

**0623 Padua Franciscan High School Pilgrimage to Israel, the Holy  
Land led by Friars Johnpaul Cafiero and Marc Sheckells  
Jun 11 - Jun 20, 2023**



**Sunday, June 11**

Depart Cleveland on your way to Tel Aviv, Israel.

**Monday, June 12**

Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport where an Ami Travel representative greets us and give us an introduction about the forthcoming trip - Travel North via the Lower Galilee valleys to our hotel in Nazareth for dinner and overnight stay.

**Tuesday, June 13**

Tour the Sea of Galilee; celebrate Mass at the newly discovered Magdala; visit the Mount of the Beatitudes, Tabgha - the site of the Feeding of the Multitudes, the Church of St. Peter's Primacy. Visit Capernaum and Simon Peter's house. We shall take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee and enjoy a lunch of St. Peter's Fish. Following dinner, you may pray the rosary with fellow Christians at the Basilica of the Annunciation. Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.

**Wednesday, June 14**

Ascend to the top of Mount Tabor – the site of the Transfiguration – where we celebrate Mass. and continue through the Valley of Armageddon to Mt. Carmel- where the Prophet Elijah confronted the pagan priests ( 1st Kings 18). On to Caesarea where Paul was imprisoned and Cornelius baptized, see the Roman Theater, the aqueduct and the Crusader ruins. Return to Nazareth to the Synagogue where Jesus stood to proclaim and preach the stirring words of Isaiah (Luke 4:16-27). Dinner and overnight in the Galilee.

**Thursday, June 15**

Start the day by celebrating Mass in Cana – where we shall renew marriage vows. Explore Sephoris the multi-cultural center of Roman Galilee and the traditional hometown of Sts. Anne and Joachim with its recently discovered exquisite mosaic floors. Return to Nazareth - ascend to "the brow of the hill" known as "Mt.

Precipice". Dinner and overnight in Nazareth.

### **Friday, June 16**

Celebrate Mass in Nazareth at the magnificent Church of the Annunciation built on top of Virgin Mary's house. Following Breakfast Depart the Galilee via the Jordan Valley to the Jordan River to renew baptismal promises and make our way to the Dead Sea and to Masada - site of the Jewish zealots' last stand against the Romans. See the Qumran Caves - where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered and enjoy a footlong experience in the Dead Sea. Drive-by Jericho - the oldest and the lowest city in the world. Ascend to the Holy city - Jerusalem for dinner and overnight.

### **Saturday, June 17**

Begin our journey in nearby Bethlehem to visit the ancient Church of Nativity where we shall celebrate Mass. Enjoy your shopping in a Bethlehem bazaar and later visit Manger Square and the beautiful Shepherds' Fields. Return to Jerusalem to explore Mt. Zion: David's Tomb, the Room of the Last Supper and the Dormition Abbey - site of the Assumption of the Virgin. Dinner and overnight stay in Jerusalem.

### **Sunday, June 18**

Morning Mass inside the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Continue to Mt of Olives: Chapel of Ascension and Palm Sunday Road. Walk Inside the Old City. Walk the Stations of the Cross; visit the various quarters and the underground excavations. See the Temple ruins and the Western Wall amidst the buildings of old Jerusalem. End the day at St Peter in Gallicantu (cock-crowing) built over the palace of the High Priest Caiaphas. Dinner and overnight stay Jerusalem.

### **Monday, June 19**

Mass at the Garden of Gethsemane - we shall direct you to places you may visit at your own pace, or do your last shopping. Afternoon visit Ein Karem - the birthplace of St John the Baptist and site of the Visitation. Our last visit will be to Jaffa where Jonah set sail on his way to Nineveh; where St Peter revived Tabitha and had the vision on the rooftop. End our pilgrimage with a farewell and continue to the airport.

### **Tuesday, June 20**

Morning arrival to Chicago's O'Hare Airport.

\* Itinerary is subject to change