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## May 3, 2026 - Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)

### Jesus, We Place Our Trust in You

**Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33:1-2,4-5,18-19; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12**

"Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you" (Ps. 33:22). When was the last time you called upon God's mercy? What was it like? Did you find yourself strengthened, or did your faith in God feel challenged amid God's silence?

At the beginning of the Holy Mass, after we sign ourselves in the name of the triune God, we are greeted with, "The Lord be with you," several times. We may have taken his trustworthy presence for granted, either consciously or unconsciously. The Lord's living presence is constant and independent of circumstances (cf. Matt. 28:20; Heb. 13:5; Rom. 8:38-39).

In this Sunday's gospel, Our Lord Jesus asks us to entrust our lives to him. He declares, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (Jn. 14:6). Jesus makes it clear that true salvation, purpose, and genuine life are found only in him. He is not merely an option; he is the only way, the only truth, and the only life. He calls us to follow him, letting his guidance and truth shape our lives. Only in him do we find meaning and lasting happiness (cf. CCC #27).

We remember his promise: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house, there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am, you also may be" (Jn 14:1-3). This farewell from Jesus at the Last Supper reassures us of his promise to shield us from despair and discouragement in trials. During the Mass, we echo our confidence in our Lord's promise through the prayers we heard from the priest after the Lord's Prayer: "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ."

I recall administering Holy Anointing to a nun dying of cancer. The infirmary was dimly lit as I entered. After the sacrament, I gently asked, "How are you, sister?" Unable to speak, she smiled, slowly shook her head, and moved her lips toward the crucifix on the wall. Though her gestures were limited, they revealed she was not alone; she was with Jesus. Her life—spent in prayer, even on her deathbed—became a song to God. Though immobile, she moved everyone who visited her with her faith. Despite her condition, her faith offered a profound witness to Jesus.

Faith empowers us to accomplish much! Jesus said, "Amen, amen, I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I do, and will do greater ones..." (Jn. 14:12). Early Christians lived this faith by praying, listening to the apostles' teachings, and serving those in need. When challenges arose, they responded with prayer, discernment, and community action. Their example shows us how trusting Jesus and joining with others enables us to fulfill our calling as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation" (1 Pt. 2:9). We accomplish meaningful things for the Lord when we listen, pray, and share responsibilities.

Let us focus on deepening our faith. Commit to prayer, study the teachings of our Catholic Faith, and work together within our faith community to respond to others' needs. This is how we follow Jesus and fulfill his call.

Fr. Manny Hewe, Pastor



# A Journey of Joyful Witness to Doing all things with Love.



**We worship what we believe; we live what we worship.**

## The Orans Gesture

The orans gesture — palms open, arms extended — holds deep symbolic meaning at Mass.

At Mass, only the priest performs the orans gesture, raising his hands in prayer. This posture is reserved for specific prayers such as the Collect and the Our Father. The priest is not acting for himself, but interceding for the whole Church, standing in persona Christi—the person of Christ.

When he extends his hands, the priest visibly represents Christ interceding before the Father on behalf of His people. He offers a clear sign of mediation and offering within the sacred liturgy.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal specifies that the orans posture is reserved for the priest during liturgical prayer (cf. GIRM 152, 153-154). This gesture is unique to the priest and signifies his role in presiding and offering prayer on behalf of the people.

The congregation participates in the Mass through actions such as standing, sitting, kneeling, and responding. These actions are distinct in meaning from the priest's gestures. Harmonizing these roles preserves liturgical clarity. Recognizing each role allows deeper participation in the mystery. (Fr. MAH)



# Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

You are all welcome to join our newly baptized and newly confirmed, as we continue our OCIA faith formation session this Tuesday, May 5th, as we learn about

## "Conversion: The Power of Grace"



Join us at 6:30pm this Tuesday in Room 210, if you would like to deepen your Catholic faith. *May you have a blessed Easter!*



## Serve at Mass

Join the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)



Contact the Parish Office or speak with a minister after Mass

# Mother's Day RECOLLECTION

Saturday, May 9, 2026

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Parish Hall | Snacks will be provided.

SPEAKER: Deacon Marlowe

All Mothers are invited!

Come and take this meaningful time to pause, reflect, and be renewed in spirit as we honor the beauty, strength, and grace of motherhood. We look forward to having you with us!



"Her children arise and call her blessed." -Proverbs 31:28

CCST Family Faith Formation Team

SCAN TO SIGN-UP

“95th Anniversary of the Co-Cathedral  
of St. Theresa Church”



15 Days

# Marian Shrines

of France, Barcelona  
& Rome

April 1-15, 2027

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### Thursday DAY 1: FLIGHT TO PARIS

Your pilgrimage begins today as you embark on your flight to Paris, setting the stage for the spiritual journey ahead.

### Friday DAY 2: PARIS

Upon arriving in Paris this morning, you will clear immigration and collect your baggage before meeting your local tour manager. Afterward, transfer to the hotel. Pending the flight schedule, a panoramic tour in Paris could be possible.

### Saturday DAY 3: LISIEUX / BAYEUX

Drive to Lisieux, the home of St. Therese, the "Little Flower of Jesus," you will visit the house where she lived as a child, the Carmelite Convent where she became a nun, the Basilica of St. Therese, and the Cathedral of St. Peter. After celebrating Mass, we will head to our hotel in Bayeux, which is just an hour away, where you will enjoy dinner and spend the night.

### Sunday DAY 4: BAYEUX / MONT SAINT MICHEL / OMAHA BEACH

Following breakfast, the group will travel to Mont Saint Michel, an extraordinary island city crowned by a high steeple pointing towards heaven, just 1.5 hours away. After exploring this captivating site, we will proceed to Omaha Beach, where nearly 10,000 white marble crosses honor the soldiers who perished during the monumental Allied landing on June 6, 1944. A Mass will be celebrated in memory of these brave souls at the cemetery overlooking the beach, after which we'll return to our hotel in Bayeux for dinner and overnight accommodations.

### Monday DAY 5: BAYEUX / PARIS

After breakfast, we will board our bus for a 3-hour drive back to Paris. In the afternoon, you will embark on a tour of the "City of

Lights," taking in iconic landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower, the Opera House (for an outside visit), the Arc de Triomphe (for an outside visit), and Montmartre, where you can admire the stunning Basilica of Sacré-Coeur. Following this rich day of exploration, you will return to your hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.

### Tuesday DAY 6: PARIS

Today begins with a visit to the historic Notre Dame Cathedral, followed by Mass. Afterward, you will explore the Shrine of Saint Vincent de Paul, where his body lies in a precious reliquary, before visiting the Chapel of the Miraculous Medal at Rue de Bac, the site of Our Lady's appearance to St. Catherine Laboure in 1830. Later, you will visit the world-renowned Louvre Museum, home to countless masterpieces including the Mona Lisa and Venus de Milo. After a fulfilling day, return to your hotel for dinner and overnight accommodations.

### Wednesday DAY 7: PARIS / LOURDES

Following breakfast, we will head to the Basilica of St. Denis, the resting place of many French monarchs, before continuing to the train station for our departure to Lourdes. Upon arrival, you will check into your hotel and settle in for dinner.

### Thursday DAY 8: LOURDES

Today is dedicated to immersing yourself in the unique atmosphere of Lourdes. You will attend Mass at the Grotto of Massabielle, where the Virgin Mary is said to have appeared, and visit the Basilica of Pius X, the world's largest underground church. The day includes seeing the house where Bernadette lived during the Apparitions and visiting several miraculous sites of healing. In the evening, we will gather for the Blessed Sacrament Procession and the Candlelight Procession, then enjoy dinner before returning to your hotel for the night.



**\$7,299**  
from Honolulu, HI

 **what's included**



Round-Trip Airfare



Land Transportation



Professional Tour Guide



Airport Taxes/Fuel Surcharges



Daily Breakfast & Dinner



Daily Mass



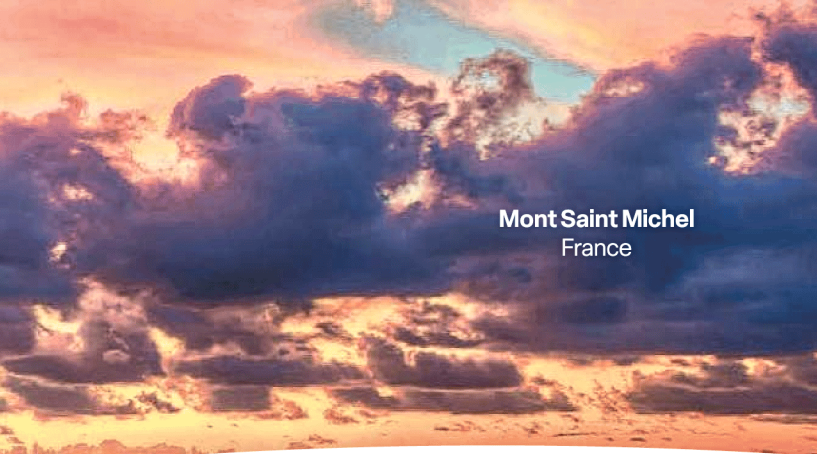
First-Class Hotels



Site Admission fees



Medical Insurance



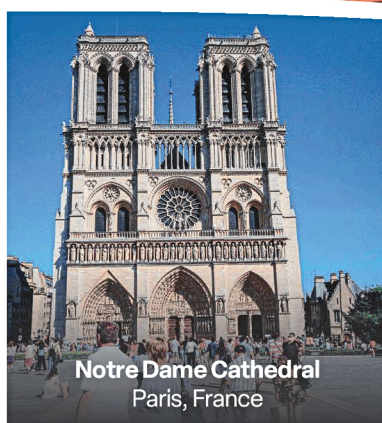
Mont Saint Michel  
France



Louvre Museum  
Paris, France



La Sagrada Família  
Barcelona, Spain



Notre Dame Cathedral  
Paris, France



St. Peter's Basilica  
The Vatican, Rome



Massaielle Grotto  
Lourdes, France

**Friday DAY 9: LOURDES / ZARAGOZA**

Today, we'll go on a wonderful guided tour of the city center! We'll visit the breathtaking Basilica del Pilar and come together to celebrate Mass. After that, you'll have some free time to explore and shop at your leisure. We'll end the day with a delightful dinner and a cozy overnight stay at our hotel.

**Saturday DAY 10: ZARAGOZA / MONTSERRAT / BARCELONA**

Today, we go to Montserrat to celebrate Mass and visit the breathtaking Sanctuary of Our Lady of Montserrat. After some personal time, we continue our trip to Barcelona. Arrive and check into our hotel. Dinner and overnight.

**Sunday DAY 11: BARCELONA**

Today will be exciting with visits to La Sagrada Familia and the Cathedral of St. Eulalia. We'll enjoy panoramic views while exploring the Church of Santa Maria Del Mar, Catherine Square, and the Gothic Quarter. We'll enjoy a comfortable overnight stay at our hotel.

**Monday DAY 12: BARCELONA / ROME**

After breakfast, we'll head to the airport for our flight to Rome. Upon arrival, our guide will meet us for a panoramic tour of the "Eternal City." We'll visit the iconic Trevi Fountain, where you can enjoy some leisure time and lunch. Then, we'll see the magnificent Pantheon and the Spanish Steps. In the evening, we'll have dinner and check into our hotel.

**Tuesday DAY 13: ANCIENT ROME**

We'll start our day at St. Paul Outside the Walls, then explore

Ancient Rome, including the Coliseum, Capitol Hill, the Vittorio Emmanuel Monument, the Roman Forum, and the Circus Maximus. In the afternoon, we'll visit St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran Basilicas. After a full day, we'll enjoy dinner and relax at our hotel for the night.

**Wednesday DAY 14: PAPAL AUDIENCE / VATICAN**

Get ready for an early start! We'll head to St. Peter's Square for the Papal Audience with Pope Leo XIV, an incredible experience (pending on the Holy Father's schedule). After the audience, we'll visit the majestic St. Peter's Basilica to celebrate Mass together. Next, we'll embark on an enlightening guided tour of the Vatican Museums and the breathtaking Sistine Chapel, where art and spirituality intertwine. Dinner will be shared together, followed by a restful night at our hotel.

**Thursday DAY 15: DEPARTURE**

This morning, we'll transfer to the airport for our return flight. We hope you've enjoyed this spiritual journey and look forward to welcoming you back for future adventures.

**sign up by mail or online**

Submit a non-refundable \$300 deposit with your registration form & passport copy to: **Nativity Pilgrimage 15710 JFK Blvd. Suite 225 Houston, TX 77032**

Names on passport and registration form must match exactly and passports must be valid for at least 6 months past your return date. Payment plans are available and full payment is due 12/22/2026 100 days before departure.



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# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## YOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

**Air Transportation:** Economy class and round-trip airfares are based on the time of the reservation. Rates and times are subject to change without notice. Airfares, once issued, are non-refundable, non-transferable, and cannot be used towards future travel.

**Land Transportation:** All land transportation as described in the itinerary will be by Deluxe Motor Coach. Some may be equipped with Wi-Fi service.

**Hotels:** Your hotels will be first-class with double occupancy (2 people per room with a private bath). Neither Nativity Pilgrimage nor the trip coordinator are responsible for providing a roommate.

**Meal Plan:** The meal plan offers breakfast & dinner daily, unless otherwise stated.

**Baggage:** Most airlines limit passengers to one (1) piece of checked luggage and one (1) carry-on. All passengers should check with the airlines carriers for up to date baggage weight and dimensions.

**Airport Fees:** Airport Taxes, Portage, Fuel Surcharges and Security Fees

**Medical Insurance:** Medical coverage for the duration of your trip.

## YOUR PACKAGE DOES NOT INCLUDE

**Cancellation Insurance:** We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance upon registration.

**Passport Expenses:** This includes any passports or additional travel documents that may be required. Passports must be valid until at least 6 months from your return date.

**Personal Expenses:** Laundry, beverages (including wine, liquor, mineral water, tea, coffee, etc.), meals or food items not listed on the included menu plan, and any excess or additional luggage.

**Non-itinerary fees:** Any sightseeing or service fees or personal items that are not specifically mentioned as being included in the itinerary.

**Non-included meals:** You are responsible for any meals not specified in your itinerary.

**Tips/Gratuities:** This includes tour guides, drivers, hotel service staff, and wait staff.

## GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

**Group Air:** Group Air differs from individually purchased airline tickets in that it is subject to the terms and conditions of the airlines. For this reason, we need to receive your registration and full payment by the payment deadline. After that date, registrations may be subject to a different air rate, ticketing method, or on a different airline. Additional fees and charges may apply. Group air flights are confirmed 60 - 90 days prior to departure.

**Departure Cities:** If your departure city is not listed on the brochure, indicate which airport you would like to depart from on the registration form. We will provide you with the best possible price and flight schedule in order to connect with the group. Additional fees and charges may apply.

**Land-Only Option:** If you would like to book your own air travel, indicate on your registration form that you want the 'Land Only' option. This amount equals to the total tour price minus \$800 for all destinations except Mexico, which is minus \$350. By booking your own air, you may select your seat, airline, and travel schedule, use airline miles/points, provide airline reward program information, and make any special requests directly with the airline. No changes can be made after the final payment deadline. Land-only services begin and end at the hotels unless you are able to meet the group at the airport. Land-only travelers are responsible for their own airport transfers.

## IMPORTANT POLICIES

The airline selects seat assignments for group air, not the tour operator. Seat upgrades are available for registered travelers, by request. Quoted rates for an upgrade are subject to change until payment is received. Some upgrades are not available until the group tickets are issued.

**Single Room:** Tour price is based on double occupancy. If you'd like a single room, there is an additional cost per person as specified on the registration form. Single rooms are limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Seat Upgrades:** Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives an upgrade or seat location request, we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee the acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

**Other Special Requests:** Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives a special request, such as a wheelchair, food, etc., we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

## BOOKING CONDITIONS

**Deposit:** A non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 per person is required at the time of booking. No reservation will be processed without a deposit.

**Payment Deadline:** Full payment is due 100 Days before departure (12/22/2026). Late registrations received after the deadline require an additional \$100 (subject to availability). If payment is not made in full 50 days prior to departure, your payments are non-refundable.

**Payment Methods:** We accept major credit cards, checks, money orders, and Zelle payments. There is an additional 3% fee for each credit card transaction.

## LATE PAYMENT POLICY

Customers will receive Late Fees if they are not paid in full:

PRIOR TO DEPARTURE	LEE
100 - 61 days	\$150
60 - 30 days	\$300
30 days - day before departure	subject to cancellation

Customers are also responsible for any difference in fare due to late payment (subject to availability). Refusal to pay will be considered a cancellation.

## CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

We hope that nothing will prevent you from taking your pilgrimage with Nativity Pilgrimage, however, should you need to cancel your trip, your cancellation must be in writing via email or letter. It will be effective on the date of receipt. The following cancellation fees will apply:

PRIOR TO DEPARTURE	PENALTY
100 + days	Lose deposit
99 - 50 days	50% of trip cost
49 days or less	100% of trip cost

Insurance premiums are non-refundable. We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance to avoid these cancellation fees.

## PROTECT YOUR TRIP

Every pilgrim traveling with Nativity will receive complimentary medical insurance that provides coverage for the full duration of your trip.

We also strongly recommend purchasing trip cancellation insurance (available at an additional cost) to safeguard your travel investment in case unforeseen circumstances require you to cancel. Please contact our office for details about trip cancellation insurance options.

**Important:** If you plan to purchase Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR) coverage, it must be purchased at the time of registration.

## RESPONSIBILITY

Nativity Pilgrimage, Inc. and their agents assume no liability or responsibility in regards to travel in any form for any injuries or loss of property, accidents, delays, changes in schedule or itinerary, incidental damages or any irregular circumstances. This would include, but not limited to, default or omission by any third party providing services or facilities related to and/or included in the tour or any part thereof.

The IATA carriers, steamship firms and other transportation companies, whose services are featured in these tours, are not to be held responsible or accountable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their respective conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passengers and Nativity Pilgrimage, Inc. does not assume any liability or responsibility in connection therewith. They are not responsible for any losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air or other services, sickness, weather, strike, war, guarantees, or other causes. All such losses or expenses shall be borne by the passenger as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. The right is reserved to substitute hotels of similar quality to those specified in the itinerary. Nativity Pilgrimage reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure. Refund details vary upon each trip. No refund will be made for any used portion of the tour unless arrangements are made prior to departure from the United States. Prices and itineraries are subject to change without notice if booking conditions are not complied with.



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**:We are in need of volunteers:**

Anyone interested to help please call the Parish office at (808)521-1700 so we can put you on the schedule.  
**Mahalo!**

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday  
from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm  
(Closed during Lunch break from 12:00 - 1:00 pm)  
Saturdays  
from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Sundays  
from 7:30 am - 11:30 am

## MASS SCHEDULES

### Sunday Mass

6:30 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6:00 pm

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 pm

### Daily Mass

Mon – Thurs: 6:30 am

Fri – Sat: 8:00 am

### Vietnamese Mass (VHM)

Daily Mass:

Mon. Tues. & Thur. at 5:30 pm

Saturday Vigil at 7:00 pm

Sundays at 3:30 pm

### Holy Hour/Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession

Wednesdays

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena at 6:00 pm

Holy Hour/Benediction & Confessions at 6:15 pm

(First Wednesdays of the month with Bishop)

## PASTORAL TEAM & PARISH STAFF

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Dir. of R.E. & Pastoral Associate

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Accountant

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Custodian

*"How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord God of Hosts."  
Psalm 84:1*



## Daily Mass Readings

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

**May 4, 2026**

*Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter*

Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26

**May 5, 2026**

*Tuesday of Fifth Week of Easter*

Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a

**May 6, 2026**

*Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter*

Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8

**May 7, 2026**

*Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter*

Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11

**May 8, 2026**

*Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter*

Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17

**May 9, 2026**

*Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter*

Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

**May 10, 2026**

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18;

John 14:15-21