

Mary & the Mysteries of Revelation



----- A Catholic Journey through Turkey -----
May 17-30, 2026

Journey with Fr. Michal Rosa through Turkey, visiting ruins from the Seven Churches of Revelation, the traditional house of the Virgin Mary, and many locations of the Apostles and the early church.



Enjoy an unforgettable 14 days
traveling through the historic
and spiritual heart of Turkey.

++ Beautiful Scenery

++ Spiritual Enrichment
including Daily Mass

++ Daily Breakfast & Dinner
included

++ Includes Bus Transportation
to and from Chicago, as well
as all transportation in Turkey



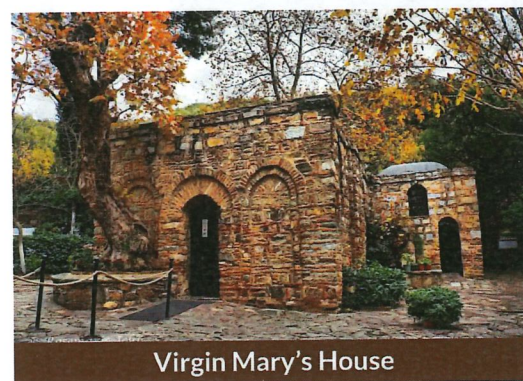
Basilica Cistern



Blue Mosque



Topkapi Palace



Virgin Mary's House



Pamukkale

Day 1: Sunday, May 17, 2026 || EFFINGHAM - CHICAGO

Holy Mass at 10:30am at Sacred Heart Church in Effingham. Afterwards, we will enjoy a quick lunch and then board a bus to Chicago. Depart from Chicago's O'Hare Airport at 8:10pm. Late dinner on the plane. Fly overnight to Istanbul.

Day 2: Monday, May 18, 2026 || ARRIVAL TO ISTANBUL

Arrival in Istanbul at 2:50pm. Transfer to the hotel and check-in. After resting, guests may enjoy a short orientation walk in the historic district. Dinner and overnight stay.

Day 3: Tuesday, May 19, 2026 || FULL DAY IN ISTANBUL

After breakfast, visit the monumental Hagia Sophia, followed by the underground Basilica Cistern. Next, admire the peaceful and majestic Blue Mosque, and end the day at the Topkapi Palace – the former residence of Ottoman sultans, filled with beautiful buildings and treasures. Dinner and overnight stay in Istanbul. Time to enjoy the vibrant atmosphere of the Grand Bazaar or take a leisurely walk along the Bosphorus.

Day 4: Wednesday, May 20, 2026 || BERGAMA - KUSADASI

Travel north to ancient Pergamon, located above the modern town of Bergama. Continue to Izmir to explore the ruins of Kadifekale ("Velvet Castle") and the ancient agora of Smyrna. Visit the Church of St. Polycarp – one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. Transfer to Kusadasi for dinner and overnight stay. The journey offers scenic views of the Aegean countryside and a glimpse into daily Turkish life.

Day 5: Thursday, May 21, 2026 || KUSADASI

Morning Mass, followed by a stroll through Kusadasi to experience local daily life. *Leisure time on the scenic beaches of the Aegean Sea.* Dinner and overnight stay in Kusadasi. This is a perfect opportunity to unwind, shop for souvenirs, or try local seafood specialties.

Day 6: Friday, May 22, 2026 || EPHESUS – VIRGIN MARY'S HOUSE – SELCUK

Visit Ephesus – one of the largest and most impressive archaeological sites in the world, associated with St. Paul and one of the Seven Churches of Revelation. In the afternoon, visit the Basilica and Tomb of St. John in Selcuk, and the traditional house of the Virgin Mary. Dinner and overnight stay in Kusadasi. Walking through the ancient streets of Ephesus offers a vivid glimpse into the grandeur of Roman civilization.

Day 7: Saturday, May 23, 2026 || IZMIR – PAMUKKALE – LAODICEA

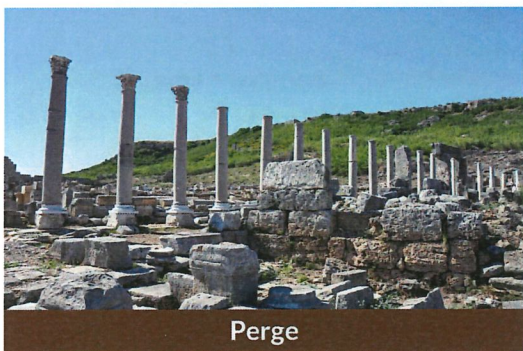
After breakfast, travel to Pamukkale to explore its spectacular white travertine terraces and hot springs. Visit the necropolis in Hierapolis and continue to Laodicea – one of the Seven Churches of Revelation, located on a plateau above the Meander Valley. Dinner and overnight stay in Pamukkale. Capture unforgettable photos of Pamukkale's surreal natural formations and ancient thermal baths.



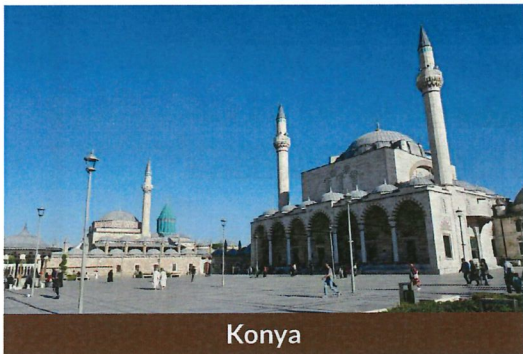
"Old Town" Kaleici, Antalya



Antalya



Perge



Konya



Goreme

Day 8: Sunday, May 24, 2026 || PAMUKKALE - KIBYRA - ANTALYA

Drive to Antalya with a stop in the ancient city of Kibyra in Burdur Province – a key trade center in antiquity, situated at the crossroads of Caria, Lydia, Phrygia, and Pisidia. Upon arrival in Antalya, check in to the hotel in the old town district of Kaleici, known for its picturesque streets and Ottoman-era wooden houses. Dinner and overnight stay. Enjoy the serene atmosphere of this coastal gem nestled between mountains and the Mediterranean Sea.

Day 9: Monday, May 25, 2026 || ANTALYA

Morning walking tour through the historic center of Antalya, formerly part of the Roman province of Pamphylia, mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles. *Free time in the afternoon for rest and beach relaxation.* Dinner and overnight stay.

Day 10: Tuesday, May 26, 2026 || PERGE

Short drive to Perge – an ancient city connected to a trade route through Side. Though not a port itself, its proximity to the Kestros River made it accessible by water. St. Paul preached here in 46 AD. After the visit, take the afternoon to relax or explore more of Antalya at your own pace. Dinner and overnight stay in Antalya.

Day 11: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 || KONYA - CAPPADOCIA

Breakfast. Travel to Konya – Turkey's most spiritual city and home of the Mevlevi Order (Whirling Dervishes). Known in Roman times as Iconium, it was the capital of the Seljuk Turks and the home of Rumi, the founder of the Sufi order. After visiting Konya, continue to Cappadocia. Dinner and overnight stay. This journey across Anatolia reveals the vast landscapes and rich cultural mosaic of inland.

Day 12: Thursday, May 28, 2026 || CAPPADOCIA

Breakfast. Full-day exploration of the unique landscapes and historical sites of Cappadocia, including Uchisar and the town of Goreme – known for its rock-cut churches, homes, and fairy chimneys shaped by erosion. Visit Kaymakli Underground City, created by early Christians fleeing Arab persecution. Dinner and overnight stay in Cappadocia.

Optional hot-air balloon rides at sunrise offer breathtaking views of the valleys below - about \$400 per person - necessary to book in advance

Day 13: Friday, May 29, 2026 || TARSUS - ADANA

Breakfast. Drive to Tarsus – an ancient city with over 9,000 years of history, located inland from the Mediterranean Sea. Tarsus blends early Christian history with Roman-era architecture in a truly special way. Birthplace of St. Paul and the legendary meeting place of Mark Antony and Cleopatra, Tarsus was once the capital of the Roman province of Cilicia. After visiting St. Paul's site, transfer to Adana. Dinner and overnight stay.

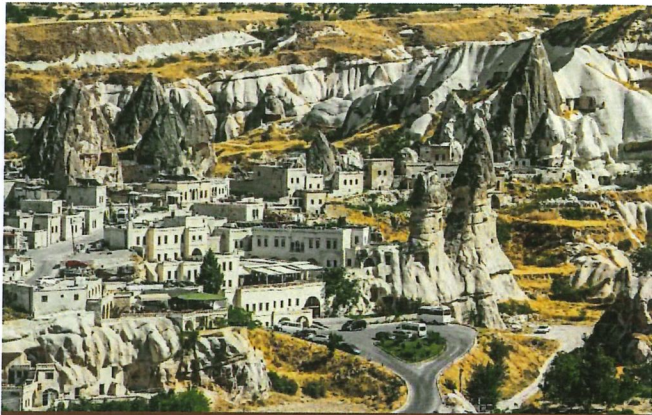
Day 14: Saturday, May 30, 2026 || RETURN FLIGHT

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport. Return flights:

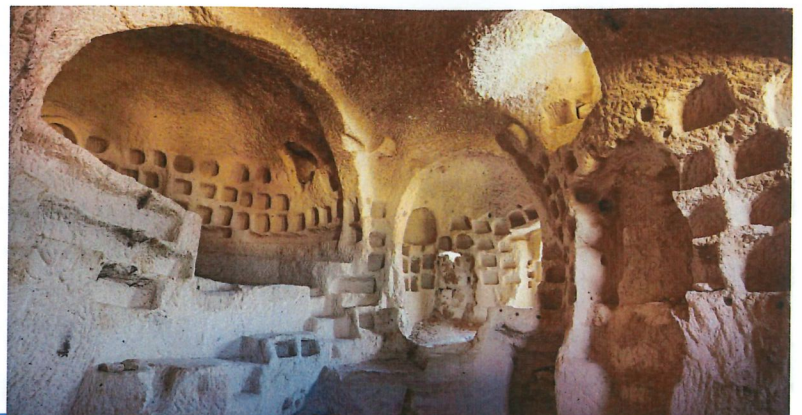
Fly from Çukurova at 11:00am, Land in Istanbul at 12:45pm,

Fly from Istanbul at 2:45pm, Land in Chicago O'Hare at 6:15pm,

Arrive back to Effingham approximately 11:00pm



Cappadocia



Kaymakli Underground City



St. Paul's Church, Tarsus

Note: The order of the itinerary may be subject to change depending on local conditions. The program may also be operated in reverse order.

PRICING

**\$5,690/person
for a double room**

**+\$900 single supplement
if you prefer a single room**

**+\$400 if you choose
the hot air balloon flight**

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Flight tickets
- Baggage 50 lb + 17 lb hand baggage
- Travel by bus to/from airport and to destinations
- Accommodation in 3-4 star hotels
- Local English-speaking tour guides
- Daily breakfast and dinner
- Tickets for all destinations
- Health insurance up to \$30,000, plus accident insurance and COVID-19 coverage

Non-refundable down payment - \$1,000 due with reservation

Payments of \$1,000 due on November 30, December 31, and January 31

Last payment – remaining balance (\$1,690 or more) paid by February 28, 2026

Checks payable to Sacred Heart Parish – Memo: Turkey Pilgrimage

If you need to cancel for any reason, please contact the Sacred Heart Parish office ASAP.

A valid passport is required for traveling.

Only 40 spots available! First come, first serve.

Contact the Sacred Heart Parish office at 217-347-7177 to sign up for the trip.

Reservation Agreement

Pilgrimage to Turkey with TBP Travel Agency – Dates: May 17-30, 2026

Traveler Information (Please enter information exactly as it appears on your valid Passport – please use ALL CAPS)

First Name	Last Name	Gender
DOB	PSPT Cntry.	PSPT #
PSPT Exp.	Contact Information	Street
City	State	ZIP
Email(s)	Phone(s)	
Emergency Contact #1	Name	Phone(s)
Emergency Contact #2	Name	Phone(s)
Room (check one ●)	<input type="radio"/> Double (1bed)	<input type="radio"/> Double (2beds)
	<input type="radio"/> Single (shared room) ¹	<input type="radio"/> Single (private room)

¹ Pay only the double cost by checking “Single(shared room)” to share accommodations with the roommate. In the circumstances that no roommates are available, you will be responsible for the single cost.

Hot Air Balloon Flight (check one ●) ☐ Yes Hot Air Balloon Flight (+\$400) ☐ No Hot Air Balloon Flight

Cancelation insurance

Travel is one of life’s great joys, but even the most carefully planned trip can be complicated by unforeseen events. I want (check one●):

☐ Additional insurance in case of emergency prior to the trip that prevents you from going (+\$400) ☐ I don’t need additional insurance.

I am traveling with: Name Phone(s)

Deposit & Signature

Make checks payable to: Sacred Heart Parish. 405 S Henrietta St. Effingham, IL 62401 Memo: Turkey Pilgrimage

Enrollment & payment constitutes your acceptance of the terms of service of this agreement. Due upon booking **\$1,000/person**

I have read and understand the terms of service below and look forward to traveling with TBP. Full payment due on **February 28, 2026**

Signature Date

Signature Date

Terms of Service

Itineraries: Itineraries are prepared and scheduled in advance according to the best information available at the time and are subject to change by the date of the pilgrimage.

Pricing: TBP reserves the right to adjust pricing should the following occur; (1) Rise in Airfare due to higher fuel costs, etc. (2) Rise in ground costs due to increases in hotel charges, bus fares, fees, taxes and other costs due to the fluctuating value of the U.S. dollar against foreign currency.

Deposits and final Payments: A deposit of \$1000 per person is required to hold your reservation which is non-refundable. Final payment is due February 28, 2026. Payment can be made by cash or check.

Cancellation fees: If cancellation in writing is received by TBP more than 75 days prior to departure all payments made toward the price of the tour will be refunded, less a \$1000 processing fee. For cancellations received less than 75 days prior to departure, the initial deposit of \$1000 plus any applicable charges imposed by the airlines, hotels, and bus companies on TBP will be non-refundable. Please note that the amount may vary with each pilgrimage and the vendors we work with. TBP retains the right to cancel any pilgrimage up to the departure date in which case all funds received will be returned with-in 10 business days.

Baggage: Please follow the general rule of traveling light- If you cannot carry it do not bring it. Passengers are permitted one piece of luggage per person. Baggage handling is included for one suitcase per person only, whenever possible, in the cost of the pilgrimage. The airlines for international flights will not allow a suitcase exceeding 50 pounds (subject to change). If over 50 lbs., the fees can be costly. Every effort will be made to handle luggage carefully, however TBP will not assume any liability for lost or damaged luggage or items inside luggage carrier. (Travel insurance may apply)

Travel insurance: We provide travel insurance in amount in the itinerary. If you want to increase insurance coverage for personal accident/baggage insurance we recommend to buy additional insurance. TBP cannot accept responsibility for trip cancellations, or handling of baggage not under our control (If you don't buy additional insurance).

Not Included: Gratuities, room service, laundry, telephone calls, and all personal expenses.

Liability: TBP and their employees, shareholders, officers, and directors do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your pilgrimage including, for example, lodging facilities, transportation companies, local ground operators, including, without limitation, various entities which may utilize the TBP name, guides, sightseeing companies, entertainment, food or drink service providers, equipment suppliers, etc. As a result, TBP is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any person or entity. In addition, TBP is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any person or entity they do not own or control, nor for any act or inaction of any other third party not under their control. Without limitations TBP is not liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, or incidental damage, injury, death, loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity of any kind which may be occasioned by reason of any act or omission beyond their control, including, without limitation any willful or negligent act, failure to act, breach of contract or violation of local law or regulation of any third party such as an airline, train, hotel, bus, taxi, van, local ground handler or guide, whether or not it uses the TBP name, financial default or insolvency of any supplier which is to, or does supply any goods or services for this trip. Similarly, TBP is not responsible for any loss, injury, death or inconvenience due to delay or changes in schedule, overbooking of accommodation, default of any third party, attacks by animals, injury or death while on activities sponsored by lodging facilities or by other third parties, sickness, the lack of appropriate medical care, evacuation to same, if necessary, weather, strikes, acts of God or government, acts of terrorism, or the threat thereof, force majeure, war, quarantine, epidemics, or the threat thereof, criminal activity, or any other cause beyond its control. Should any of the persons listed in the tentative itinerary and schedule of speakers be unable to participate in this event, every effort will be made to secure a substitute. Regardless of the participation of persons listed in the tentative itinerary and schedule of speakers the pilgrimage tour will proceed as scheduled on the dates listed. By signing this form to participate in this pilgrimage tour, you agree that the terms of the cancellation penalty will be binding upon you regardless of whether persons listed in the tentative itinerary and schedule of speakers are able to participate. TBP will not be responsible for any loss incurred by traveler, including lost days of the scheduled tour, due to a cancelled flight or other means and modes of transportation. Please investigate purchasing travel insurance as recommended, to cover any type of loss associated with cancelled air or other transportation.