

# A Rosary Pilgrimage to the Holy Land





# Welcome to Israel!





# A Land of Contrasts...





# A Land of Beauty...





# From the Sea of Galilee...





# All the way to Jerusalem!





# A Land of Challenges for Christians





# One of the Biggest is The Wall

What is the wall?  
It is a barrier that separates  
the two sides of the wall.  
It is a wall that separates  
the two sides of the wall.



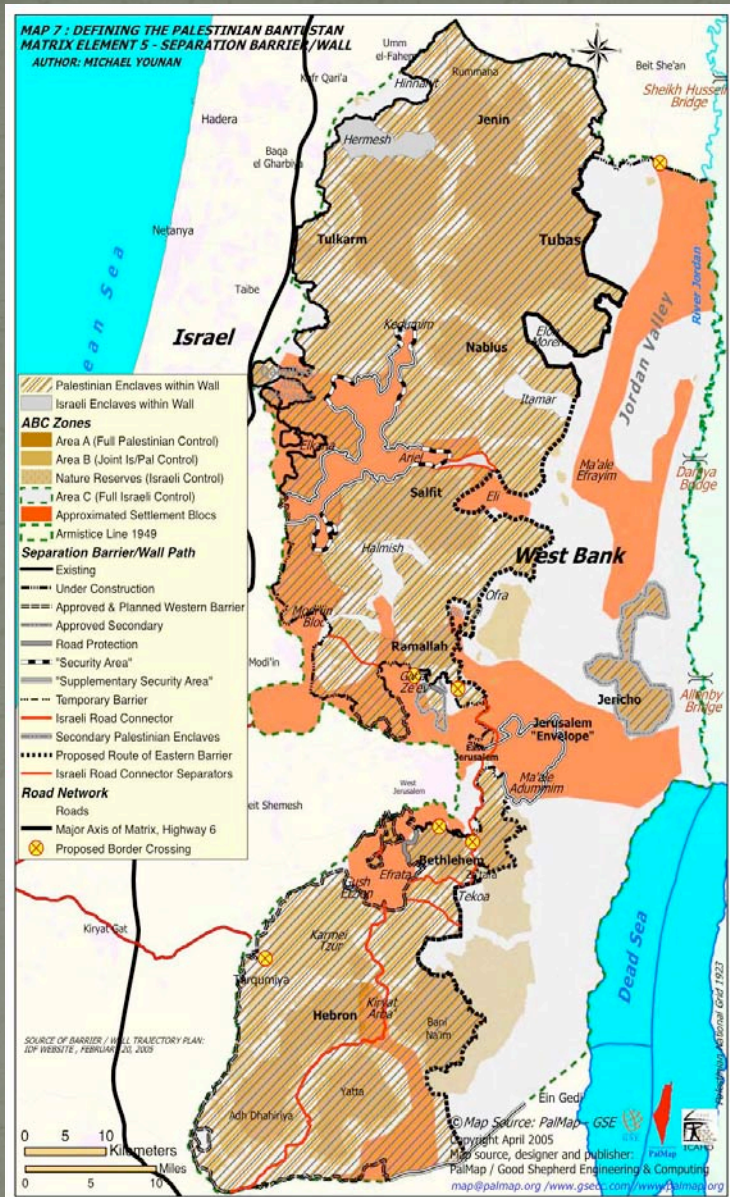


# Bethlehem is an Outdoor Prison

How many hours a day do I live in a cell?  
I sleep in a cell, I eat in a cell, I work in a cell,  
I walk in a cell, I talk in a cell, I think in a cell,  
I live in a cell, I die in a cell, I am in a cell.







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Life is a constant struggle, but...





Prayer is both their offense and defense  
against this obstacle to liberty & dignity.





# Come and walk & pray along with Jesus & Mary in the Scriptures







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# First Joyful Mystery – The Annunciation





# The Basilica of the Annunciation - Nazareth

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# Second Joyful Mystery – The Visitation





# The Church of the Visitation – Ein Karem

- The church of the Visitation in Ein Karem is a beautiful example of traditional Palestinian architecture. It is a small, single-story building with a flat roof and a central dome. The walls are made of light-colored stone and are decorated with intricate carvings and paintings. The church is surrounded by a low wall and a paved courtyard. In the foreground, there is a large, rectangular stone structure, possibly a well or a fountain, with a small shrine on top. The church is located in a rural area, surrounded by olive trees and other vegetation. The church is a popular pilgrimage site for Christians and Muslims alike. It is believed that the Virgin Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth here in the sixth month of her pregnancy. The church is a beautiful example of traditional Palestinian architecture and is a must-see for anyone visiting Ein Karem.







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# Third Joyful Mystery – The Nativity





# The Church of the Nativity - Bethlehem

- The Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem is one of the oldest and most important churches in the world. It is believed to be the place where Jesus was born. The church is a basilica with a long nave and a large apse. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The church is a symbol of peace and unity between different religions and cultures. It is a place of pilgrimage for millions of people every year. The church is a masterpiece of ancient architecture and art. It is a treasure of the human heritage. The church is a witness to the history of the Holy Land. It is a place of prayer and reflection for all people. The church is a source of inspiration and hope for the world. It is a place where we can find the light of Christ. The church is a gift to the world. It is a place where we can all find a home.









# Fourth Joyful Mystery – The Presentation





# The Temple

- The temple is a place where people go to worship and pray. It is a sacred place where God is believed to reside. The temple is a place of peace and harmony. It is a place where people come to seek the blessings of God. The temple is a place of joy and happiness. It is a place where people come to celebrate their faith. The temple is a place of love and compassion. It is a place where people come to help those in need. The temple is a place of hope and faith. It is a place where people come to believe in the power of God. The temple is a place of strength and courage. It is a place where people come to face their fears. The temple is a place of wisdom and knowledge. It is a place where people come to learn about the world and themselves. The temple is a place of beauty and grace. It is a place where people come to admire the work of God. The temple is a place of peace and tranquility. It is a place where people come to find their hearts at rest. The temple is a place of love and kindness. It is a place where people come to show their love for God and for each other. The temple is a place of hope and faith. It is a place where people come to believe in the power of God. The temple is a place of strength and courage. It is a place where people come to face their fears. The temple is a place of wisdom and knowledge. It is a place where people come to learn about the world and themselves. The temple is a place of beauty and grace. It is a place where people come to admire the work of God. The temple is a place of peace and tranquility. It is a place where people come to find their hearts at rest. The temple is a place of love and kindness. It is a place where people come to show their love for God and for each other.









# Fifth Joyful Mystery – Finding Jesus in the Temple





# The History of Pilgrimage

- The history of pilgrimage is a long and varied one, with roots in many different cultures and religions. In the Middle Ages, pilgrimage was a common practice, and many people traveled long distances to visit holy sites. The Crusades were a series of religious wars between Christians and Muslims, fought over control of the Holy Land. The Crusades were a major factor in the decline of the Roman Empire. The Crusades were a series of religious wars between Christians and Muslims, fought over control of the Holy Land. The Crusades were a major factor in the decline of the Roman Empire.









# First Luminous Mystery – Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan





# Renewing Baptismal Promises

- In the presence of the Holy Spirit, we renew our baptismal promises. We are reminded of the promises we made when we were baptized. We are reminded that we are members of the Body of Christ. We are reminded that we are called to live in holiness and to love one another. We are reminded that we are called to share the Good News with all people. We are reminded that we are called to be salt and light in the world. We are reminded that we are called to be faithful to the Lord and to His Church. We are reminded that we are called to be obedient to the commands of the Lord. We are reminded that we are called to be patient and kind. We are reminded that we are called to be gentle and lowly in spirit. We are reminded that we are called to be peace-loving and merciful. We are reminded that we are called to be selfless and to serve one another. We are reminded that we are called to be faithful and to persevere to the end. We are reminded that we are called to be holy and to love God with all our heart, mind, and strength. We are reminded that we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves. We are reminded that we are called to be faithful to the Lord and to His Church. We are reminded that we are called to be obedient to the commands of the Lord. We are reminded that we are called to be patient and kind. We are reminded that we are called to be gentle and lowly in spirit. We are reminded that we are called to be peace-loving and merciful. We are reminded that we are called to be selfless and to serve one another. We are reminded that we are called to be faithful and to persevere to the end. We are reminded that we are called to be holy and to love God with all our heart, mind, and strength. We are reminded that we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves. We are reminded that we are called to be faithful to the Lord and to His Church. We are reminded that we are called to be obedient to the commands of the Lord. We are reminded that we are called to be patient and kind. We are reminded that we are called to be gentle and lowly in spirit. We are reminded that we are called to be peace-loving and merciful. We are reminded that we are called to be selfless and to serve one another. We are reminded that we are called to be faithful and to persevere to the end. We are reminded that we are called to be holy and to love God with all our heart, mind, and strength. We are reminded that we are called to love our neighbor as ourselves.









# Second Luminous Mystery – The First Miracle at the Wedding at Cana





# The Wedding Church - Cana

- The wedding church in Cana is a beautiful stone building with a sign that reads "CUSTODY OF THE HOLY LAND THE CANA CATHOLIC WEDDING CHURCH". The sign also includes Arabic text: "كنيسة عرس قانا الجليل الكاثوليكية" and "كنيسة الحنوت قانا الجليل الكاثوليكية". Below the sign, it says "FRANCISCAN CONVENT" and "دير القديس يوحنا" on the left, and "LATIN PARISH" and "رعية اللاتين" on the right. A red cross symbol is in the center. A man and a woman are standing in front of the church entrance.









# Third Luminous Mystery – Proclamation of the Kingdom & Call to Conversion





# The Church of the Beatitudes

- The church of the Beatitudes was built in the year 1968, designed by the architect Oscar Niemeyer. It is a modernist church with a unique design, featuring a large, curved archway that frames the altar. The interior is characterized by its clean lines and use of light-colored materials, creating a bright and open atmosphere. The altar is a prominent feature, with a large cross on top and a central panel depicting the Virgin Mary and the Christ Child. The church is located in the city of Curitiba, Brazil.









# Fourth Luminous Mystery – The Transfiguration





# The Basilica of the Transfiguration – Mount Tabor

- The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ is a significant event in the Gospels, where Jesus' appearance is glorified and he is seen with Moses and Elijah. This event is commemorated in the Basilica of the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor. The basilica's dome features a large mosaic depicting the Transfiguration, with Jesus Christ in the center, flanked by Moses and Elijah, and surrounded by other figures. The mosaic is set against a golden background, symbolizing the divine light and glory of the event. The architecture of the basilica is a blend of Byzantine and Baroque styles, with a prominent dome and ornate details. The Transfiguration is a key event in the life of Christ, and the basilica serves as a place of pilgrimage and worship for many Christians.









# Fifth Luminous Mystery – The Institution of the Eucharist





# The Upper Room - Jerusalem

- How do we know this is the  
place where the Holy Spirit  
came down upon the disciples?  
The Bible tells us that Jesus  
went to the Mount of Olives  
and prayed all night long  
before he went to the Garden  
of Gethsemane. The Bible  
also tells us that the Holy  
Spirit came down upon the  
disciples in the form of a  
tongue of fire. This is why  
we know that this is the  
place where the Holy Spirit  
came down upon the disciples.









# First Sorrowful Mystery – The Agony in the Garden





# The Basilica of the Agony

- The Basilica of the Agony is a church in Jerusalem, built on the site where Jesus is believed to have prayed before his crucifixion. The church is a fine example of Byzantine architecture, with a large mosaic of the Last Supper on the exterior wall. The mosaic is a masterpiece of Byzantine art, depicting the twelve apostles gathered around the table. The church is a place of pilgrimage for Christians from all over the world. It is a beautiful and historic site that is well worth a visit.









# Second Sorrowful Mystery – The Scourging at the Pillar













# Third Sorrowful Mystery – The Crowning with Thorns





# The Chapel of the Flagellation and the Chapel of Condemnation

- The chapel of the Flagellation and the Chapel of Condemnation are two of the most important chapels in the Basilica of San Giovanni Evangelista in Rome. The Chapel of the Flagellation, also known as the Chapel of the Scourging, is a small, rectangular chapel with a vaulted ceiling and a large, arched window. The Chapel of Condemnation, also known as the Chapel of the Mocking, is a larger, more ornate chapel with a vaulted ceiling and a large, arched window. Both chapels are dedicated to the Passion of Christ and are considered important sites of pilgrimage.









# Fourth Sorrowful Mystery – The Carrying of the Cross





# The Via Dolorosa

- The Via Dolorosa is the path that Jesus walked from the site of his arrest to the site of his crucifixion. It is a 4-kilometer path in Jerusalem, and it is one of the most sacred sites in the world. The path is marked by 14 stations, each representing a different event in the life of Jesus. The stations are: 1. Jesus is condemned to death. 2. Jesus carries his cross to Golgotha. 3. Jesus falls under the weight of the cross. 4. Jesus is helped by Simon of Cyrene. 5. Jesus is nailed to the cross. 6. Jesus dies on the cross. 7. Jesus' body is taken down from the cross. 8. Jesus' body is wrapped in a shroud. 9. Jesus' body is placed in a tomb. 10. The tomb is sealed. 11. The women go to the tomb. 12. The women find the tomb empty. 13. The women are told to go and tell the disciples. 14. The women return to the city. The Via Dolorosa is a path of suffering and pain, but it is also a path of hope and redemption. It is a path that leads to the heart of the Christian faith.





# The Via Dolorosa - Jerusalem





# The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery – The Crucifixion





# The Church of the Holy Sepulchre

- The Holy Sepulchre is the most sacred site in Jerusalem, where Jesus Christ is believed to have been crucified, buried, and resurrected. It is a central focus of Christian faith and pilgrimage. The site is located in the Old City of Jerusalem, within the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. The structure is a complex of various chapels and shrines, each with its own significance. The most prominent feature is the stone slab, known as the Stone of Anointment, which is believed to be the stone rolled away from the tomb. The site is also home to the Holy Shroud, a piece of fabric believed to have been used to wrap the body of Jesus. The Holy Sepulchre is a place of profound spiritual significance and is visited by millions of pilgrims each year.









# First Glorious Mystery – The Resurrection













# Second Glorious Mystery – The Ascension













# Third Glorious Mystery – The Descent of the Holy Spirit













# Fourth Glorious Mystery – The Assumption of Mary





# The Church of the Tomb of the Virgin Mary

- The church of the Tomb of the Virgin Mary is a small, simple structure built in the 12th century. It is located in the town of Beit Sahour, about 10 kilometers north of Jerusalem. The church is dedicated to the tomb of the Virgin Mary, which is believed to be the place where she was buried after her death. The church is a simple, rectangular building with a single dome. The interior is dark and simple, with a small altar and a table. The church is a popular site of pilgrimage for Christians, and it is also a place of interest for tourists. The church is a good example of the architecture of the Crusader period in the Holy Land.





# The Church of the Dormition

- The church of the Dormition is a significant site in the city of Tbilisi, Georgia. It is dedicated to the falling asleep of the Virgin Mary. The church is a fine example of Georgian ecclesiastical architecture, featuring a central dome and a series of smaller domes. The interior is richly decorated with frescoes and mosaics. The church is a popular place of pilgrimage and is visited by many tourists. The church is a beautiful example of Georgian architecture and is a must-see for anyone visiting Tbilisi. The church is a beautiful example of Georgian architecture and is a must-see for anyone visiting Tbilisi. The church is a beautiful example of Georgian architecture and is a must-see for anyone visiting Tbilisi.





# Fifth Glorious Mystery – The Coronation of Mary





# The Church of St. Anne - Jerusalem

- The Church of St. Anne is a small, ancient church in Jerusalem, built in the 4th century. It is dedicated to the young girl, St. Anne, who is believed to be the mother of the Virgin Mary. The church is a simple, rectangular building with a single nave and a small apse. It is surrounded by a low wall and has a small tower on the right side. The church is a popular site of pilgrimage and is visited by many Christians. The church is a fine example of early Christian architecture and is a well-preserved relic of the early church in Jerusalem.









# A Living Rosary Decade for the Christians in the Holy Land

- The Holy Land is a land of peace and unity. It is a land where the three religions of the world – Judaism, Christianity, and Islam – have lived together in harmony for centuries. The Holy Land is a land of great beauty and historical significance. It is a land where the events of the Bible took place. It is a land where the people of the world can learn about their common heritage and the love of God. The Holy Land is a land of hope and peace. It is a land where we can find the answers to our deepest questions and the path to a better life. The Holy Land is a land of love and compassion. It is a land where we can learn to love our neighbors as ourselves and to live in peace and harmony with all people. The Holy Land is a land of great beauty and historical significance. It is a land where the events of the Bible took place. It is a land where the people of the world can learn about their common heritage and the love of God. The Holy Land is a land of hope and peace. It is a land where we can find the answers to our deepest questions and the path to a better life. The Holy Land is a land of love and compassion. It is a land where we can learn to love our neighbors as ourselves and to live in peace and harmony with all people.



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Glory be...





O MARY, Immaculate, Gracious Queen of heaven and earth,  
behold us prostrate before your exalted throne.

Full of confidence in your goodness and in your boundless power,  
we beseech you to turn a pitying glance upon Palestine,  
which more than any other country belongs to you,  
since you have graced it with your birth, your virtues  
and your sorrows, and from there has given the Redeemer to the world.

Remember that there especially,  
you were constituted our tender Mother, the dispenser of graces.

Watch therefore over your native country.

Scatter from it the shades of error,  
for it was there the Son of Eternal Justice shone.

Bring about the speedy fulfillment of the promise  
which issued from the lips of your Divine Son  
that there should be one fold and one Shepherd.

Obtain for us all that we may serve the Lord in sanctity and justice  
during the days of our lives, so that by the merits of JESUS  
and with your motherly aid we may pass at last  
from this earthly Jerusalem to the splendor of the heavenly one.

Amen



# The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem





# The Mission of the Order

- In our time, the Church is called to be a sign and instrument of unity and communion in the world, and to be a source of life and peace for all men and women.
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# The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem – A Piece of Catholic History







# HELPING CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Christians of the Holy Land rely heavily on the help that comes to them during this special time of the year.

It is critical that we continue to support the Christians who are living in the Holy Land. They are surrounded by a majority Jewish and Islamic population. With your support, we ensure Christians living there and future generations of Christians will have a place to live and thrive.

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