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Please contact our Grand Knight Ed Sullivan, Father Gerald, or any of our Knights here at St. Timothy's. We need Catholic men to help us serve our church and community. Please join today.



July 9, 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
 Dogwood 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.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7/9/2023
 Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13
 Matthew 11:25-30

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7/16/2023
 Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23
 Matthew 13:1-23

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



"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Matthew 11:28-30

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Apostolic (Sacred) Tradition as a Source of Catholic Faith

(Continued from 7/2/2023)

Sacred Tradition and the Church: Through Sacred Tradition, "the Church, in her doctrine, life and worship, perpetuates and transmits to every generation all that she herself is, all that she believes" (*Dei Verbum* 8, paragraph 1, quoted in CCC 78). "The sayings of the holy Fathers are a witness to the life-giving presence of this Tradition, showing how its riches are poured out in the practice and life of the Church, in her belief and her prayer" (*Dei Verbum* 8, paragraph 3, quoted in CCC 78). The commission of preaching given by Christ to the Apostles was faithfully fulfilled by the Apostles who, by their oral preaching, by example, and by observances, handed on what they had received from the lips of Christ, from living with Him, and from what He did, or what they had learned through the prompting of the Holy Spirit. The commission was fulfilled also by those Apostles and apostolic men who, under the inspiration of the same Holy Spirit, committed the message of salvation to writing (*Dei Verbum* 7). Sacred Tradition is expressed in and grows from the Church's creeds, the records of the Church's liturgy, the writings of the great Fathers of the Church, the decrees of popes and councils, and the prayer and faith of the people. Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition (the common apostolic teaching, life, and worship handed down to us in written and unwritten form), and the magisterial authority of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church are as inseparably united as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Sacred Tradition is handed down both by word of mouth and by letter. In Scripture, as we have it today, "*Sacred Tradition and Sacred Scripture form one sacred deposit of the word of God*" (Second Vatican Council, *Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation*, 1963, [referred to from its opening words as *Dei Verbum* 10]), so that the Bible is part, not the whole, of the apostolic *paradosis* (tradition). The teaching authority of the Church, or the *Magisterium*, has a role in interpreting the Bible and deciding authoritatively which truths are the parts of Sacred Tradition. In other words, the apostolic task of authoritatively and definitively passing on and applying revelation already received is carried on by the Pope and the bishops as successors to the apostles.

New Testament on Sacred Tradition: St. Paul, in his writings (1 Corinthians 11:23, for example), states very forcefully that he is "handing on" what was "handed on" to him. Biblical texts prove that the apostolic Church accepted Tradition as a norm for faith and practice. For example, 2 Thessalonians 2:15 states, "So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter", and 2 Thessalonians 3:6 asserts, "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep aloof from every brother who leads an unruly life and not according to the tradition which you received from us." 1 Corinthians 11:2 reminds us, "Now I praise you because you remember me in everything, and hold firmly to the traditions, just as I delivered them to you." (Confer also 2 Timothy 1:13-14). Besides, the Bible explicitly says that not everything Jesus did and taught was written down (John 20:30; 21:25). It is true that Jesus criticized the Jewish tradition (Matthew 7:6, 15:3, 15:6-9), but that happened only when the tradition contradicted Scripture. In addition, Christian tradition, as explained above, is different from Jewish tradition which consisted of interpretations of Torah given by the Jewish rabbis. That is why St. Paul praises both oral and written Christian traditions: "Therefore, brethren, stand fast; and hold the traditions which you have learned, whether by word, or by our epistle." (2 Thessalonians 1:14). "The things which you have heard from me through many witnesses you must hand onto trustworthy men who will be able to teach others" (2 Timothy 2:2).

(to be continued next week)

Parish Ministries

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Hospital Visits: Call Parish Office or Rectory

Homebound: Call Parish Office to schedule Communion **Mass Count 5:00pm - 84 9:30am - 139 12 N - 40**

This weekend's second collection will be July 9 for Capital Improvements

DEL PASTOR

La Tradición Apostólica (Sagrada) como Fuente de la Fe Católica

(Continúa desde el 2/07/2023)

La Sagrada Tradición y la Iglesia: A través de la Sagrada Tradición, "la Iglesia, en su doctrina, vida y culto, perpetúa y transmite a cada generación todo lo que ella misma es, todo lo que cree" (*Dei Verbum* 8, párrafo 1, citado en CCC 78). "Los dichos de los Santos Padres son un testimonio de la presencia vivificante de esta Tradición, mostrando cómo sus riquezas se derraman en la práctica y en la vida de la Iglesia, en su fe y en su oración" (*Dei Verbum* 8, párrafo 3, citado en CCC 78). La comisión de predicación dada por Cristo a los Apóstoles fue fielmente cumplida por los Apóstoles quienes, con su predicación oral, con el ejemplo y con las observancias, transmitieron lo que habían recibido de los labios de Cristo, de vivir con él, y de lo que hizo, o lo que habían aprendido a través de la inspiración del Espíritu Santo. La comisión fue cumplida, también, por aquellos Apóstoles y hombres apostólicos que, bajo la inspiración del mismo Espíritu Santo pusieron por escrito el mensaje de salvación (*Dei Verbum* 7). La Sagrada Tradición se expresa y crece a partir de los credos de la Iglesia, los registros de la liturgia de la Iglesia, los escritos de los grandes Padres de la Iglesia, los decretos de los papas y los concilios, y la oración y la fe del pueblo. La Sagrada Escritura, la Sagrada Tradición (la enseñanza, la vida y el culto apostólicos comunes que nos han sido transmitidos en forma escrita y no escrita), y la autoridad magisterial de la Iglesia una, santa, católica y apostólica, están tan inseparablemente unidas como el Padre, el Hijo, el y Espíritu Santo. La Sagrada Tradición se transmite de boca en boca y por carta. En las Escrituras, tal como las tenemos hoy, "*La Sagrada Tradición y las Sagradas Escrituras forman un depósito sagrado de la palabra de Dios*" (Concilio Vaticano II, *Constitución Dogmática sobre la Revelación Divina*, 1963, [referido en sus palabras de apertura como *Dei Verbum* 10]), de modo que la Biblia es parte, no el todo, de la *paradosis* apostólica (tradición). La autoridad docente de la Iglesia, o el *Magisterio*, tiene un papel en la interpretación de la Biblia y decidir con autoridad qué verdades son las partes de la tradición sagrada. En otras palabras, la tarea apostólica de transmitir y aplicar con autoridad y definitivamente la revelación ya recibida la llevan a cabo el Papa y los obispos como sucesores de los apóstoles.

Nuevo Testamento sobre la Sagrada Tradición: San Pablo, en sus escritos (1 Corintios 11:23, por ejemplo), afirma con mucha fuerza que está "transmitiendo" lo que le fue "transmitido". Los textos bíblicos prueban que la Iglesia apostólica aceptó la Tradición como norma de fe y práctica. Por ejemplo, 2 Tesalonicenses 2:15 dice: "Así que, hermanos, estad firmes y retened las tradiciones que os enseñaron de boca en boca o por carta", y 2 Tesalonicenses 3:6 afirma: "Ahora Os mandamos, hermanos, en el nombre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que os apartéis de todo hermano que lleve una vida indisciplinada y no conforme a la tradición que recibisteis de nosotros". 1 Corintios 11:2 nos recuerda: "Ahora te alabo porque en todo te acuerdas de mí y te aferras a las tradiciones, tal como te las entregué" (Consultar también 2 Timoteo 1:13-14). La Biblia dice explícitamente que no todo lo que Jesús hizo y enseñó fue escrito (Juan 20:30; 21:25) Es cierto que Jesús criticó la tradición judía (Mateo 7:6, 15:3, 15:6-9), pero eso sucedió solo cuando la tradición contradecía las Escrituras. Además, la tradición cristiana, como se explicó anteriormente, es diferente de la tradición judía que consistía en interpretaciones de la Torá dadas por los rabinos judíos. Es por eso que San Pablo alaba tanto la tradición cristiana oral como la escrita. tradiciones: "Así que, hermanos, estad firmes y retened las tradiciones que habéis aprendido, ya sea por palabra o por nuestra epístola" (2 Tesalonicenses 1:14). "Lo que habéis oído de mí por medio de muchos testigos, debe entregar a hombres de confianza que sean capaces de enseñar a otros" (2 Timoteo 2:2).

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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 segunda colecta de este fin de semana será el 9 de Julio para Mejoras de Capital

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Southern Hospitality

Two women, a Yankee and a Southern Belle, are sitting next to each other on a plane. The Southern Belle turns to the Yankee and asks, "So, where y'all from?" The Yankee replies, "I am from a place where we do not end our sentences with a preposition." Without missing a beat, the Southern Belle bats her lashes and asks, "So, where y'all from, Rude Lady?"



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



International Work in the Ukraine

Knights of Columbus around the world have been raising funds to help the Ukrainian people. Recently in Radom, Poland, they have opened Blessed Michael McGivney House, a center to support Ukrainian refugees and help them integrate into Polish society. Led by the Knights from Our Lady of Częstochowa Queen of Poland Council 14004, they helped renovate a partly completed parish building to create space for language courses, art therapy classes, psychological services, and other initiatives. McGivney House is an expression of the type of work that Father McGivney himself undertook in his parish. This is a house where different generations, communities, and nationalities come together to support each other in these difficult times for Ukraine.



If you would like to learn more about what the Knights of Columbus do, or if you are a Catholic male over 18 years old and would like to join our local Council 10578, please contact the Grand Knight Ed Sullivan at desulliva@aol.com.

Please Pray For The Sick

For healing and good health:

Lois Nelms, 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, Christopher Carcamo, Christina Brookbank, William Selig, Janie Kwedar, Charles Palmeri, Lucille Palmeri, Chris Honenberger, Teresa Austria, Michelle Ward, and Rita Nepomuseno Vazques.



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.

July 11 - July 16 / Mass Intentions/Mass Times				
Date	Mass	For	Liturgical Days	Requested By
7/11	12:00N	†Ben Reville	Memorial of St. Benedict, Abbot	Finon Family
7/12	12:00N	Salvation of All Souls	Weekday	St. Timothy Family
7/13	9:00AM	Souls in Purgatory	Weekday	St. Timothy Family
7/14	9:00AM	†Taylor Hayden	Memorial of St. Kateri Tekakwitha	St. Timothy Family
7/15	5:00PM	†James Nannery	Vigil - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Barbara Nannery
7/16	9:30AM	Lloyd Samuels	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Anonymous
	12:00N	Rita Nepomuseno Vazques y Para el Pueblo	Decimoquinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario	Familia de San Timoteo



Pantry Sunday

Pantry Sunday is the weekend of July 8 - 9. 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.



Ladies Luncheon

The second luncheon for the Catholic Women is coming up on Tuesday, July 11, at 1pm after the noon Mass at the To Do Cafe! Our theme for this fun event is "Faith and Country" since we are in the celebration month of independence!

This is a fun occasion to rejoice as Catholic Women in our faith - to grow in our faith as we nurture each other. This is a new adventure so the venue is open for suggestions!!!

We will review the topics we discussed at the last meeting and offer new topics. Socialization was a big plus - with luncheons, having possible speakers with Catholic topics or education, and other options are: visit shut-ins, greeters, youth ministry, help with rides to church, evangelize to fallen-away Catholics, and possibly having yard sales???

Thank you for those of you who have signed up and a reminder for those who have not, please do so! This is mainly to let the restaurant know for how many place settings but if you can make it and have not signed up, please come - the more the merrier!!! Also, if you know of any Catholic women that are not members of St. Timothy's, please invite them. As it was stated above, we are all growing in our faith!

Give Central Online Giving

Remember that you now have the option at St. Timothy's 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, July 11**, to pray the *Divine Mercy Chaplet*, and learn about the revelations of Saint Faustina. This will be Week Number 58.



July 11 Triad Meeting: Sorting Fact from Fiction Online

On Tuesday, July 11, the Essex County Triad will meet at 10:00am at the Essex County School Board Office, 109 Cross Street. Veteran AARP speaker Myra Walton-Basnight will equip you with valuable tools and resources to keep you safe online and help you know what to believe. Triad is a partnership between local law enforcement, seniors, and senior service providers.

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.

Retreat Opportunities for Young Adults

The Diocese of Richmond's Office for Evangelization is offering the following retreats for Young Adults: Ridge Recent Graduate Retreat on July 28-29, 2023, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Richmond (\$35/person, registration closes July 16); Young Married Couples Retreat on August 25-26, 2023 at Wintergreen Resort (\$270/couple, registration closes July 23); Young Adult Retreat on October 27-29, 2023, in Nags Head, NC (\$175/person, registration closes September 24 - discount of \$25 if registered by July 31). To learn more about these retreats and other events, visit <https://evangelizerichmond.org/ofe-events/>.

Career Opportunities!

The Catholic Diocese of Richmond is seeking individuals to fill the following positions: Full Time Information Technology Specialist for the Office of Information Technology to work in the Virginia Beach/Norfolk Area (<https://bit.ly/3NbPFhU>), Full Time Coordinator for the Offices of Human Resources and Safe Environment (<https://bit.ly/3PvbLpb>), Director of The McMahon Parater Scholarship Foundation and Catholic School Development for the Office of Development (<https://bit.ly/45ncRIZ>), Director of Campus Ministry to serve the Catholic Campus Ministry communities of Virginia Military Institute and Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA (<https://bit.ly/3N4tPwl>). Any questions regarding these positions, please contact Kelly Shumate, HR Generalist / Recruiter at jobs@richmonddiocese.org.

Need a Will?

Do you need a Will? The Catholic Community Foundation can help! They've partnered with FreeWill to offer an online solution for estate planning that helps you complete a legal Will completely free of charge. Get started at: FreeWill.com/RichmondCatholicFoundation.

"I PLACE MUCH OF MY HOPE FOR THE FUTURE IN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER" (Pope John Paul II). The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend centers entirely on your relationship. It is a positive, simple, common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted.

For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Only 25 couples per weekend so register soon! Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions. Here are the remaining local experiences for 2023:

September 22-24, 2023 - Crowne Plaza Hotel, Herndon VA
November 17-19, 2023 - Holiday Inn, Virginia Beach VA

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/>.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Details

St. Timothy Catholic Church
Group Leader: Father Gerald Musaubire
November 7-16, 2023 - 10 Days/8 Nights
Price per person: \$3,700
* Price is based on double occupancy. * Single Supplement / Private Room - Additional \$495

Round-trip airfare
Airline taxes and fuel surcharges
Accommodation for 8 nights at 4-5 Star Hotels including service charges
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

Included

Not Included: Lunch and drinks with meals, Tips and Travel Insurance.

Itinerary

Day 1 | Departure
Depart for your overnight flight to the Holy Land. Meals will be served on board.

Day 2 | Arrival
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. In the afternoon, climb Mt. Tabor, site of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Experience the views where Peter, James and John saw the Glorified Lord with Moses and Elijah.

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. After Lunch, visit the Church of Peter's Primacy where Peter declares his love for Jesus three times. Continue to Capernaum the home town of Jesus to see the ruins of the ancient synagogue and St. Peter's house.

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. Drive to Bethlehem, check in to your hotel and gather for dinner.

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. Continue to Ein Karem, the birth place of St. John the Baptist. Drive back to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

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.