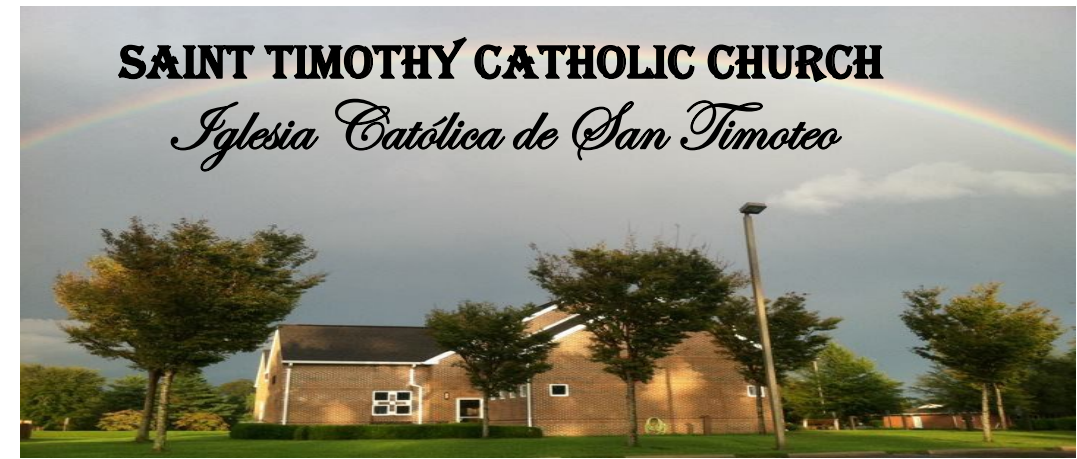




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May 7, 2023

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**Mission Statement**  
*We are called to serve as one family, through corporal and spiritual works of mercy.*

**Estado de la misión**  
*Estamos llamados a servir como una sola familia, a través de obras de misericordia corporales y espirituales.*




**Join Scouting!**

St. Timothy Charters the Boy Scout Troop #304B & #304G  
 Do you have a son or daughter between the ages of 6 and 17? Now is the perfect time to sign them up for Scouts. The Scouting program helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills, and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

For more information contact:  
 Scout Master Chris Fisher 804-366-8326

Or  
 Angel Boily 229-630-3952

Rivers District  
 Cub Scouts (ages 6-10)



**LUMEN CHRISTI  
 LEGACY SOCIETY**

**St Timothy Lumen Christi Society Chapter**

Our parish Lumen Christi Society Chapter is being created to honor those who have named the parish as a beneficiary with a legacy gift. Take this into mind: Your generosity during your lifetime has enabled your parish to serve the people of God in this community. Continue to be a part of this community by making a bequest in your will.

St Timothy Church is formulating an endowment fund from legacy gifts to perpetuate financial security for our beloved church.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
 5/7/2023  
 Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9  
 John 14:1-12

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**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
 5/14/2023  
 Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18  
 John 14:15-21

**MASS SCHEDULE**

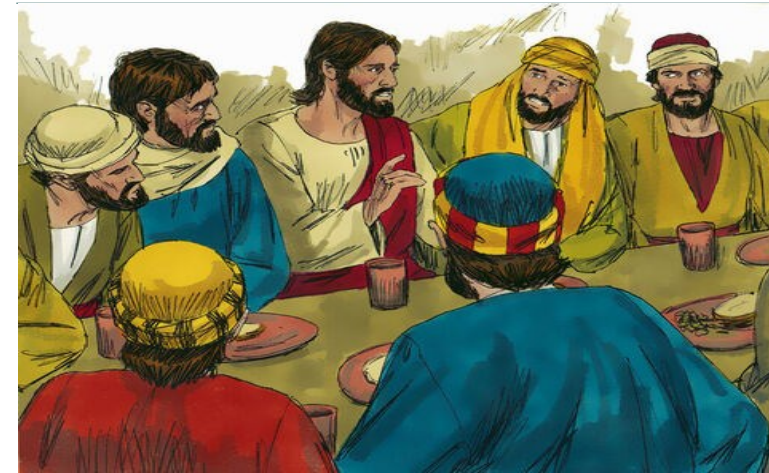
Saturday 5:00pm (English)  
 Sunday 9:30am (English)  
 Sunday 12:00pm (Spanish)

**CONFESSIONS**

45 minutes before Mass or  
 by appointment.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Please contact the Parish Office or Rectory to schedule an appointment



*"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."*

John 14:12

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## The Diaconate Ministry in the Catholic Church

Since the first reading talks about the origin of the Diaconate, let me reflect on the Diaconate ministry. The word "deacon" is derived from the Greek words *diakonia*, service, and *diakonos*, variously translated as servant, helper, attendant, or minister. Philipians 1:1 acknowledges the evolving concept of diaconal ministry in the early Church, and 1 Timothy 3:8-10,12-13 lists the necessary qualifications for the office of deacon once it had become more formally established.

The diaconate, deacon, is conferred by a bishop by the laying on of hands, and it is one of the three degrees of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. The other two degrees are the presbyterate (priesthood), and the episcopate (bishop). The diaconate is a degree of service, while the presbyterate and the episcopate are degrees of priesthood. Deacons, then, are ordained clergy who are not priests, and their special role is to assist priests.

A deacon assists the priest at Mass when he offers the invocations of the Penitential Rite, proclaims the Gospel, preaches the homily occasionally, reads the petitions of the General Intercessions, receives the gifts, prepares the altar, assists with incensing, gives instructions regarding posture and movement, distributes Holy Communion, and dismisses the Assembly.

A deacon assists the priest outside of Mass when he administers the Sacrament of Baptism; brings Viaticum to the dying; presides for prayer services; officiates at wakes, funerals, and burial services; and witnesses marriages. Deacons are able to bless religious articles.

As ministers of service, there are many options for deacons to perform charitable good works: outreach to the poor; the visitation of the sick, either at home, in nursing homes, or in hospitals; the care of inmates in prisons and jails; the teaching of sacramental preparation and religious education classes; and various administrative duties; just to name some of the major roles.

For many years ordained ministers "ascended" from one office to another, culminating in ordination to the presbyterate, or priesthood. The Second Vatican Council (1962 – 1965), however, authorized the restoration of the diaconate as a PERMANENT order of ministry. So, while students for the priesthood are still ordained deacons prior to their ordination as priests, there are deacons who minister in this Order permanently. There is no difference in the sacramental sign or the functions between these so-called "transitional" and "permanent deacons."

A permanent deacon must be at least thirty-five years of age, have completed his Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), been installed as a Lector and an Acolyte, and completed a thorough formation program. If a candidate for the diaconate is married, he must receive the consent of his wife before he is eligible for ordination. Once ordained, if the deacon's wife should die, the deacon is not eligible for remarriage.

As we pray for more vocations, may God send His Holy Spirit to help the members of our parish who qualify, to respond generously and courageously to the call to be deacons.

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Kathy Hayden, Safe Environment Chair: (804) 450-4207

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**Hospital Visits:** Call Parish Office or Rectory

**Homebound:** Call Parish Office to schedule Communion

### Offertory Collection

**April 29 - April 30, 2023**

Offertory - \$4,576

Candles - \$44

Give Central (4/23/23) - \$1,480

Give Central (4/30/23) - \$395

Give Central (5/7/23) - \$380

**Mass Count 5:00pm - 66 9:30am - 84 12 N 79**

**The next second collection is May 14th for Capital Improvements**

## DEL PASTOR

El Ministerio del Diaconado en la Iglesia Católica

Ya que la primera lectura habla del origen del Diaconado, permítanme reflexionar sobre el ministerio del Diaconado. La palabra "diácono" se deriva de las palabras griegas *diakonia*, servicio y *diakonos*, traducidas de diversas formas como siervo, ayudante, asistente o ministro. Filipenses 1:1 reconoce el concepto en evolución del ministerio diaconal en la Iglesia primitiva, y 1 Timoteo 3:8-10,12-13 enumera los requisitos necesarios para el oficio de diácono una vez que se haya establecido más formalmente.

El diaconado, diácono, es conferido por un obispo mediante la imposición de manos, y es uno de los tres grados del Sacramento del Orden Sagrado. Los otros dos grados son el presbiterio (sacerdocio) y el episcopado (obispo). El diaconado es un grado de servicio, mientras que el presbiterio y el episcopado son grados de sacerdocio. Los diáconos, entonces, son clérigos ordenados que no son presbíteros, y su función especial es ayudar a los presbíteros.

Un diácono asiste al sacerdote en la Misa cuando ofrece las invocaciones del Rito Penitencial, proclama el Evangelio, predica la homilía ocasionalmente, lee las peticiones de las Intercesiones Generales, recibe las ofrendas, prepara el altar, ayuda con el incienso, da instrucciones sobre la postura y movimiento, distribuye la Sagrada Comunión y despide la Asamblea.

Un diácono asiste al sacerdote fuera de la Misa cuando administra el Sacramento del Bautismo; lleva el Viático a los moribundos; preside los servicios de oración; oficia en velorios, funerales y servicios de entierro; y testigos de matrimonios. Los diáconos pueden bendecir artículos religiosos.

Como ministros de servicio, hay muchas opciones para que los diáconos realicen buenas obras caritativas: asistencia a los pobres; la visita de los enfermos, ya sea a domicilio, en asilos o en hospitales; el cuidado de los reclusos en prisiones y cárceles; la impartición de clases de preparación sacramental y educación religiosa; y varios deberes administrativos; solo por nombrar algunos de los roles principales.

Durante muchos años, los ministros ordenados "ascendieron" de un oficio a otro, culminando en la ordenación al presbiterio o sacerdocio. El Concilio Vaticano Segundo (1962 – 1965), sin embargo, autorizó la restauración del diaconado como una orden de ministerio PERMANENTE. Entonces, mientras que los estudiantes para el sacerdocio todavía son ordenados diáconos antes de su ordenación como sacerdotes, hay diáconos que ministran en esta Orden de manera permanente. No hay diferencia en el signo sacramental o las funciones entre estos llamados diáconos "de transición" y "permanentes".

Un diácono permanente debe tener al menos treinta y cinco años de edad, haber completado sus Sacramentos de Iniciación (Bautismo, Eucaristía y Confirmación), haber sido instalado como Lector y Acolito, y haber completado un programa completo de formación. Si un candidato al diaconado está casado, debe recibir el consentimiento de su esposa antes de ser elegible para la ordenación. Una vez ordenado, si la esposa del diácono fallece, el diácono no es elegible para volver a casarse.

Mientras oramos por más vocaciones, que Dios envíe su Espíritu Santo para ayudar a los miembros de nuestra parroquia que califican, para responder con generosidad y valentía al llamado a ser diáconos.

**PAREJAS CASADAS:** Un fin de semana de Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial es como la primavera. Es un fin de semana fuera con su cónyuge, el renacimiento del romance para ustedes dos y la oportunidad de nuevos comienzos. Si desea que su matrimonio sea aún más especial de lo que ya es, ¡venga a verlo! Los fines de semana están limitados a 25 parejas, ¡así que regístrese temprano!

Para obtener más información o registrarse, vaya a WWME.org, haga clic en "Aplicar" y busque "Virginia" o la ubicación deseada. No dude en comunicarse con Mark y Cathy Stangler al 703-378-4150 o mstang1987@aol.com si tiene alguna pregunta. Aquí están las experiencias locales para 2023:

2 al 4 de Junio de 2023 (español) - Warrenton VA, llame a Fidel & Edis Granados (301-252-2946)

22-24 de Septiembre de 2023 - Crowne Plaza Hotel, Herndon VA

17-19 de Noviembre de 2023 - Holiday Inn, Virginia Beach VA

### Romería Diocesana 21 de Octubre de 2023

Únase al obispo Knestout y fieles de todo el Commonwealth en la Basílica del Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción para una peregrinación centrada en la fuente y cumbre de nuestra fe, la Eucaristía. Se invitará a los peregrinos a charlas, recorridos, procesión eucarística, adoración, música y misa con el obispo, todo ello rodeado de la imponente belleza de la iglesia católica más grande de América del Norte. La inscripción para este evento gratuito se abre a fines del verano y se ofrecerá transporte desde cada vicariato. Para obtener información adicional, visite: <https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/diocesan-pilgrimage/>.

**La próxima segunda colecta es el 14 de Mayo para Mejoras de Capital**



## JOKE OF THE WEEK

### “No Thanks”

Evangelist Billy Graham tells of a time during the early years of his preaching ministry when he was due to lead a crusade meeting in a town in South Carolina, and he needed to mail a letter. He asked a little boy in the main street how he could get to the post office. The boy gave him directions. Billy said, “If you come to the Central Baptist Church tonight, I’ll tell you how to get to Heaven, God the Father’s house.” The boy replied, “No thanks. You don’t even know how to get to the post office, and you are going to teach me how to get to Heaven?!”



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



### Commemorating Memorial Day

The Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Tappahannock Assembly 3585 will place American flags on the graves of veterans in the Essex cemeteries and the St. Timothy Columbarium on Saturday, May 20th to commemorate Memorial Day. This is an activity that is open to everyone, so please feel free to join us in honoring our veterans. We will meet at the Essex Cemetery at 9:30 on Saturday morning. We will also place a wreath at the flagpole in front of the Church in a ceremony on Sunday, May 28th, after the 9:30am Mass. Please join us for this honoring of our brave heroes who have served our country.

If you would like to learn more about the Knights of Columbus, or are interested in joining our organization, please speak to any Knight or contact Ed Sullivan, Faithful Navigator for the Tappahannock Assembly 3585 at [desulliva@aol.com](mailto:desulliva@aol.com).

### Please Pray For The Sick

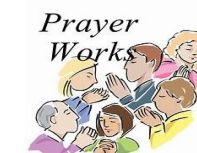
#### For healing and good health:

Lois Nelms, Phillip Nuar, Anne Glancy, Liliyanna Kotzeva, Ken Pollack, Dorothy Sponder, Joseph F. Mercurio, Beth Schools, Peggy Shaughnessy, Luke Heller, Theresa Berens, Kelly Liddington, Margaret Bell, Connie and Ed Malloy, Beatrice Howard, Kathie Mendez, Michelle and Anthony Macaluso, Joe Patton, Chloe Fordham, Patricia Brenzovich, Daniel Murchison Lytjen, Amber Davis, Lorraine Jester, Anna Dalton, Charlie Allen, Jerry Simpson, Jr., Robert Davenport, Valarie Roberts, Carolyn White, David Rousseau, Patrick Finn, Rebeca Moreno, Maria Foster, Thomas Hampton, Ed Sullivan, Dan Dean, Catherine Mallory, Linda and David Taylor, Tom Schroeder, James Morris, Susan Lewis, Andrew Mallory, Owen Liddic, Barbara Taylor, John Ciffo, Kevin Sullivan, Lloyd Samuels, Michelle Sadloch, Les Sisson, Jocelyn Boily, Carol Smith, and Christopher Carcamo.



### Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a family member or friend, living or deceased, remembered in a Mass, please call the parish office and schedule a Mass. We will send the family or person (if living) a card with all the details of the date, time and celebrant, and who scheduled the Mass.



### Remember In Your Prayers *All those who serve our country, particularly . . .*

LT Patrick Howlett, USAF; Ensign Jordan Gates, USN; LTC Rod Dwyer, USA; Lesley Clarke, USN; FSO Mary O’Brien; SGT John Streat III, USA; 2nd LT Christopher Selig, USA; Morgan Martin, USN, Ty Brown, USCG

*Pray God keeps them in His care.*

| May 9 - May 14 / Mass Intentions/Mass Times |        |   |                              |                        |
|---|--------|---|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Date  | Mass   | For   | Liturgical Days              | Requested By           |
| 5/9   | 12:00N | Austin McCray   | Weekday                      | Greg Woodson           |
| 5/10  | 12:00N | †James Nannery  | Weekday                      | Barbara Nannery        |
| 5/11  | 9:00AM | Salvation of All Souls                                      | Weekday                      | St. Timothy Family     |
| 5/12  | 9:00AM | Gretchen Lynn and Grayson Lynn                              | Weekday                      | Barbara Lynn           |
| 5/13  | 5:00PM | †John Kniha, †Helen Kniha, †Michael Kniha, and †Timmy Kniha | Vigil Sixth Sunday of Easter | Joe Brenzovich         |
| 5/14  | 9:30AM | Philip Martocci   | Sixth Sunday of Easter       | Barbara Francis        |
|   | 12:00N | Para el Pueblo  | Sexto Domingo de Pascua      | Familia de San Timoteo |



Children's Liturgy - May Dates

Children's Liturgy will be the first and third Sundays in May, May 7th and May 21st. We will resume our normal schedule of second and fourth Sundays in June.

Rosary before Mass during May

The month of May is dedicated to Mary and in recognition of this, Rosary will be said at 4:30pm on Saturday and 9:00am on Sunday before each Mass. Please join us in honoring the Mother of our Lord.

Church Directory

Thank you to all who came to get their pictures taken. If you were unable to do so, and would like your picture in the directory, please provide us with a photo and \$20.

We would also like to feature in the directory photos of Church members who are currently serving active duty in our military.



Pictures will need to be in the office no later than May 19th, 2023.

Pantry Sunday

Pantry Sunday is the weekend of May 13th - 14th. Donations of canned fruit, vegetables, and soup are always needed. Please place your donations in the designated area to the left of the door as you enter the Commons. Thank you for your continued support of this valuable ministry for people in our community.



Give Central Online Giving

Remember that you now have the option at St. Timothy to sign up and go online to make your weekly donations to the Church. The website is updated on a weekly basis in-house. You can get more information by calling the parish office, or go to https://www.givecentral.org/location/1137/event/25198 and follow the steps. Or you can scan the QR code.

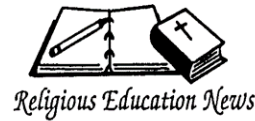


Memorial Bricks

Remember and memorialize a departed family member or friend in the Memorial Garden. The price is only \$100 and a duplicate for your home is available for an additional \$50. Pick up an order form from the Commons or contact the parish office.

Divine Mercy Cenacle

Please join us in the Commons at 12:45pm after the noon Mass on Tuesday, June 6th, to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and learn about the revelations of Saint Faustina. This will be Week Number 56.



Religious Education Updates

We are nearing the end of a great year with record attendance in our CCD classes.

Please note the schedule for the remainder of the year: Sunday May 7th - Last class for elementary and middle school students. Sunday May 14th - FIRST COMMUNION (also Mother's Day) - NO CCD CLASSES. Sunday May 21st - Last class for high school students.

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday June 24 - Vacation Bible Day

Bible Study

The Bible Study group meets on Tuesday at 11:00am in the Religious Education Office. We welcome new members. Please contact Chris at ciovino@hotmail.com or 804-443-7179 cell phone.



Blood Drive

The next American Red Cross blood drive will be held on Tuesday, May 16th from 1-7pm at the firehouse in Tappahannock. This drive is sponsored by The American Legion Post 64. All donors will receive a \$10 gift card to a merchant of their choice via email. Appointments are highly encouraged, and may be scheduled at https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=essex

Caregiver Support Group is presented by the Alzheimer's Association on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2pm at the Essex Public Library. For more information about caregiver support groups, call Jennifer at 1-800-577-0558.

A Note from Bishop Knestout

Thank you to the parishioners of Saint Timothy Parish in Tappahannock, VA for Sharing His Love with Others and for exceeding the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal goal! Your generosity is a true reflection of your trust in the Lord.



MARRIED COUPLES: A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Spring-time. It's a weekend away with your spouse, the rebirth of romance for the two of you, and a chance at new beginnings. If you'd like to make your marriage even more special than it already is - come check it out! Weekends are limited to 25 couples so register early!

For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions. Here are the local experiences for 2023:

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Diocesan Pilgrimage October 21, 2023

Join Bishop Knestout and faithful from across the Commonwealth at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for a pilgrimage focused on the source and summit of our faith, the Eucharist. Pilgrims will be invited to talks, tours, Eucharistic Procession, Adoration, Music and Mass with the Bishop all surrounded by the awe-inspiring beauty of the largest Catholic Church in North America. Registration for this free event opens in late summer and transportation will be offered from each vicariate. For additional information visit: https://evangelizerichmond.org/events/diocesan-pilgrimage/

Lebanese Food Festival poster for Saint Anthony Church, featuring food, music, and dancing. Dates: MAY 19th - 21st, 2023. Times: FRI 11am-10pm, SAT 11am-10pm, SUN 10am-8pm. Location: 4611 Sadler Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Details for St. Timothy Catholic Church, Group Leader: Father Gerald Musubire, November 7-16, 2023 - 10 Days/8 Nights. Price per person: \$3,700.

- Included: Round-trip airfare, Airline taxes and fuel surcharges, Accommodation for 8 nights at 4-5 Star Hotels, Breakfast and Dinner Daily, Professional Catholic tour guide, Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary, Modern air-conditioned motor coaches + WIFI, Daily Mass, Farewell Dinner. Not Included: Lunch and drinks with meals, Tips and Travel Insurance.

Itinerary Day 1 | Departure and Day 2 | Arrival. Day 1: Depart for your overnight flight to the Holy Land. Day 2: Arrive at Tel Aviv Airport. Meet your guide, drive to your hotel in Nazareth for dinner and overnight.

Day 3 | Nazareth, Cana. Start the day in Nazareth at the Basilica of the Annunciation where we will celebrate a Mass. Walk to the Church of St. Joseph's workshop. Continue to the site where Jesus performed His first miracle, Cana, where the married couples would renew their wedding vows at the wedding church.

Day 4 | Tiberias, Sea of Galilee, Mount of Beatitudes. On this day, we will start with a visit to the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount. Continue to Tabgha for a visit to the church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fish. Take a memorable boat ride across the same lake Jesus walked, the Sea of Galilee.

Day 5 | Caesarea Maritima, Haifa. After Breakfast, we drive to Caesarea, capital of the Roman province, where we visit the Roman and Crusader remains and the harbor from which St. Paul was taken prisoner to Rome. Continue to Haifa where we visit Mount Carmel and Cave of Elijah. Enjoy panoramic views of the Mediterranean Sea and Haifa City including the Baha'i Shrine and gardens.

Day 6 | Bethlehem, Shepherd's Field, Ein Karem. Start our day in Bethlehem at the Church of the Nativity where we will celebrate a Mass. Visit the cave - the birthplace of Jesus - beneath the church. After lunch, drive to the town of Beit Sahour where we find the Shepherd's Fields to see the place where the Shepherds saw the star of the Nativity.

Day 7 | Jericho, Qumran, Dead Sea. After breakfast, continue your journey to the real site of Jesus' Baptism by the Jordan River. Visit Jericho the oldest city in the world, view Mount of Temptation where Jesus was tempted by the devil. Celebrate Mass at the Good Shepherd Parish in Jericho. Drive to Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were first discovered. We will have a dip in the Dead Sea salty water. Enjoy shopping in Bethlehem, buy souvenirs for you and your family. Drive back to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 08 | Old City of Jerusalem. Start the day very early, praying the Stations of the Cross as we walk the true way of the Cross (Via Dolorosa). Then we will visit the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, where Jesus was crucified, buried, and then rose again. View the Convent of Zion Sisters and visit St. Ann's Church (birthplace of the Virgin Mary).

Day 09 | Western Wall, Mt. Zion, Mt of Olives, Gethsemane. Drive to the Mount of Olives for a wonderful view of Jerusalem. Visit Pater Noster Church where the Lord's prayer "Our Father" was first taught. Walk the Palm Sunday way. At the foot of the mountain, see the Garden of Gethsemane with its ancient olive trees and the Church of All Nations (with the rock where Jesus prayed in agony). Visit the Walling (or Western) Wall, with views of the Al-Aksa Mosque and Dome of the Rock. See the site known as David's memorial. Visit the Caenaculum, the place where the Last Supper occurred as well as the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Visit Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu where St. Peter denied Jesus.

Day 10 | Return to USA. Today our Holy Land pilgrimage comes to an end. We will head to the airport for our return flight, carrying all these unforgettable memories walking in the footsteps of Jesus.