



TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

PILGRIMAGE TO THE **HOLY LAND**

November 5th-15th, 2019
escorted by Fr. Peter Sarnicki & Teresa Chiappone



ESTIMATED PILGRIMAGE PRICE: \$3,800.00

● **Day 1 – November 5: Depart Chicago**

Our pilgrimage begins today as we depart on our flight to Israel. Meals and drinks served aloft.

● **Day 2 – November 6: Arrive Tel Aviv / Tiberias**

After arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, we will be met at the airport by our local guide and then drive north along the shores of

the Mediterranean to Haifa. We will visit Stella Maris on Mt. Carmel, home of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. Visit the Carmelite Monastery and world center of the Order. We will find ourselves in the very cave where the prophet Elijah set up his altar and is said to have meditated before his encounter and triumph over the false prophets of Baal. After Mass, drive to Tiberias, our home for the next three nights. *(Continued on back)*

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● Day 3 – November 7: Tiberias

Following breakfast, we will drive to Cana of Galilee where Jesus, at the request of Mary, performed His first miracle...changing water into wine. It was here also that He blessed marriage and raised it to the dignity of a sacrament. From there, we go a short distance to Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus. Visit the Church of the Annunciation. Just behind the altar, at the Cave of the Annunciation, we will see the actual room in which Mary said “yes” to the angel Gabriel. For lunch, we visit the Nazareth Village where we will have an authentic 1st century experience! From there we will visit St. Joseph’s Carpentry Shop and Mary’s Well. In the afternoon, we will take an excursion to the summit of Mt. Tabor where we will celebrate Mass. It was here that Jesus transfigured himself and revealed his Divine Glory to the apostles (Matt 17:2).

● Day 4 – November 8: Tiberias

This morning, we will enjoy a scenic boat ride across the Sea of Galilee and proceed to the Church of Peter’s Primacy (John 21:16). Here on the shore of Galilee, Jesus appeared to the Apostles after His Resurrection and confirmed Peter in the role as Vicar of Christ with the words, “Feed My sheep.” The rock emerging from the center of the church is the actual table at which they ate breakfast. We will proceed onto Capernaum which for three years was the center of Jesus’ public ministry. Here our Lord met his first disciples – Peter, Andrew, James, John and Matthew – and worked many miracles. He healed Peter’s mother-in-law of a fever, brought a child back to life, cured a leper, healed the centurion’s servant, cast out a demon from a young boy and healed all that were sick (Matt 8:16). We will celebrate Mass, visit the synagogue where Jesus taught, and then drive to the Greek Orthodox Church of the Twelve Apostles and view its magnificent icons. Next we will visit Tabgha – the site where Jesus multiplied the Loaves and Fishes and fed over 5000 people (Luke 9:13) and finish at the Mount of Beatitudes, the site of the Sermon on the Mount.

● Day 5 – November 9: Tiberias / Bethlehem

After Mass at the Mount of the Beatitudes, we will travel through the Judean wilderness to the River Jordan to renew our baptismal vows. The Bible tells us that the Children of Israel crossed the River Jordan opposite Jericho when they came into the Promised Land. The prophet Elijah divided its waters and crossed with Elisha on dry land. Naaman the Syrian dipped in the waters seven times and was cured of his leprosy. And Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan (Mark 1:9). Each year, pilgrims from far and wide come to the Place of Baptism to immerse themselves in these holy waters. Then drive to ancient Jericho, the oldest known city in the Western world. In 1250 B.C., Joshua encircled the city and at the blast of the priests’ trumpets, the walls came tumbling down (I Kings 16). Many times Jesus passed through this city on his way to Jerusalem. The sycamore fig, the tree which Zacchaeus climbed in order to catch a glimpse of Jesus, still grows in this area. From the ruins of ancient Jericho, we will ascend the Mount of Temptation where Jesus fasted and prayed forty days to resist the devil. From here, we will drive a short distance to Bethlehem.

● Day 6 – November 10: Bethlehem

Above the traditional Grotto of Jesus’ birth, we will visit the Nativity Church, built by the Emperor Constantine in the 4th century. Also visit the Manger, Grotto of St. Jerome, and the Church of St. Catherine. Then visit the Franciscan Family Center and the Milk Grotto Chapel followed by some free time to walk around Manger Square. In the afternoon, we will go to the Shepherd’s Fields where we will celebrate Mass. In the evening, celebrate a Holy Hour at the Church of the Nativity.

● Day 7 – November 11: Bethlehem / Jerusalem

This morning we will drive to the top of the Mt. of Olives for a spectacular view of Jerusalem. We will visit the Church of Pater Noster where Jesus taught his disciples how to pray, Ascension Chapel, the site where Jesus ascended into Heaven, and then walk the “Palm Sunday Road” to Dominus Flevit, where Our Lord wept over Jerusalem. Then we will proceed to the Garden of Gethsemane to visit the Church of All Nations for Mass on the Rock of Agony. The balance of the day is free for personal prayer.

● Day 8 – November 12: Jerusalem

This morning we will enter the Old City of Jerusalem through St. Stephen’s Gate to visit the Church of St. Anne, where the Blessed Virgin Mary was born. Next to this site is the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the paralytic man. We will then walk the Via Dolorosa finishing prayerfully in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher where we will have Holy Mass. There we will climb Mt. Calvary and pray at the site of the crucifixion. We will venerate the site where Jesus’ body was anointed, the tomb where he was buried and rose from the dead, and the Chapel of St. Helena where the True Cross was found. While in the Old City, we will also see Pilate’s Judgment Hall, the Chapel of Flagellation, the Arch of Ecce Homo, the “Wailing Wall”, and we will view the Temple Mount. In the afternoon, we will drive through the New City of Jerusalem to Ein Karem, birthplace of St. John the Baptist, to see the Visitation Church where Mary proclaimed her famous “Magnificat”.

● Day 9 – November 13: Jerusalem

After an early Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, we will return to our hotel for breakfast. We will drive to Bethany to visit the site of the House of Mary, Martha & Lazarus and the Tomb of Lazarus. Return to Jerusalem where the remainder of the day will be free to explore the Old City on your own. In the evening we will celebrate a Holy Hour at the Church of All Nations.

● Day 10 – November 14: Jerusalem

Outside the Old City, we will visit the Pool of Siloam, where Jesus healed a man born blind. Visit St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Jesus three times. We then go to Mount Zion to visit the Upper Room, the site where Jesus celebrated the Last Supper. Later, pray our Rosary together in the Church of Dormition, where Mary was assumed into heaven. This evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner.

● Day 11 – November 15: Jerusalem / Chicago

We will drive to Bethlehem and have Mass at the Shepherd’s Fields. Above the traditional Grotto of Jesus’ birth, we will visit the Nativity Church, built by the Emperor Constantine in the 4th century. Also tour the Manger, Grotto of St. Jerome, and the Church of St. Catherine. Then visit the Milk Grotto Chapel followed by some free time before returning to Jerusalem. This evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner together.

● Day 12 – November 16: Jerusalem / Tel Aviv / U.S.A.

Today our Holy Land pilgrimage comes to an end as we transfer to the airport in Tel Aviv to catch our return flight home.

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