

## <u>What's Included</u>

- Round trip airfare from Detroit
- Meeting/assistance upon arrival and departure at airport
- Porterage at airport and hotels
- 8 overnights at 4 star hotels
- Daily buffet breakfast and dinners in the hotels, begins with dinner on arrival day and ends with breakfast on departure day. Farewell Dinner on last night.
- "St Peter's Fish" lunch on the Sea of Galilee
- 7 full days sightseeing as per program with Catholic guide
- Luxury air-conditioned coach w/ Wi-Fi
- Entrance fees as per itinerary including: Caesarea Maritima, boat ride on Sea of Galilee, Caesarea Philippi, Mt Tabor, Jericho, Qumran, all churches in the north, Jerusalem and Bethlehem as per program.
- Personal headphones throughout the entire tour
- Daily Mass w/ Fr Stan



## St Joseph Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

**DAY 1: DEPART DTW -** Begin our journey to The Holy Land, with meals and beverages served on board our flight.

**DAY 2: TEL AVIV / NETANYA -** Transfer to our hotel along the Mediterranean shoreline. Dinner and overnight in Netanya. **D** 

DAY 3: CAESAREA MARATIMA / NAZARETH / CANA - After breakfast we leave for Caesarea, to view the impressive archaeological remains of the Roman and Byzantine city that once dominated the region. Here, God revealed to Peter the Good News was for the whole world. From Caesarea Paul set sail for Rome for his future trial and martyrdom. We then drive to Nazareth where we will celebrate Mass in the Basilica of the Annunciation, and visit the Church of St. Joseph and Mary's Well. Then to Cana, where Jesus performed His first miracle of turning water into wine. For those who wish, they may perform the renewal of their wedding vows. Continue to our hotel on the Sea of Galilee. B | D

DAY 4: SEA OF GALILEE / CAESAREA PHILIPPI - The day starts with a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee followed by a visit to Caesarea Philippi where Jesus told St. Peter "You are the Rock, and upon this rock I will build my Church." We then return to the Sea of Galilee to visit Tabgha (Church of the Multiplication) where Jesus fed the 5,000, and onto the site known as "Peter's Primacy" where Jesus told Peter to "feed my lambs; feed my sheep." We then enjoy a lunch of St Peter Fish before visiting Capernaum where Jesus launched his Ministry; see the synagogue dated to the time of Jesus and the church built over the site of Peter's home. On to the Mount of Beatitudes, scene of the Sermon on the Mount, where we will celebrate Mass. Back to our hotel for dinner and overnight. B | L | D

DAY 5: MT. TABOR / JORDAN VALLEY / JERUSALEM - We start the day at Mount Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration, where Jesus revealed His glory. Mass will be at the Basilica designed to represent the three tents Peter, James and John wished to erect. We then drive down the Jordan Valley to Bet Arabah where the Israelites crossed into the Promised Land and from where Elijah was taken up to heaven. We will visit the traditional baptismal site of Jesus, where we will celebrate the renewal of our baptismal vows. On to Jericho, the world's oldest continuously inhabited city, where we'll view the Mt of Temptation and see an example

of a Sycamore tree, up which Zacchaeus climbed to see Jesus. We then start our ascent to Jerusalem, en route passing by the Good Samaritan Inn. Check-in to our hotel for dinner and overnight. **B | D** 

**DAY 6: JERUSALEM/ EIN KAREM / BETHLEHEM** - Begin the day with a visit to Ein-Karem, birthplace of John the Baptist. We visit the church commemorating his memory and the Church of the Visitation. We then drive to see the cave at the Shepherds' Field which still has soot marks of the fires the shepherds lit to keep warm. On to the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem where will descend to the Grotto of the Nativity; here Jesus Christ was born to the Virgin Mary. After Mass at the Church of St. Catherine return to the hotel in Jerusalem. **B | D** 

**DAY 7: JERUSALEM / BETHANY / QUMRAN/ DEAD SEA -** At the steps of the Southern Wall of the Temple Mount ponder the Presentation of Jesus and the healing of the blind man. After visiting the Western Wall of the Temple Mount, visit Pool of Siloam (where the healing of the blind man occurred), then we visit Bethany where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead and where we will celebrate Mass. On to Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. After, a float in the Dead Sea before returning to the hotel. **B | D** 

DAY 8: JERUSALEM / MT. OF OLIVES / GETHSEMANE / MT. ZION - We ascend Mount of Olives to visit the Pater Noster shrine where Jesus taught His disciples The Lord's Prayer. Walking down the Palm Sunday Road we stop at the beautiful Dominus Flevit Church - "The Lord wept." We arrive at the Garden of Gethsemane and visit the Church of All Nations to pray at the "Rock of Agony," identified as the place where Jesus prayed on the night of His arrest. From there, we visit Peter in Gallicantu, "Crowing Rooster," church built over the site of the house of the High Priest Caiaphas and commemorating Peter's denial of Jesus. After we celebrate Mass, we visit the Upper Room. Return to hotel. B | D

DAY 9: JERUSALEM / VIA DOLOROSA / HOLY SEPULCHRE - This morning we start the Via Dolorosa (The Way of the Cross) at the Antonia Fortress, where Jesus was condemned to death by Pontius Pilate. The Stations of the Cross lead through the markets of the Old City to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Here is the site of Calvary and the Tomb of Christ. Mass in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Back to our hotel for free time before our Farewell Dinner. B | D