



PROROME



A Fall 2026 Pilgrimage to Italy

Join St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church of Vancouver, WA

This pilgrimage will immerse you in the vast cultural and Catholic heritage of Italy. The itinerary features two nights in Assisi and seven nights in Rome, with a day-trip to Orvieto included. Daily Mass – the cornerstone of each day – will be complemented by a rich touring program designed to bring the pilgrims face to face with the great saints, martyrs, Eucharistic Miracles and cultural heritage of Roman Catholicism. Highlights include St. Peter's Basilica, the Papal Basilicas, the Catacombs, the Vatican Museums, and many other incredible saints, churches, basilicas and holy sites throughout Italy.

Roundtrip airfare and beautiful four-star hotels will be arranged. A ProRome tour manager will accompany the group throughout the course of the trip, and private bus transportation, Catholic tour guides, all tours and tickets, daily breakfast and either daily lunch or dinner are included in the price.

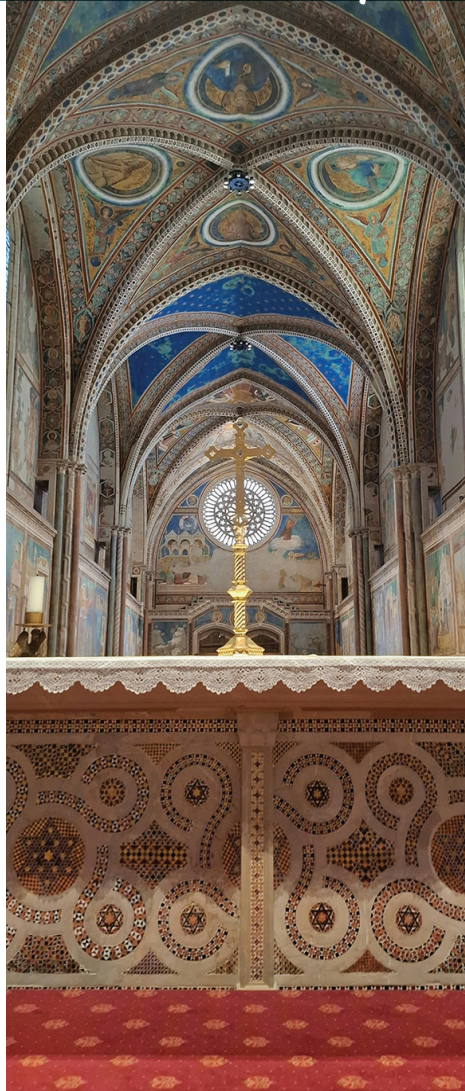
November 3 - 13, 2026

\$3390 per person, Land Only

In order to operate this trip at least 25 people must pre-register BEFORE December 15, 2025.

To pre-register, please contact Andrew Hollands directly by email at youthministry@stjohnvancouver.org. Once at least 25 people have pre-registered then our travel partner, ProRome Tours, will be in touch to formalize your registration.

The Itinerary



Every day of pilgrimage will include the celebration of Holy Mass, locations to be determined based on availability. Additionally, every day will include breakfast and either lunch or dinner. Thus pilgrims will be provided two meals daily.

Monday, November 3 Departure

Departure from USA to Rome

Tuesday, November 4 Arrival | Assisi

- Arrival in Rome. Welcome to Italy!
- Meet ProRome Tour Manager and board private coach
- **Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels.** Upon our arrival in Assisi, we will visit the original home of the Franciscan Order, and the place of St. Francis's death at the Porziuncola chapel inside the great baroque Basilica of Saint Mary

of the Angels.

- Check into our four-star hotel

Wednesday, November 5 Assisi: Basilicas Of Sts. Francis & Clare

- **Basilica of Saint Francis.** Today we enter into the life and legacy of Saint Francis and Saint Clare! We will enjoy a guided tour of the Basilica, beginning in the crypt where Saint Francis is buried and culminating in the upper Basilica where we will explore in detail the life of Saint Francis, vividly displayed in Giotto's great frescoes that adorn the walls of the church.
- **Basilica of Saint Clare.** Here we will venerate the tomb of Saint Clare, as well as the San Damiano crucifix that spoke to Saint Francis more than 800 years ago, asking him to "repair the Church which is falling into disrepair."
- **Cathedral of San Rufino.** This church is where Saint Francis and Saint Clare were baptized.
- **Chiesa Nuova.** This church is built over the childhood home of Saint Francis.
- **Church of Saint Mary Major.** Here we will have the opportunity to pray at the final resting place of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

Thursday, November 6 Orvieto

- Depart Assisi for Rome
- **Orvieto.** This beautiful city is home to one of Italy's finest Gothic cathedrals, the Duomo (Cathedral) of Orvieto. Inside this stunning medieval church we will find a relic of Jesus Christ's Blood: the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena. In the 13th century a traveling priest doubted the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Following the words of consecration ("This Is My Body") the Host spilled blood down the doubting priest's arms and onto the altar cloth. The priest was immediately converted and the altar cloth (the corporal) that soaked up Jesus's blood was placed in the Cathedral for adoration. The miracle is still preserved to this day. The Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena is the first Church-approved Eucharistic miracle and the impetus behind the institution of the Feast of Corpus Christi!
- Upon arrival, check into our four-star hotel

Friday, November 7

St. Peter's Basilica | Scavi Tour

- **St. Peter's Basilica.** We will receive a guided tour of the greatest church in the world - built over the tomb of St. Peter himself.
- **Scavi Tour.** A unique subterranean tour that takes the visitor right to the tomb of St. Peter himself. This tour may be moved to a different day and is pending ticket availability.
- **St. Peter's Cupola.** All will have the option to climb to the top of Saint Peter's Basilica for perhaps the singularly most incredible view looking out over Rome!

Saturday, November 8

Saint Mary Major | The Catacombs | The Lateran | Holy Cross In Jerusalem

- **Basilica of Saint Mary Major.** On our tour of Saint Mary Major we will venerate many sacred relics, such as the Manger in which Christ was born, the Madonna Salus Populi Romani (Rome's most important Marian image) and the tomb of Pope Saint Pius V.
- **Catacombs of St. Sebastian.** Located "outside the walls", here we will venerate this great saint and martyr, together with the many other witnesses of the Faith buried here.
- **The Lateran.** Built by Constantine in the 4th century, this church is known as the "Mater et Caput" - the mother and head of all the churches in the entire world, as it officially became the seat of the Bishop of Rome upon the legalization of Christianity under Emperor Constantine the Great.
- **Holy Stairs.** These are the very stairs that Christ once walked in the Praetorium of Pontius Pilate. The stairs must be climbed on one's knees out of respect for our Lord and the suffering He endured.
- **Holy Cross in Jerusalem.** Here we will venerate the most Holy Relics of Christ's Passion, including a large relic of the True Cross.

Sunday, November 9

St. Paul Outside The Walls

- **Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls.** Here is the burial place of Saint Paul and the second-largest church in the world, second only to St. Peter's. We will enjoy a guided tour of this incredible relic of early Christianity.

ITINERARY CONTINUED



Monday, November 10 The Centro Storico & Counter-Reformation

- **Centro Storico.** Today we learn all about the Catholic Counter-Reformation, highlighting the saints, religious orders, art and architecture that all played a part in this great movement. This tour will take us through the “Centro Storico,” the historic center of Rome, where you will explore Rome’s most favorite and photographed places. This tour features visits to the Church of Sant’Agnese, the Piazza Navona and its famed Bernini fountains, the Church of San Luigi dei Francesi and finally Sant’Agostino, where we will have a taste of Caravaggio’s striking artwork.
- **Pantheon & Nearby Sites.** After lunch, we pay a visit to arguably the greatest building in Rome, the Pantheon. The Pantheon is the only fully intact building from Roman antiquity. It is a masterpiece of architecture and yet no architecture degree is necessary to appreciate the simple beauty of this, now Catholic, church. We will then enjoy a stroll through some of Rome’s greatest piazzas and churches in the historic center of the eternal city.

Tuesday, November 11 Ancient Rome | Trastevere

- **Ancient Rome.** We explore the ancient city of Rome, passing through the Roman Forum, the Colosseum and the Basilica of San Clemente. Here we will explore in detail the great story of ancient Rome, from its founding in the 8th century BC up through the fall of Rome in the 5th century AD.
- **Trastevere.** The most popular neighborhood of the Eternal City, known for its saints, medieval architecture and bustling restaurants, bars and markets. In Trastevere, we will visit Santa Maria della Scala (where we will venerate Saint Teresa of Avila’s hand), Santa Cecilia, and other churches in this neighborhood.

Wednesday, November 12 Papal Audience | Vatican Museums

- **Audience with the Holy Father.** Today the group will participate in the Papal Audience in St. Peter’s Square. Make sure to bring religious articles, which the Pope will bless at the conclusion of the Audience!
- **Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel.** We will enjoy a tour through the rich and

magnificent Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel. Here we will see everything from the Creation of Adam by Michelangelo to Raphael’s School of Athens among other wonders.

Thursday, November 13 Departure

- **Departure from Rome to USA**





More Details

► Final Cost

\$3390 per person, Land Only

► Payment Schedule

- \$300 - ProRome Registration Fee - Due upon Registration
- 50% First Installment - Due May 3, 2026
- 50% Second Installment - Due July 3, 2026
- \$990 Single Occupancy Surcharge (If Applicable) - Due July 3, 2026

► Price Inclusions

- 9 nights lodging in double occupancy room
 - 2 nights lodging at a four-star hotel in Assisi
 - 7 nights lodging at a four-star hotel in Rome
- ProRome Tour Manager throughout the course of the trip
- Professional English-speaking guides for all visits according to the above itinerary
- Tours and all entry-tickets
- Daily buffet breakfast (without choice of menus)
- Daily lunch or dinner (without choice of menus)
- Water and house wine at meals
- Deluxe a/c coach when required (note that we will still walk up to 8 miles per day)
- Audio guiding system throughout the course of the trip

► Price Exclusions

- Any personal expenses
- One daily meal
- Beverages other than water and house wine at included meals
- Trip Insurance (available for purchase through ProRome)



PROROME