

# THE HOLY LAND

*visiting*

Caesarea • Tiberias • Nazareth • Bethlehem • Jerusalem

*with spiritual director*

Rev. Gerald Myers

*coordinated by*

Erin Blanchette

11 Days: March 23 - April 2, 2011

\$2999 from Phoenix





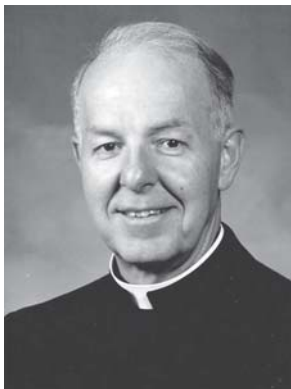
Dear Pilgrims,

*I want to personally invite you to join me and Fr. Myers from March 23 to April 2, 2011, for an unforgettable tour of the Holy Land. Together we will travel the streets, hillsides, and seashores of this sacred land, as we walk in the footsteps of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We will visit*

*the places where Jesus walked and taught, where he prayed and ministered to the people of his day. This pilgrimage promises to expand and deepen our faith as we learn more about our Catholic heritage, gain a biblical historical perspective and enjoy the beauty, landscape and traditions of the region! This is the third trip I am hosting to the Holy Land and I guarantee you will experience the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in a dynamic and intimate way that will enrich, impact, and inspire your spiritual journey forever!*

*Shalom!*

*Erin Blanchette*



Spiritual Director For the Pilgrimage. . .

**Rev. Gerald Myers**

Rev. Gerald Myers was ordained for the Diocese of Fargo in 1994. Six years ago he came to the Diocese of Tucson serving at various parishes. He has a special love for serving people of various cultures. From 1960 - 1963 he arrived as a Jesuit Scholastic on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation of South Dakota. Now retired, he resides and serves in Nogales. Having taught at all levels for over 30 years, parishioners often comment that he preaches like a teacher.

## TOUR FEATURES

- Round trip airfare from Phoenix.
- Accommodations in First Class hotels.
- Breakfast and dinner daily in the Holy Land.
- Services of English speaking guides.
- Comprehensive sightseeing throughout.
- Automatic \$100,000 flight insurance.\*
- All service charges, local taxes, portorage and entrance fees.

\*Subject to policy terms and limitations.

## YOUR DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY

### WED, MAR 23 – ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

Begin your exciting journey as you depart Phoenix on board your overnight transatlantic flight to the Holy Land.

### THU, MAR 24 – ARRIVE THE HOLY LAND

Arrive in Tel Aviv. Your inspiring visit of the Lands of the Bible begins.

### FRI, MAR 25 – TEL AVIV/CAESAREA/HAIFA/TIBERIAS

Drive north today to Caesarea to view the ruins of the Crusader's fortress and moat and sit in the great Roman amphitheatre. Continuing along the coast, you will see the aqueduct that carried water from Mt. Carmel to Caesarea. On to Megiddo, located on the Plain of Esdraelon. Visit the museum, ruins of the city and Solomon's Stables. Continue to Haifa, where you will ascend Mt. Carmel for a magnificent view of the sea and harbor. See the Carmelite Monastery and Elijah's Cave, as well as the Bahai Temple with its lovely Persian Gardens. Proceed to Tiberias for the night. (B,D)

### SAT, MAR 26 – TIBERIAS

Today, cross the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum, center of Jesus' Ministry in the Galilee. Visit the ruins of the Second Century Synagogue. Continue to Tabgha, site of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. Then on to the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus preached the famous Sermon on the Mount and chose the Twelve Apostles. Drive north via Hazur and view Mt. Hermon. Return to Tiberias for the night. (B,D)

### SUN, MAR 27 – TIBERIAS/NAZARETH/JERUSALEM

Drive via Cana of Galilee to Nazareth to see the Church of Annunciation, Carpenter's Shop, Mary's Spring, Bazaars, and an Ancient Synagogue. Visit Mt. Tabor, before continuing on to Jerusalem. (B,D)

### MON, MAR 28 – JERUSALEM

This morning visit Ein Kerem. Like an island in a green forest in Southwest Jerusalem, Ein Kerem has charming stone houses adorned with arches, churches whose bells chime in the clear air and lovely paths paved with stone.

Ein Kerem is a pilgrimage site for many Christian visitors, who come here year after year. According to Christian

tradition, this is where Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, miraculously became pregnant. This is also where he was born. Tradition teaches that during her pregnancy, Elizabeth was visited by a family relative - Mary, who was also pregnant, with Jesus. The two women met beside the village well and Mary drank from its cool waters. The place is now called Mary's Well. The village around the well grew and its waters are considered holy. Many pilgrims come to drink from the well and take the holy water away with them in bottles. This afternoon is at leisure. (B,D)

**TUE, MAR 29 – JERUSALEM**

This morning proceed on a walking tour of the Old City of Jerusalem. Enter St. Stephen's Gate. Visit St. Anne's Church and the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus healed the crippled man. Continue to the Temple Area to see the Wailing Wall. Exit via the Dung Gate to St. Peter's in Gallicantu. View the Valley of Gehenna and the Pool of Siloam. This afternoon enter Herod's Gate to the Roman Praetorium, beneath the Sisters of Zion Convent, and the Ecce Homo Arch. Follow in the footsteps of Jesus as you walk the Via Dolorosa, the traditional way of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Leave the Old City through the Damascus Gate. End your inspiring visit at the Garden Tomb, believed by many to be Golgotha. (B,D)

**WED, MAR 30 – JERUSALEM**

Drive to the top of the Mount of Olives for a panoramic view of Jerusalem. Visit the Chapel of the Ascension and the Church of Pater Noster. Descend Mt. Olivet to the Garden of Gethsemane and walk along the ancient olive trees, viewing the Kidron Valley. Visit the Church of All Nations on the Rock of Agony. Ascend Mount Zion to see the Upper Room, traditional site of the Last Supper. Drive to Bethlehem. Visit the Church of the Nativity. See the Manger where Jesus was born and Shepherd's Field. Time to shop for wood carvings before returning to Jerusalem. (B,D)

**THU, MAR 31 – JERUSALEM**

This morning we drive to Bethany to visit Lazarus' Tomb and the village of Mary and Martha. Then on to Biblical Jericho, believed to be the oldest city in the world. View Elisha's Spring and the Mount of Temptations. Continue to the Dead Sea, 1288 feet below sea level, site of ancient Sodom and Gomorrah. Stop at the Caves of Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered and visit the excavations. On the east side of the Dead Sea are the Moab Mountains and Mt. Nebo where Moses viewed the Promised Land. Return to Jerusalem for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

**FRI, APR 1 – JERUSALEM**

Enjoy a day at leisure in Jerusalem. (B,D)

**SAT, APR 2 – JERUSALEM/PHOENIX**

Your exciting visit of the Holy Land is over as you board your return flight to Phoenix, arriving the same day. (B)

*B=Breakfast      D=Table d'Hote Dinner*

**RESERVATION FORM**

3-23-11

Please read the all-inclusive tour features and conditions. Then complete this handy form. Book early!

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:  
**NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL**

MAIL TO: Erin Blanchette  
5122 East Holmes Street  
Tucson, AZ 85711  
Tel: (520) 631-1408  
Email: vineofgrace@att.net

**Accommodation Desired:**

- double room sharing with.....
- single room (\$695 extra per person)

Enclosed is my check for \$.....as deposit (\$300 per person) for.....person(s)

**Passenger #1:**

Clearly print your full name(last/first/middle) as it appears on your passport

Name: Last.....  
First.....  
Middle.....  
Gender: Please check  Male  Female

Address.....

City.....State.....Zip.....

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Home Phone.....Work Phone.....

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Place of Birth.....  
(city/state)

**Passenger #2:**

Clearly print your full name(last/first/middle) as it appears on your passport

Name: Last.....  
First.....  
Middle.....  
Gender: Please check  Male  Female

Address.....

City.....State.....Zip.....

Email.....

Home Phone.....Work Phone.....

Passport #.....

Date of Issue.....Date Expires.....  
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Date of Birth.....Country of  
(dd/mm/yyyy) Citizenship.....

Place of Birth.....  
(city/state)

**\*\*Please provide a clear photocopy of your passport by final payment\*\***

## A word about NAWAS . . .

**NAWAS INTERNATIONAL** has pioneered Christian Tours to the far corners of the world for over 61 years. We offer you the essential ingredients for a successful tour.

**EXPERIENCE:** There is no substitute for 61 years of planning tours. Our contacts, guides, knowledge of the area, and background guarantee you the highest quality service at affordable prices.

**RELIABILITY:** For more than 61 years, we have won an international reputation for reliability. We deliver what we promise. And that is essential for a successful trip.

### GENERAL CONDITIONS

#### RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENT:

Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit of \$300 per person. No reservation is considered firm until deposit has been received. Your initial deposit payment shall be deemed to be an acceptance of all the terms of our General Conditions. Final payment is due at Nawas Travel 100 days prior to departure date. Nawas accepts Visa, Mastercard and American Express for balance/final payments only. Credit cards are not accepted for deposits. The price of the tour already includes a built-in discount of 3% for payments made by cash or check. There is no discount on credit card sales. Credit cards will only be accepted prior to the final payment due date. Credit card charges cannot be accepted over the telephone. Tour members who want to use a credit card for final payment should contact Nawas at the time final payment is due for further information.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** A U.S.A. passport valid for at least 6 months after the return date of the trip is required to travel. It is the sole responsibility of the traveler to check their passport's expiration date. Non-U.S.A. citizens may require visas in addition to a valid passport. It is the sole responsibility of non-U.S.A. citizens (including green card holders) to ensure they have the required visas/travel documents for each country to be visited on their tour and for re-entry into the U.S.A.

#### THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** By any IATA/ARC air carrier or other scheduled jet carrier, in economy class, with flights and air routings at the discretion of the air carriers and Nawas and based on non-refundable bulk group fares. Cancellations made after air tickets have been issued are subject to full cancellation penalties as imposed by the airlines. We strongly recommend all tour members retain both their ticket receipts and boarding passes as copies of same cannot be provided. Airline tickets must bear your first, middle and last name as it appears on your passport. Nawas makes every effort to provide the lowest possible price on our group tours and therefore does not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Nawas is not responsible if an airline cancels, reschedules or delays a flight for any reason. Nawas is not responsible for and will not provide any refund for portions of trips missed due to canceled, rescheduled or delayed flights by any carrier.

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION:** By deluxe motorcoach.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** Accommodations are at first class hotels based on two persons sharing a twin or double bedded room with private bath. Nawas cannot guarantee roommates. A person taking a single room (subject to availability) must pay a supplement of \$695.

**MEALS:** Continental breakfast and table d'hote dinner daily in the Holy Land.

**SIGHTSEEING:** As specified in the itinerary using motorcoach transportation or other conveyances as required. Entrance fees and the services of local English-speaking guides or tour managers are included.

**TRANSFERS:** Assistance and transfers from airports to hotels and vice versa in private motorcoach.

**SERVICE CHARGES, TAXES AND PORTERAGE:** Service charges and taxes normally included in bills, government taxes on hotel bills in effect on July 14, 2010, taxes on sightseeing and excursion trips and porterage at hotels of one normal size suitcase (maximum weight 50 lbs.) are included in the tour price.

**FLIGHT INSURANCE:** Automatic one hundred thousand dollars flight insurance policy for each Nawas-ticketed passenger, subject to policy terms and limitations.

**DEVIATIONS:** All deviation requests from the group itinerary must be received at Nawas in writing no later than 100 days prior to departure. A \$100 non refundable fee per person will be charged on all deviations in addition to any extra airfare that may be incurred. Air deviations are subject to availability and restrictions as imposed by the airlines.

**BAGGAGE:** Airlines may now charge baggage fees for checked luggage on international/domestic flights based on the policy of each carrier. The maximum number of pieces of luggage, the weight allowance and baggage dimensions may also vary by airline from the USA to overseas destinations and beyond. Many carriers require that checked luggage in economy class not exceed 50 lbs with a combined length, width and height of 62 inches. Regulations vary for business/first class passengers. Airline policies regarding baggage are subject to change at any time without prior notice. It is the responsibility of each passenger to check with their airline prior to departure for baggage information, regulations and compliance. Nawas is not responsible for additional fees imposed by air carriers regarding baggage. Due to space limitations on Nawas motorcoaches, Nawas can only allow one piece of luggage per person plus a carry-on bag with total dimensions of 45

inches which fits in the overhead bin or underneath the seat in front of you. Wheeled carry-on bags are not permitted due to limited motorcoach capacity. Nawas Travel accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to the tour members' baggage or personal belongings at any time. Baggage insurance is recommended and is available upon written request.

**TRAVELERS REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE:** Disabled travelers requiring special attention or care must advise NAWAS in writing at the time of reservation. A physically able companion must accompany any person who needs special assistance. Tour directors, guides, drivers or other tour, hotel or ship personnel are not able to provide such assistance. NAWAS is not responsible for any denial of services to the disabled participant by air carriers, cruise ships, hotels, restaurants or other independent suppliers. Certain countries/destinations involve extensive walking. Be aware that outside the U.S. the Americans with Disabilities Act is not applicable and facilities for disabled individuals are limited. NAWAS is not responsible for any passenger requiring special medical equipment.

#### THE TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

U.S. departure taxes, overseas airport taxes, overseas local government taxes, airline security fees/surcharges and fuel surcharges (taxes/surcharges currently estimated at \$450 per person), passport fees, visa fees (if any), phone calls, valet/laundry service, wines, liquors, mineral water, after dinner coffee or tea, tips to escort, guides, drivers and waiters, sightseeing and other services not specifically mentioned, excess baggage and all other items of a purely personal nature.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Written cancellations received by Nawas Travel up to November 22, 2010, refunds will be made less a \$100 per person cancellation fee. From November 23, 2010, to 70 days prior to departure, written cancellations received by Nawas Travel are subject to a \$300 per person cancellation fee. From 69 to 31 days prior to departure, written cancellations received by Nawas Travel are subject to a cancellation fee of 50% of the total tour price per person. From 30 days prior to departure, written cancellations received by Nawas Travel are subject to a 100% cancellation fee of the total tour price per person. Failure to receive final payment by the due date may result in the cancellation of your tour reservation and the forfeiture of your deposit. Airline tickets are not refundable once issued. No refunds will be given for any unused services while on tour.

**We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance to allow for unexpected medical emergencies. Trip cancellation insurance is available upon written request.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The airfare used is based on non-refundable bulk group fares in effect on July 14, 2010. Airlines reserve the right to increase fares without prior notice. Tour members will be required to pay any airfare increases and fuel surcharges as imposed by the airlines prior to departure. Airlines require a minimum of 10 persons departing from the same gateway city.

Land costs are based on estimated 2011 tariffs, overseas government taxes and rates of exchange in effect on July 14, 2010 and a minimum of 32 or more participants. While we have made the best possible estimates of what we expect costs to be in 2011, we cannot guarantee actual prices, exchange rates and airfares. Any increases in land costs or airfare that may occur will be collected from each passenger prior to departure. We reserve the right to increase the cost of the tour consistent with normal increases should the group fall below 32 persons, or in the event of fluctuations in exchange rates.

Please note that healthcare/medical costs outside the U.S.A. are not covered by Medicare and many private medical insurance plans. Please consult with your health insurance supplier to obtain the necessary health/medical coverage for overseas travel.

**California Residents: Please read the enclosed disclosure required by the Sellers of Travel Act before booking.**

**RESPONSIBILITY: NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SERVICE, INC. (NAWAS),** Erin Blanchette, Fr. Gerald Myers and their agents act only in the capacity of agents in all matters pertaining to hotel accommodations, sightseeing tours and transportation, whether by railroad, motor bus, motor car, cruise vessel, boat, air or any other means. Except for the willful negligence of its direct employees, NAWAS is not liable for any damage, loss (including but not limited to personal injury, loss of enjoyment, distress, death and property loss), expense or inconvenience caused by any act, omission or default of any supplier providing tour services or by any other person or reason whatsoever or by any delays or changes in the itinerary, or the acts and omissions of the tour leader/host or travel agent. NAWAS assumes no liability or responsibility for any injuries, inconveniences, illness, irregularity or incidental damages occasioned by circumstances beyond the control of the tour operator, or by any person or reason whatsoever, including but not limited to events such as strikes, revolts, wars, natural disasters, closures of airports or hotels, default or omission of any common or private carrier. NAWAS reserves the right to cancel the tour at any time, to operate the tour with a substitute tour leader at any time, to decline or retain any person as a member of the tour for any cause at any time, or to make changes in the published itinerary whenever in their sole judgment conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience or safety of the tour. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. The passage contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchasers of this tour and/or passengers. The services of any IATA/ARC air carrier may be used in connection with this tour.

**Payment of deposits by tour participants indicates acceptance of the above terms and General Conditions. The venue for any dispute is Los Angeles County, California. The laws of the state of California will apply.**

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