen “Cyber Apostle of the Eucharist,” who used digital media to spread devotion before his death in 2006. Then we visit the **Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli**, built over the **Porziuncola**, the chapel where Francis founded the Franciscan Order, received the Portiuncula Indulgence, and passed peacefully into eternal life in 1226. After lunch, we ascend to the **Basilica of St. Francis**, with its Giotto frescoes depicting the saint’s life and mystical union with God, and pray at his tomb in the crypt. We also visit **San Rufino Cathedral**, where Francis and Clare were baptized. The day concludes with **Mass and Adoration** in Assisi, followed by dinner at a local Umbrian farm, surrounded by the same countryside where Francis sang praises to “Brother Sun and Sister Moon.”

**(Breakfast and Dinner provided)**



## Day 11 – Wednesday, October 14: Siena – Sacred Journey Through Siena's Holy Sites

We spend the day in **Siena**, beginning at the **Basilica of San Domenico**—built between 1226 and 1265 in Gothic style as a key Dominican church, enlarged in the 14th century, and central to **St. Catherine of Siena's life as a Doctor of the Church and mystic** whose influence shaped the order—to venerate her relics, light a candle, and offer intentions, followed by **Mass at the nearby Chiesa di San Cristoforo**, a Romanesque church from the 11th-12th century off Piazza del Campo that served as the historic seat of the city's magistrates with its original Latin cross layout. Take a three-hour guided tour of Siena's sites, including the **Duomo—a medieval Romanesque-Gothic cathedral dedicated to the Assumption of Mary**, constructed starting in 1215 as one of Italy's most significant Marian churches with its facade symbolizing her unparalleled beauty, featuring marble floors and frescoes for devotion to Mary—then climb **Torre del Mangia**, built 1338-1348 as part of the civic Palazzo Pubblico, for views of Tuscany while thinking of the Stations of the Cross. After time to reflect on saints in **Piazza del Campo**, visit the **Basilica di San Francesco**—originally erected in 1228 by Franciscans and rebuilt in Gothic style after a fire—to see Lorenzetti frescoes and relics of Blessed Ambrogio Sansedoni, and **venerate the incorrupt hosts of the 1730 Eucharistic miracle** where the 223 miraculous hosts are preserved to this day in the Basilica.

**(Breakfast, and Dinner provided)**



## Day 12 – Thursday, October 15: Sacred Pilgrimage Through Lucca's Hallowed Sites

Spend a spiritually enriching day on a Catholic pilgrimage to **Lucca**, beginning at the **Cathedral of San Martino**—founded in the 6th century and rebuilt Romanesque-Gothic from 1070, dedicated to St. Martin and housing the **Volto Santo crucifix—for Mass, venerating this relic, lighting a candle, and offering intentions on Christ's passion**. Take a guided tour of Lucca's sites with entrances, including the **Cathedral of San Martino** for its labyrinth pavement and baptismal font; **Church of Santa Maria della Rosa**, a 14th-century Gothic Marian church; **San Michele in Foro**, an 11th-12th century Romanesque basilica on a Roman forum site dedicated to the archangel; **Basilica of San Frediano**, rebuilt in the 12th century honoring the Irish saint who evangelized Tuscany; **House of St. Gemma Galgani**, the 19th-20th century mystic and stigmatist's home; and **Casa Giannini**, tied to local Catholic history. After a light lunch for reflections on saints, conclude with dinner at a local restaurant en route back to your hotel, renewed by Lucca's relics, architecture, and saintly legacy.

**(Breakfast and Dinner provided)**





**Day 13 – Friday, October 16: Orvieto – The Miracle of Bolsena and the Birth of Corpus Christi**  
We bid farewell to Assisi and travel through the Umbrian valley to **Orvieto**, a jewel of medieval architecture perched high on volcanic cliffs. A funicular carries us to the upper town, where the **Cathedral of Orvieto** stands as one of Italy's Gothic masterpieces. Here rests the **Miracle of Bolsena**, which took place in 1263. A German priest named Peter of Prague, plagued by doubts about the Real Presence, celebrated Mass in the nearby town of Bolsena. As he pronounced the words of consecration, the Host began to bleed, staining the corporal cloth on the altar. Shocked and repentant, the priest carried the corporal to Pope Urban IV, who was residing in Orvieto. After confirming the miracle, Pope Urban instituted the **Feast of Corpus Christi** (the Body and Blood of Christ) in 1264, commissioning **St. Thomas Aquinas** to compose its prayers and hymns — including the *Tantum Ergo* and *Pange Lingua* — which the Church still sings today. We celebrate **Mass in the Cathedral of Orvieto**, then enjoy a special lunch together, rejoicing in the Eucharist as “the source and summit of Christian life.” (Lumen Gentium 11). In the afternoon, we drive to the Hilton Hotel near the Rome airport for an overnight stay and our final evening together.

(Breakfast & Farewell Late Lunch)

#### **Day 14 – Saturday, October 17: Return to the United States – “We Have Seen His Face”**

Our final morning dawns quietly in Rome. After breakfast, we gather our bags and prepare to depart for the airport, hearts overflowing with gratitude for all that we have seen, touched, and prayed through during these sacred days.



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