

2026/27



The Holy Land

The Amazing Pilgrimage!

Follow in the footsteps of Christ!! An amazing and unforgettable Pilgrimage! Walk the real Way of the Cross! Sail the Sea of Galilee! Touch the Jordan Waters, The Rock of Agony and Calvary!! Immerse yourself in the Gospels, visiting sites like the Annunciation in Nazareth, the Nativity in Bethlehem, the Last Supper, Calvary and the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem! Scriptures come alive! A solid spiritual program complements the pilgrimage. Caesarea, Haifa, Mt. Carmel, Cana, Capernaum, Tabgha, Mt. Tabor, Jericho, Dead Sea, Ein Karem, Emmaus and so much more!!! No words are good enough to describe this pilgrimage!! The Mass, Rosary, and Bible will never be the same!

2026 Pilgrimages expected to start November. Join the list to receive brochures in advance!

*Pending on the advancement of the peace process



Join us on this amazing and most unique pilgrimage following the footsteps of the Apostle St. James the Greater, evangelizer of Spain, brother of St. John the Evangelist, son of Zebedee. One of the most spectacular journeys you'll ever experience! Our pilgrimage will be walking the famous Camino de Santiago (The Way of St. James) across Spain, the second oldest pilgrimage route in Christendom. The walk will also include the last 100 kilometers (66 miles approximately) of the itinerary on foot, required to obtain the coveted pilgrimage certificate of

The Camino, given by the Diocese of Santiago de Compostela.* This program includes the Marian Shrines of Lourdes, Torreciudad & El Pilar!

Chaplain: Priests from the Diocese of Madison, WI

17 - 29 April 2026! (Coming back in 2028)

Departure City: Chicago

GREECE & Turkey

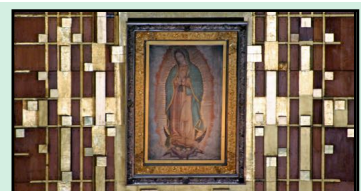
FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL AND ST. JOHN

Catholic Martyrs of Britain

Our Lady of Knock & Medjugorje

Marian Shrines

(FRANCE, SPAIN & PORTUGAL)



Our Lady of Guadalupe

(Mexico)

An inspirational Marian Pilgrimage visiting fascinating places where we learn about the early stages of our faith in the Americas. Experience the gorgeous colonial city of Puebla. Visit the largest pyramid in the world in Cholula. See St. Michael's Miracle and Our Lady of Ocotlán. Experience all the beautiful and cultural places of the western world's largest city, Mexico City, including the home of St. Juan Diego, the remains of Blessed Miguel Pro, Ancient Teotihuacán and of course, visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. See the only real image of Our Lady that is Supernaturally created!

Depart Chicago: Feb 2027 (TBA)

Italy / Italia

Bellissima | Magnifica | San Peregrino



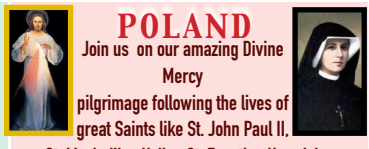
Mater Dei returns to Italy! Each pilgrimage is different, but all usually have Assisi and a top-notch visit of Rome's treasures (and Vatican City)! Second departure in May, will visit Orvieto (inspiration for the Tantum Ergo hymn of St. Thomas Aquinas), Siena (home of the ongoing Eucharistic Miracle, also home of St. Catherine), and Cacia (also home of St. Rita). All departures include Lanciano (home of the oldest Eucharistic Miracle), Manoppello (home of the veil of Jesus), San Giovanni Rotondo & Pietrelcina (St. Padre Pio), Montecassino (St. Benedict & St. Scholastica), and Rome & the Vatican. And as a bonus this year, we are including Loreto to pray inside The Holy family home of Nazareth! Departures:

May 2 - 13, 2026 (Minneapolis & other cities)

May 23 - June 6, 2026 (Pittsburgh & Chicago)

Sept 28 - Oct 8, 2026 (Minneapolis & other cities)

October 22 - 31 2026 (Denver & Minneapolis)



POLAND

Join us on our amazing Divine Mercy pilgrimage following the lives of great Saints like St. John Paul II.

St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Faustina Kowalska, Blessed Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko, and many others! Immerse yourself in the story of the Divine Mercy by visiting the Birthplace of St. Faustina and also her Baptismal Church. Pray at the place where she first saw Jesus of the Divine Mercy! Pray a Chaplet where she entered the Convent in Warsaw, and also at the Divine Mercy Shrine near Krakow (site of the Tomb of St. Faustina). Pray before the original Icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Jasna Gora! Visit Wadowice, the birthplace of St. John Paul II! Visit

Auschwitz & Birkenau, the former Nazi concentration camps (place where St. Maximilian Kolbe and St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross were martyred). Learn about the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe at the City of the Immaculata in Niepokalanow.

Visit the unique Salt Mines of Wieliczka with its underground Church. Tours of Warsaw and Krakow are included and much more! See for yourself why St. John Paul II loved his Tatra Mountains by visiting Poland's Zakopane Area.

Lithuania pilgrimage includes the original Painting of Divine Mercy, the site of the 1st Chaplet, the Apparition of Our Lady of Siluva, the famous Hill of Crosses and the icon of Our Lady, Gate of the Dawn.

* September 11-22, 2026 includes Lithuania

September 11-22, 2026 * (Chicago & Denver)

* April 2027 (TBA)

* September 2027 (Denver) (Includes Czech Republic instead of Lithuania)



Our Lady of Knock, Ireland & Our Lady of Medjugorje

Join Juan Landa, President of Mater Dei Tours, and Fr. Randy Budnar on this wonderful pilgrimage to Bosnia & Herzegovina as well as the Emerald Isle or Ireland! The pilgrimage travels through Croatia, crossing into Bosnia. Main purpose of our Marian Pilgrimage is to have a spiritual retreat at Medjugorje. The Vatican has cleared the way for Catholic Pilgrimages to visit Medjugorje and Mater Dei has answered the call. Will you join us?

This pilgrimage also includes Ireland to visit Our Lady of Knock as well as other beautiful sites in County Mayo, County Sligo, County Louth, County Meath, Dublin and more. As with all the Mater Dei pilgrimages, a solid spiritual program accompanies the pilgrimage. Daily Mass, Daily Rosary, Daily Chaplet, Daily Meditations and Talks, and more! This special pilgrimage will have a focus on the gift of healing. Answer the call! Come to Medjugorje with Mater Dei!

Departs Chicago: May 4 - 14, 2025 (with Ireland)

JAPAN

SHRINES & MARTYRS of the Rising Sun

This amazing pilgrimage traces the history of Christianity in Japan, taking pilgrims through places sanctified by martyrdom, missionary zeal, and quiet perseverance. Beginning in Nagasaki, the birthplace of Japanese

Catholicism, pilgrims walk in the footsteps of the Twenty-Six Martyrs, the Hidden Christians, and the great St. Maximilian Kolbe, whose life of sacrificial love continues to inspire the Church.

The journey continues through Hirado, Unzen, and Shimabara, where early missionaries and faithful believers endured persecution, offering their lives in witness to Christ. In Hiroshima, pilgrims pray for peace and reconciliation at sites that call the world to repentance and hope.

Traveling onward to Kyoto, Japan's cultural gem, Mt. Fuji, Japan's natural wonder, and Tokyo, where the pilgrimage reflects on how our faith endures within modern society.

The journey culminates in Akita, site of a Marian Apparition, calling the faithful to prayer, repentance, and Eucharistic devotion. As with all Mater Dei Pilgrimages, a solid spiritual program accompanies the pilgrimage! Expect daily Holy Mass, daily rosary, Divine Mercy chaplets, spiritual talks and reflections, all inviting pilgrims into deeper conversion, renewal, and trust in Divine Providence.

Departure: July 10 - 23, 2026 (Chicago)

I want more info - click here >>>

Footsteps of a Marian Visionary

Belgium

A first of a kind pilgrimage following the footsteps of a future Saint, as well as other Belgian Saints. This pilgrimage will first be a private Diocesan group, but will likely be open to Mater Dei pilgrims later on.

October 10 - 20, 2026 (Chicago)

Please pray for



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* A minimum quorum (varies per pilgrimage) is necessary for any pilgrimage to be operated.

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