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Proposed Pilgrimage Crafted Especially For

St. Joseph's Parish

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“In the Footsteps of Jesus”

"Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem"
(Psalm 122)

The Holy Land & Jordan: A 14-Day Pilgrimage
November 5 – 18, 2012

Nazareth ♦ Cana ♦ Sea of Galilee ♦ Jerusalem ♦ Bethlehem
Masada ♦ Emmaus
Jerash ♦ Petra ♦ Amman ♦ Madaba ♦ Mt. Nebo

Your Pilgrimage includes:

- Round-trip economy class airfare via Delta Airlines: Salt Lake City/Tel Aviv/Salt Lake City.
- U.S. departure tax; U.S. Customs user fee; security tax and all airport departure taxes.
- Meeting and assistance upon departure.
- Eleven (11) nights' accommodations in twin rooms, with private facilities, in first-class hotels throughout: one (1) night at Grand Beach Hotel in Tel Aviv, three (3) nights at the Leonardo Plaza Hotel in Tiberias; one (1) night at the Panorama hotel in Petra, one (1) night at the Grand Palace hotel in Amman, one (1) night at Daniel Dead Sea Hotel, and four (4) nights at the Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem.
- Breakfast and dinner daily, as per itinerary.
- All sightseeing, as per the itinerary, including overseas arrival and departure transfers, in a private, air-conditioned motor coach.
- Services of a government-licensed, Bilingual English/Spanish-speaking, Passages by Peter's Way tour manager/guide.
- Entrance fees to all sites, as per itinerary, including boat ride on the Sea of Galilee and cable car to Masada.
- Coordination of all Liturgies, as per attached itinerary.
- Porterage of one piece of luggage per person at hotels.
- Special promotional brochures of your tour printed free for distribution by you.
- Portfolio of travel documents for each participant, including a Passages by Peter's Way flight packet.

Items not included in the package price:

- Health, trip cancellation/interruption or baggage insurance. All are strongly recommended. Passages by Peter's Way offers a comprehensive policy at additional cost.
- Passport & visa costs, if any.
- **U.S. Passports must be valid for at least six (6) months subsequent to return date.**
- Gratuities to the tour manager/guide and driver.
- Items of a personal nature (hotel extras, laundry, phone calls, etc.).
- Meals not specified in the program.

A Special Invitation to friends and families of

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Dear Friends,

St. Joseph Church is planning this pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan to pay homage to Our Lord in this special way, and so we would like to extend to you a very special invitation. Come and walk with us in the footsteps of Jesus. Come see the place of His Annunciation and Birth. Come and walk the Way of the Cross sharing in His Passion. Come and see the empty tomb of our Risen Lord!

Come and join us on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan. It will be not just another vacation but a journey of faith. The experience we will have cannot be described with mere words. We will be led to an encounter with Jesus in the mystical land of His Life, Death and Resurrection. The Gospels will literally come alive for us as we have the opportunity to visit, pray and celebrate the Eucharist at the places held most sacred to Christians.

We fully expect this pilgrimage to be one of the most spiritually uplifting experiences of our lives. We will leave the Holy Land and Jordan blessed and completely filled with peace that only the Lord knows how to give. It is our hope that you will say, "YES" to this invitation to the most invaluable gift that you can ever give yourself - a pilgrimage to The Holy Land.



**Tentative flight schedule via Delta Airlines from Salt Lake City Airport as follows:
(subject to confirmation 11 months prior to departure, approximately December 15, 2011):**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Airline</u>	<u>Flight</u>	<u>Departure City /Time</u>	<u>Arrival City/Time</u>
Nov 5	Delta Airlines	#1036	Salt Lake City /3:05 pm	Atlanta ATL /8:49 pm
Nov 5	Delta Airlines	#152	Atlanta ATL /10:15 pm	-----
Nov 6			-----	Tel Aviv TLV /5:00 pm
Nov 18	Delta Airlines	#269	Tel Aviv TLV /1:00 am	Atlanta ATL /5:30 am
Nov 18	Delta Airlines	#1415	Atlanta ATL /7:00 am	Salt Lake City /10:13 am

Please note: Flight itinerary subject to change without notice.

- ITINERARY -

- **Day 1, November 5, Monday: Depart USA**

"...witness to all the nations..."(Matthew 24:14)

This afternoon depart Salt Lake City and Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport via Delta Airlines for your transatlantic flight to the Holy Land.

Complimentary meals and beverages will be served aloft.

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- **Day 2, November 6, Tuesday Arrive in the Land of the Bible**

This afternoon, arrive at Ben Gurion Tel Aviv Airport. You will be met and assisted by a Passages by Peter's Way tour manager. Board your comfortable motor coach and soon, you will be on your way to check-in at hotel. After dinner, enjoy an evening orientation, introducing you to the historical and geographical setting of the New Testament.

Dinner and overnight at Grand Beach Hotel in Tel Aviv.

(D)



- **Day 3, November 7, Wednesday: Caesarea - Mt. Carmel - Nazareth - Cana - Sea of Galilee**

This morning will be your first experience with an unforgettable and delightful Israeli breakfast buffet. This morning, we will drive along the scenic Mediterranean, stopping at Caesarea by the Sea, site of a flourishing early Christian community, where the ruins of Turkish, Crusader and Roman Civilizations are still visible. Biblically, St. Paul was imprisoned here before being sent to Rome for trial. It was here also that St. Peter baptized the first Gentiles. Visit includes the Theatre, newly excavated Palace, Hippodrome and the Harbor. Continue to Mt. Carmel (*Vineyard of God*) on the Mediterranean Coast. Here, the triumph of Elijah over the pagan prophets of Baal took place (*1 Kings 18*). Visit Stella Maris, the largest monastery of the Carmelite order, dedicated to the prophet Elijah and Mary, Our Lady of Mount Carmel. It is easy to appreciate the natural beauty of this summit and realize the sanctity associated with it from ancient times to the present. **Time will be given for prayer and reflection at the Monastery.** Independent lunch.



After lunch, continue to Nazareth, the village in which Jesus grew up and lived most of his life. *...The Word became flesh...(John 1:14)* **Celebrate Mass at the Grotto of the Annunciation.**

After Mass, visit Joseph's workshop and explore the magnificent Basilica of the Annunciation, Mary's Well, and the Church of the Old Synagogue, which marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Walk through the streets and imagine a day in the life of the Holy Family of Nazareth, *"When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him."* (Luke 2:39-40).



Continue to the nearby village of Cana, where Jesus performed His first miracle. *..."Do whatever he tells you."* (John 2:5). The Wedding Church was built in the nineteenth century over ruins from Jesus' time. See the display of stone jars and reflect on the miracle of the changing of water into wine. **Couples will have an opportunity to renew their wedding vows.**



Continue to the unforgettable Sea of Galilee for hotel check-in.

Dinner and overnight at Leonardo Plaza in Tiberias.

(B,D)

• **Day 4, November 8, Thursday: Around the Sea of Galilee - Upper Galilee - Jordan River**

"...He gave the power to become the children of God..."(Matt. 5:1-12).

After breakfast, this morning's boat ride on the Sea of Galilee will be among your favorite memories.

Arrive at the ancient city of Capernaum, where Jesus started His ministry. It was here that Jesus found Matthew and called him to discipleship. Jesus worked many of His miracles in Capernaum. Here, the excellent condition of a second century synagogue undoubtedly enclosed the sacred sanctuary in which Jesus taught and preached. Most Scripture scholars recognize the home



of Peter's mother-in-law in the remains of a church near the shore as dedicated to his honor. At Tabgha, Jesus challenged his disciples to feed a crowd of 5,000 in the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes. We also visit the Church of the Primacy. Continue to visit the Mount of the Beatitudes, where Jesus offered His 'Sermon on the Mount.'

Celebrate Mass on the Mt. of Beatitudes.

"...When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit..."(Mt 5:1-12).

Independent lunch. (Perhaps you will try delicious St. Peter's Fish.)

This afternoon, drive north to explore the upper regions of Israel to the foot of Mount Hermon, overlooking Syria and the Road to Damascus, where Jesus appeared to Paul and the site where Jesus asked his disciples and each one of us, "who do you say that I am?" Here, Jesus acknowledges Peter's act of faith in his true identity (Mt. 16:13-20). **The day will climax at the River Jordan, where there will be the opportunity for the renewal of Baptismal promises (Mark 1:9-11).**

Dinner and overnight at Leonardo Plaza in Tiberias.

(B,D)

• **Day 5, November 9, Friday: Sepphoris - Ibillin - Mt. Tabor - Beit Shean - Megiddo**

Breakfast at your hotel. Today's bus journey is filled with variety and excitement. Begin our day with a visit Sepphoris, where tradition locates the home of Joachim and Anna, Mary's parents. A center for eminent Talmudic scholars, it became a Byzantine administrative city and later a Crusader citadel called Dioceasarea. View recent archeological digs. The "Mona Lisa of Israel" was unearthed here.



Continue to visit the little village of Ibillin. In 1665, Father Elias Chacour was appointed as priest of the village church, the Church of St. George in Ibillin. In 2006 Father Elias Chacour was elevated to become Archbishop of the Galilee region and moved to Haifa. Visit the Mar Elias School and Educational Institutions (MEEI). Independent lunch.

This afternoon, we continue to visit Mt. Tabor. Take a taxi to the top of Mt. Tabor. The elevation provides an utterly commanding view of all of Galilee. It was here that Jesus revealed His glory and divinity to Peter, James and John *"...Lord, it is good for us to be here..."* (Luke 9:33).

Visit the site of the Transfiguration and Celebrate Mass. Continue to the town of Beit Shean. Visit the incredible remains of the Biblical city of Beit Shean – Israel's best example of how Jerusalem looked in the times of Jesus. Our final stop this afternoon will be Megiddo, the site of numerous decisive battles throughout history. Visit the remains of ancient temples that date back over 4,000 years.

Dinner and overnight at Leonardo Plaza in Tiberias.

(B,D)

- **Day 6, November 10, Saturday: Cross to Jordan - Jerash - Petra**

After early breakfast, **celebrate Mass at the Church of the Primacy.**

After Mass, we drive to the Sheikh Hussein northern border bridge, pass border formalities and meet the Jordanian guide and driver. Our Jordan journey will begin at Jerash, the best-preserved Roman Decapolis city in the east, located in the heart of the Gilead Mountains and bordered by the Jabbok River (where the Angel wrestled with Jacob). A walk through the city gives visitors a superb view of its scale and how intact the remains are. We'll begin at the visitors' center by visiting the 2 major monuments outside the city walls - The Hadrian Arch and the Hippodrome (we'll note the Christian churches that are built on its sides). We'll enter the walled



city by going through the south gate, then into the Forum (oval plaza area) that is surrounded by ionic capitals, which is the introduction to the colonnaded street. We'll walk to Zeus' temple and the south theatre (which accommodated 4,000 people) and down to the Cardo, a street that runs south north in the Roman city. We'll see shops on both sides of the Cardo as we visit the cathedral, the Nymphaeum, and Artemis' temple, and then walk up to visit the churches that are covered with mosaic floors. Independent lunch.

After lunch we drive along the modern highway built over the "Kings Highway" (through areas known to John the Baptist, Esau, and Moses) to Petra, the "Rose-red city." Petra is surrounded by the Biblical Seir Mountains that are mentioned in the Bible as places where people lived in caves.

Dinner and overnight at Panorama Hotel in Petra.

(B,D)

- **Day 7, November 11, Sunday AM/Enjoy Petra - PM/Amman**



After breakfast, a short carriage ride through the narrow 'Siq' will bring us to the ancient Nabatean city of Petra, a city which is sculpted into the rose pink rock. A walk through the outer Siq brings us to monuments which are basically the treasury and the tombs; tombs which were intended for rich and poor people. The Street of Façades is the first one and was for poor people. Further down we come to the theatre, which is carved into the mountain and which contains the "high place of sacrifice". The theatre, which accommodates 7,000 persons, apparently was not utilized only for acting, but also for celebrating the gods, as there is an altar in the heart of the theatre for rituals. In the eastern cliff, we'll view the Royal Tombs (the URN, the SILK, the Corinthian and

Palace tombs). Further down, we can visit more temples and even a church with mosaic floor. Petra could easily be the Eighth Wonder of the Ancient World. Independent lunch.

After lunch, we leave Petra and drive north to Amman, the biblical city of Rabbah, and capital city of Jordan. Visit the beautiful 2nd century Roman Amphitheater in the center of town.

Celebrate Mass at the Franciscan Church in Amman.

Dinner and overnight at Grand Palace Hotel in Amman.

(B,D)

• **Day 8, November 12, Monday: Madaba - Mt. Nebo - Baptismal Site - Ein Gedi - Dead Sea Area**



Breakfast at your hotel. After breakfast we leave Amman to visit Madaba, city of mosaics. We'll see mosaics depicting Jerusalem and Palestine at the time of Justinian, and what is possibly the oldest existing map of the Holy Land. Then, we continue to visit Mount Nebo, to stand where Moses stood and gazed across the Jordan Valley. If the day is clear we'll be able to see as far as Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, the Jordan Valley and the Gilead Mountains. **Celebrate Mass at the Franciscan Monastery on Mt. Nebo.**



Continue to visit Machaerus, where John the Baptist was held captive and later beheaded, and continue to the site where the baptism of Jesus took place. We'll continue to Amman to visit the beautiful 2nd century Roman Amphitheater in the center of town. Independent lunch.



After crossing over the Allenby Bridge into Israel we'll pass border formalities and meet our Israeli guide and driver, and be on our way to the Judean Wilderness for one of the most unique locations on the planet earth - the Dead Sea. On its shores, we will visit Ein Gedi, nature reserve was declared in 1971 and is one of the most important reserves in Israel. The park is situated on the eastern border of the Judean Desert, on the Dead Sea coast. Biblically Ein Gedi, where David hid from Saul's wrath and the locale of the Song of Songs. A synagogue mosaic remains from Ein Gedi's heyday, including a Judeo-Aramaic inscription warning inhabitants against "revealing the town's secret" – possibly the methods for extraction and preparation of the much-prized balsam resin, though not stated outright in the inscription – to the outside world. Check-in at Hotel in the Dead Sea Resort. Dinner and overnight at Daniel Dead Sea Hotel.

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• **Day 9, November 13, Tuesday: Masada - Shepherd's Field & Bethlehem**

Leisurely breakfast at your hotel.

Morning at leisure. Perhaps, you would like to bathe in the Dead Sea. Late morning, take a cable car ride to the ruins of Herod's palace-fortress atop Masada. Here, the Zealots chose mass suicide rather than surrender to the Romans at the time of the fall of Jerusalem. Visit the ruins of the fortifications, reservoirs for water, Herodian palaces, synagogue, Roman temples and baths.



This afternoon, we drive to the hills of Bethlehem, where you can read the biblical account of Ruth, David and the birth of Jesus. Upon arrival we will visit Shepherds' Field, where you will see some of the caves, which are typical of the stables of that time.



The highlight of your time in Bethlehem will be a visit to the traditional birthplace of Jesus, in the Basilica of the Nativity. Here, the Prince of Peace was born! Venerate the silver star that marks the place where the sublime mystery of the Incarnation was revealed in a manger! Let us kneel down and lift our hearts and voices in song, as we imagine that holy "Silent Night". Free time will be given for shopping and browsing in Manger Square. **Celebrate Mass at St. Catherine Church or at St. Jerome Chapel.** After Mass, we visit Bethlehem University, the only Catholic institution of higher education in the Holy Land.

Dinner and overnight at Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem.

(B,D)

- **Day 10, November 14, Wednesday: Ein Kerem - New City**

Breakfast at your hotel.

Begin our day with a visit to the village of Ein Kerem, home of Elizabeth, Mary's kinswoman, and Zachariah. It is also the birthplace of John the Baptist.

...Blessed are you among women...(Luke 1:42).

Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Visitation. Following Mass, we will take a few moments for quiet reflection on the meeting between the two mothers, Mary and Elizabeth. Then, proceed to Yad Vashem, memorial to the Holocaust. Visit the Museum, Childrens' Pavilion and walk along the Avenue of the Righteous. Then we'll visit the Hadassah Medical Center to view Marc Chagall's stained glass windows at the Hospital synagogue, Each of the windows represents one of the twelve tribes who entered the land under the leadership of Joshua and as derived from Jacob's final blessing to his sons found in *Genesis 49:1-27*.

This afternoon, we visit the Israel Museum, which contains the Shrine of the Book, where the Dead Sea Scrolls are displayed in a beautiful building simulating the Qumran caves. There we'll also visit the scale model of first century Jerusalem, and explore Jerusalem during the Herodian period immediately prior to and during the life of Jesus. Our guide will walk us through an accurately detailed scale model of Jerusalem of Biblical times, which includes details of the architecture and décor of the Temple. Dinner and overnight at Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem.

(B,D)



- **Day 11, November 15, Thursday: Today is dedicated to the City of David and Tour of the Western Wall Tunnels**

Breakfast at your hotel. After breakfast we will begin our day with **Mass at the Franciscan Church of the Cenacle**. The remainder of the day is dedicated to exploring the City of David, which was founded more than 3,000 years ago when King David left Hebron for a small hilltop city now known as Jerusalem. The eastern side borders Kidron Valley, location of the Gihon Spring, the city's water source. We'll walk through the dry tunnel. The massive destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians can be seen in the layers of the charred remains and thick layer of rubble from the collapsed buildings. Then we'll visit the Jewish Quarter, the Cardo - ancient Byzantine Street - and the Western Wall of the Temple Mount that was built 2,000 years ago by King Herod the Great. Above the Temple foundations, we view the El Aksa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock. Then we'll proceed to the nearby Southern Wall Excavations. This southern side of the Temple was the main entrance for the common folk, whereas the Priests and Levites had their own entrance from the higher, eastern side. Parts of the giant stairs, which led to the Temple Mount from the courtyard, have been unearthed. It is in this courtyard that Jesus likely drove out the vendors and money exchangers who were exploiting the people. Independent lunch.

This afternoon, we tour the western wall tunnels, one of the most popular tourist sites in Jerusalem. These underground tunnels connect the western wall prayer area to the north-west side of the temple mount, passing along the side of the temple mount and under the present day houses in the Old City. Along its path are remains from the second temple period, as well structures from later periods. The experience of walking along the tunnels is like taking a time machine back to the time of the second temple! The underground tunnel at the center of the controversy was know officially in the 1980's as the 'Western Wall Tunnel.' Work on the tunnel began shortly after the Six Day War in 1967, under the Ministry of Religious Affairs. The rabbis did not discover an ancient tunnel, but dug their own narrow horizontal mine. It started from the area of the Western Wall Plaza (also known as the "Wailing Wall") and ran north along the outside of the western wall of the Temple Mount compound. The Temple Mount, which now houses the Muslim shrines of the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Dome of the Rock, was refurbished by King Herod as part of his renovation of the Second Temple. Dinner and overnight at Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem.

(B,D)



- **Day 12, November 16, Friday: Mt. Of Olives - Mt. Zion**

Breakfast at our hotel.

Celebrate Mass at the Church of Lazarus in Bethany. Following Mass we will visit to the Mt. of Olives. The summit offers a magnificent view of the Old City. This visit reminds us of Jesus' last hours in prayer and anguish as he faced his passion and death. Visit the Chapel of the Ascension, the Shrine of Pater Noster and the Chapel of Dominus Fleuit (*The Lord Wept*). Then, follow Jesus' Palm Sunday route along Hosanna Road to the Garden of Gethsemane to visit the Grotto, the Garden and the Church of the Agony (Church of All Nations).



Continue to Mt. Zion, for a visit to the Church of St. Peter-in-Gallicantu. This church is built on the site of the Palace of Caiaphas, the High Priest. Here, Jesus was imprisoned and Peter denied the Lord three times. Next, we visit the Upper Room, site of the Last Supper and descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. Then, visit the Dormition Abbey, built to honor the Assumption of Our Lady.



Independent lunch and balance of the day at leisure. You may return to your favorite sites, take in a few new ones, or make a "pilgrimage" to the Old City for shopping and bartering for lots of unique souvenirs and gifts. Dinner and overnight at Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem. (B,D)

- **Day 13, November 17, Saturday: AM/ Via Dolorosa - PM/Emmaus - Evening/Return to the USA**

Leisurely breakfast at your hotel.

"...Christ became obedient for us unto death ..." ("Passion" John 18:1-19:42).

After breakfast, drive to the Old City and enter through St. Stephen's Gate to visit the **Crusader Church of St. Anne** and explore the **Pool of Bethesda**. Continue to the convent of the Sisters of Zion to see the Lithostrotos in the chapel of the Flagellation, where Jesus was tried and condemned by Pilate. Then, we will carry the Cross and pray the Stations of the Cross as we retrace Jesus' last steps before His Crucifixion along the Via Crucis, to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. **Celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.** Following Mass, the afternoon is free for private devotions or shopping in the Old City. Independent lunch.



"...Lord, stay with us, for it is toward evening..."(Luke 24:29)

Afternoon: Optional visit to the site of Emmaus (Abu Gosh), for prayer and reflection in Church of Our Lady of the Ark of the Covenant. We will recall the story in Luke's Gospel, where Jesus appeared to his disciples on the road, after the Resurrection.

Before our group dinner at the Ambassador hotel in Jerusalem, there will be an opportunity to freshen up for dinner and our return flight. After dinner, we will be transferred to Tel Aviv airport for our 1:00 am flight to Atlanta. (B,D)

- **Day 14, November 18, Sunday: Arrive in the USA**

Early morning, arrive in Atlanta Airport, and connect to Delta Flight to Salt Lake City. Late morning Arrive in Salt Lake City, filled to overflowing with memories that will change your life.

PRAYER AT THE END OF A PILGRIMAGE

Father, we have walked in the land where Jesus walked. We have touched the soil and rocks where the seed falls. We have seen the lilies of the field and heard the birds of the air. We have been warmed by the sun that warmed Him and cooled by the breezes that touched His face. We have been to the sea where He walked, and to the river where He was baptized. We have felt the presence of the Holy Spirit where He first sent it, and anguished at the spot where He gave Himself for us. We have rejoiced at the emptiness of His tomb and the fullness of His love in our hearts. Be with us as we continue our earthly pilgrimage to the New Jerusalem where every tear will be wiped away and we will be with You, Your Son and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.