

Young Adult Holy Land Pilgrimage with Jeff Cavins & Fr. Mike Schmitz  
June 1-13, 2021

### Preliminary Itinerary

1JUN TUESDAY: Depart USA

2JUN WEDNESDAY: AIRPORT TO TEL AVIV: Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv. Gather at your hotel for a welcome by pilgrimage staff and Mass, followed by a reception with soda, water, coffee, tea. Depending on flight arrival times, there may be a chance to splash in the Mediterranean Sea. Dinner & overnight Tel Aviv.

3JUN THURSDAY: GALILEE: Drive along the Mediterranean Coast for a stop at Caesarea Maritima and tour of site built by Herod the Great. We tour the archaeological site of Megiddo with walk through the water system. On the shores of the Sea of Galilee we will participate in Mass at the church in Magdala as well as tour the site of a first century synagogue where Jesus may have taught. Dinner & Overnight Galilee. B L D After dinner enjoy Open Air Concert with our featured musicians.

4JUN FRIDAY: NORTH GALILEE: We drive north to Caesarea Philippi for a teaching by Jeff on the papacy. A short drive to Tel Dan to view two city gates. One from the Israelite period and one from the time of Abraham. Hike a nature path to the High Place. Enjoy a St. Peter's Fish lunch on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Tour the site of Capernaum and participate in Mass at St. Peter's Church, built over the actual home of St. Peter. Hear a teaching about discipleship and view the location of the synagogue. Stop at the Ancient Boat Museum to see a boat from the time of Jesus. Then embark on an actual boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Weather permitting, a bonfire with confessions along the seashore after dinner. Dinner & overnight Galilee. B L D

5 JUN SATURDAY: GALILEE: Begin the day at St Peter's Primacy with the chance to seek God's voice or to renew your vocational vows. Then spend time on the of Mount of Beatitudes in meditation and participating in Mass. An optional walk from the Mt. Of Beatitudes to Capernaum begins a free afternoon in the Galilee with time for a swim or the option for rafting on the Jordan River (added cost). Dinner & overnight Galilee. B D

6 JUN SUNDAY: NAZARETH: Drive to Nazareth for mass at the Church of the Annunciation and a visit to Mt. Precipice for a teaching by Fr. Mike. Visit Kfar Kedem for hands on fun in recreated first century farm, includes lunch Dinner & overnight Galilee. D NOTE: Need to pack for Bedouin overnight in small bag. B L D

7 JUN MONDAY: DEAD SEA AREA: Drive to Qsar El Yehud, the baptismal site of Jesus on the Jordan River. Meet the entire staff, hear a teaching by Jeff. Participate in Mass and & renewal of baptismal promises. Dead Sea swim Visit Qumran, site of the Dead Sea Scrolls for lunch Drive to En Gedi, wilderness site where David hid from King Saul. Jeff will give a teaching. Optional hike to falls. Arrive at Bedouin camp for overnight. Possible camel rides. After dinner enjoy an Evening Concert with our featured musicians at night with bonfire. Dinner & overnight Kfar Hanokim. B L D

8 JUN TUESDAY: DESERT to JERUSALEM: Drive to Jerusalem. View the city from the Mt. of Olives. Walk down Mt. of Olives with a stop at Dominus Flevit, a chapel on the spot where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. Continue walking down the Mt. of Olives to the Garden of Gethsemane and participate in Mass at Church of All Nations built over the rock where Jesus sweat drops of blood. Visit the Jewish Quarter, Western Wall, and Davidson Center. Gather at the Southern Steps of the Temple Mount for teaching by Jeff about the topic of shame. Dinner & overnight Jerusalem. B L D

9 JUN WEDNESDAY: JERUSALEM and BETHLEHEM: Visit the City of David and walk through Hezekiah's Tunnel (has water ankle deep in it). Pool of Siloam with teaching by Jeff. Enter Bethlehem and have lunch at St Charbel Tourism Restaurant. Visit the Church of the Nativity to see the birthplace of Jesus and participate in Mass at St. Catherine's. Stop at the Shepherds' Fields before shopping at a Christian gift shop. Dinner & overnight Jerusalem. B L D

10 JUN THURSDAY: JERUSALEM: Start the morning with the Via Dolorosa, the walk of Christ's Passion ending up at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the site of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. After grabbing a falafal lunch we drive to the Church of the Gallicantu, which commemorates Peter's denial of Christ. We participate in Mass and also view Jesus' prison cell and the Roman stairs where Jesus walked at the House of Caiaphas. Next we visit the Upper Room, the site of the Last Super and the Day of Pentecost, and then walk to Dormition Abbey, the site of Mary's Assumption. B L D

11 JUN FRIDAY: JERUSALEM: We visit the Israel Museum to see the 1st century model of Jerusalem and the Shrine of the Book, which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls. Free time in the afternoon. Dinner & overnight Jerusalem. B D After dinner we gather for an evening concert at King of Kings Auditorium in Jerusalem.

12 JUN SATURDAY: JERUSALEM: En Route to Airport: Drive to Ein Kerem, the hometown of John the Baptist and the site of the Visitation. Visit Neot Kedomin for outdoor mass, lunch & farewell teaching followed by a stop in the Elah Valley where David slew Goliath. Last view of the land from the town of Jaffa, before boarding flights back home. B L

13 JUN SUNDAY: HOME