

A pilgrim is "different from a wanderer whose steps have no established final destination. A pilgrim always has a destination, even if at times he is not explicitly aware of it. This destination is none other than the encounter with God through Christ, in whom all our aspirations find their repose."

A PUBLIC PROFESSION OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,
I have kept the Faith."*

2 Timothy 4:7



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PASCUA FLORIDA PILGRIMAGE

2018 APRIL 3RD - 8TH

6TH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

INFORMATION - REGISTRATION



April 1513: Juan Ponce de Leon landed on the northeast coast of Florida and planted the first cross in the sand. The early heroic martyrs endured deplorable conditions bringing the Faith to native Indians and ministering to the settlers. Modern day Catholics may not face this death of body, but the irreligious atmosphere cries for evangelization! Come walk the path of the martyrs from St. Thomas More Church in Sanford, Florida, to St. Augustine, the oldest known site of the First Mass in North America.

PASCUA FLORIDA PILGRIMAGE - 500 RIVERVIEW AVE - SANFORD, FL 32771



WHAT IS A PILGRIMAGE?

A pilgrimage is a public profession of our Catholic Faith.

It is not a vacation, but a time to focus on spiritual life. Daily Mass, spiritual reflection, penance, prayer, meditation, intercession, thanksgiving, communal prayer and fellowship are a few of the spiritual goals.

WHY ARE WE PILGRIMS?

“I still do not know why I left, what was the reason that launched me on the roads, but I had to leave, it was an imperious need that came,” say most pilgrims starting on the road. Long ago, they wanted to do it, but without a clear understanding in their heart, they intimately desired *“to meet God.”*

A pilgrimage is more than traveling. You first leave your comfortable daily routine to walk and to place yourself inwardly in relation to God and to yourself.

Human beings are pilgrims on earth. The decision to walk is personal and allows them to rejoin physically that spiritual state of man who walks towards his eternal destiny.

Walking is down to earth, and yet this walk leads us to the gates of Heaven. For a time, the pilgrim puts himself in a state of voluntary poverty. Disconnect from this harassing world! Forget the accessory! Walk! Far from vain daily preoccupations, move your body and free your mind to find God in His simplicity and find yourself!



LOCATIONS TO JOIN PILGRIMS

Tuesday, April 3rd

Early Morning: St. Thomas More Church
550 Riverview Ave, Sanford FL 32771

Evening: Luna Sands Resort Campground
Community bathroom and showers.
1440 E Minnesota Ave, Orange City, FL 32763

Wednesday, April 4th

Evening: Tiger Bay State Forest
Communal pit toilet. No water.
Indian Lake road off of U.S. 92

Thursday, April 5th

Evening: Tomoka State Park - Group camp site area
Community bathroom and showers.
2099 N Beach St, Ormond Beach, FL 32174

Friday, April 6th

Mid-Morning: Coastal Strand Trail - a beautiful 2 mile hike
High Bridge Rd, Ormond Beach, FL 32174

Evening: St. Augustine KOA Campground
Camping cabins (4-6 person capacity.)
Community bathroom and showers.
525 West Pope Road, St. Augustine, FL 32080

Saturday, April 7th

Evening: St. Augustine KOA Campground
(same location as Friday)

Sunday, April 8th

Late Morning: Mission Nombre de Dios
and Our Lady of La Leche Shrine
27 Ocean Avenue, St. Augustine, FL

**Questions? Please contact Myrna Seda-Mendez
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OTHER WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

- Come to Daily Mass.
- Walk a few miles with the pilgrims.
- Welcome the pilgrims to camp in the evening.
- Join the pilgrims for dinner.
- Visit the evening campsite for good Catholic fellowship.
- Bring a tent or RV and stay the night.
(*Tent or RV sites available Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights.*
KOA camping cabins available Friday and Saturday nights.)
- Join Pilgrims for Mass at the Shrine on Sunday.
- Stay for Sunday Lunch after Mass.
- Sponsor a Pilgrim.
- **Volunteer!** Many hands make light work. We have many opportunities available for you to help!

PACKING TIPS

Camping and Cabins

Each person is responsible for their own tent or RV (*can be shared*) for Tuesday through Thursday nights. Friday and Saturday nights, all pilgrims will stay in camping cabins. Bring bedding and towels.

Baggage/Gear

Gear should be in some form of waterproof container/bag. Please make sure all your gear is marked with an identification tag. Each day make sure your identification tag is still attached.

Suggested Supplies

Water, snacks, rain gear, hat, sunglasses, insect repellent, sunscreen, small flashlight, prayer book, rosary, first aid kit (*bandages, antibiotic cream, moleskin, duct tape, and any other personal health and safety items*), special food/drink you may need.

Footwear

Wear two layers of socks – a good hiking sock on the outside, and a thin polypropylene or silk/nylon sock on the inside. Instead of rubbing against your skin, the socks will rub against each other. Avoid cotton socks, they abrade your feet once they become damp. If you do feel a blister or hot spot coming on, treat it immediately. Cover it with a piece of moleskin and apply a small piece of duct tape over the moleskin to keep it dry.

OUR GOAL

This pilgrimage is an act of adoration to God, a good penance for the reparation of sin and for sanctification, a token of thanksgiving for many graces, and a begging for our numerous spiritual and material needs.

Any sacred place is a goal for a pilgrim, and the Mission *Nombre de Dios* is obviously the most sacred land in our country.

The *Sacramental Presence of Christ* was celebrated with the first parish Mass in this first city of the United States, St. Augustine.

Our Lady chose this place for the first Marian sanctuary of our country. On this pilgrimage to the Shrine of *Our Lady of La Leche*, families' prayers have been answered and several have been blessed with a *La Leche Baby*.

Most of the first martyrs in North America started their journey from Saint Augustine.

At this holy place, the very first Thanksgiving was offered to the natives on September 8th, 1565, after Mass.

The Mass (*called Latin Mass, Tridentine Mass, or Gregorian Mass*) celebrated daily during this Pilgrimage, is the same Mass that Father Francisco Lopez celebrated for the first time at the Mission *Nombre de Dios* on September 8th, 1565. Until 1969, the various Catholic liturgies were all of apostolic origin. The Gregorian Latin liturgy follows the tradition of Saint Peter, the first Pope, and has never undergone any essential change. Every gesture, every word has been weighed and measured with the assistance of the Holy Ghost for the greatest glory of God and the salvation of souls.





ITINERARY

St. Thomas More Church to St. Augustine,
following the path of the early missionaries
110 miles - 30 miles by canoe, 80 miles on foot

Day 1: Tuesday, April 3rd **7:00am Mass**
St. Thomas More Church to Luna Sands Resort Campground
13 miles canoeing the St. John's River
8 miles walking on rural road and primitive path

Day 2: Wednesday, April 4th **6:30am Mass**
Luna Sands Resort Campground to Tiger Bay State Forest
23 miles walking on rural road and primitive path

Day 3: Thursday, April 5th **7:00am Mass**
Tiger Bay State Forest to Tomoka State Park
11 miles canoeing the Tomoka River
8 miles walking on primitive path

Day 4: Friday, April 6th **7:00am Mass**
Tomoka State Park to Palm Coast Villas
(camp at St. Augustine KOA Campground)
5 miles canoeing the Halifax River
16 miles walking on bike path and primitive path

Day 5: Saturday, April 7th **7:00am Mass**
Palm Coast Villas to St. Augustine KOA Campground
19 miles walking on bike path and primitive path

Day 6: Sunday, April 8th **12:30pm Mass**
St. Augustine KOA campground to the Mission Nombre de Dios
and Our Lady of La Leche Shrine
5 miles walking on sidewalks

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1ST, 2018

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BECOME A PILGRIM

FULL PILGRIMAGE – CANOE AND WALK

Tuesday, April 3rd - Sunday, April 8th

Includes breakfast, packed lunch, dinner, t-shirt, hat, campground fees, use of provided canoes, transportation of belongings to next campsite, transportation during pilgrimage if needed, and transportation back to Sanford. Pilgrims need to bring their own gear and personal items (*see Packing Tips.*)

Cost: \$320.00 adult
\$270.00 child 10-15 yrs (*must be accompanied by a parent*)

FULL PILGRIMAGE – WALK ONLY

Tuesday, April 3rd - Sunday, April 8th

Includes all of the above, except use of canoes.

Cost: \$220.00 adult
\$170.00 child 10-15 yrs (*must be accompanied by a parent*)

WEEKEND PILGRIMAGE – WALK ONLY

Friday, April 6th - Sunday, April 8th

Includes all of the above, except use of canoes.

Cost: \$120.00 per person

DAYTIME PILGRIMAGE – WALK ONLY

Choice of day

For those that want to come walk during the day, and return home at night. Includes transportation back to your car. Meals not included, please plan accordingly.

Cost: \$10 per person per day, \$35 per family per day

MEALS

If you would like to join the pilgrims for an evening dinner or Sunday lunch, please register for the meal(s) prior to March 15.

Cost: \$5 per meal, varied menu

FAMILY GROUP DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

(Please contact for custom pricing.)

REGISTRATION FORM

PASCUA FLORIDA PILGRIMAGE APRIL 3RD - 8TH, 2018

Deadline: February 1, 2018

Please note: A separate registration form is required of each participant.

Name:

First: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Email:** _____

Church You Attend: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Emergency Phone: (_____) _____

Medical Problems: _____

Special Diet: _____

My signature below indicates that I have read the brochure and itinerary, and I agree to the Terms and Conditions outlined by St. Thomas More Priory.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(or Signature of Parent or Guardian if under 18)

T-Shirt Size: *(circle one)* **Adult:** Sm M L XL **Child:** Sm M L

Note: T-shirts and hats are included in the Full and Weekend Pilgrimage, and will be distributed when you arrive.

Please check one:

_____ Full Pilgrimage - Canoe and Walk **\$320 adult/\$270 child** (10-15 yrs)

_____ Full Pilgrimage - Walk only **\$220 adult/\$170 child** (10-15 yrs)

_____ Weekend Pilgrimage - Walk only **\$120 per person**

_____ Daytime Pilgrimage - Walk only **\$10 per person per day, \$35 per family per day**

_____ I wish to participate in only a portion of the pilgrimage. *(Please contact for custom pricing.)*

_____ I would like a family group discount. *(Please contact for custom pricing.)*

Total Cost: \$ _____ due by March 15th, 2018.

Deposit: \$ _____ due at time of registration. *(Deposit is 50% of the total cost.)*

Enclosed is my payment check for: \$ _____ Make checks payable to: **St. Thomas More Priory.**

Please complete and mail registration form with payment to:

St. Thomas More Priory
500 Riverview Avenue
Sanford, FL 32771

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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PARTICIPANTS:

This pilgrimage was designed for faithful of the Society of St. Pius X. St. Thomas More Priory reserves the right to accept or reject any person as a pilgrimage participant and to expel from the pilgrimage any participant whose conduct is deemed incompatible with the group's interests. Modesty in dress is required. Children between the ages of 10 and 15 must be accompanied by a parent. Children under 10 may only participate in the walking sections and must be accompanied by a parent. If the child must leave the pilgrimage and be taken to camp early his/her parent must be at the campsite to oversee him/her.

RESERVATION AND PAYMENT:

An initial 50% deposit and a complete registration form are required to hold space on this pilgrimage. The last day to accept initial deposit without penalty is February 1st, 2018. Prices after February 1st, 2018 are subject to change depending on availability, and a \$50 late fee will be charged. The full balance is due no later than March 15th, 2018. Space for this pilgrimage is limited.

PRICES:

Pilgrimage prices have been based on current costs of services included in the itinerary.

CANCELLATION PENALTIES:

All cancellations requested by participants must be in writing and are subject to the following fees. If cancellation is received less than 30 days prior to departure, the deposit will be retained.

PILGRIMAGE CANCELLATION:

If pilgrimage is cancelled before February 25th, 2018, for lack of participants, it will refund all monies paid to St. Thomas More Priory for the scheduled pilgrimage.

CAMPING AND CABIN FEES:

Camping fees for campgrounds and cabins are included, but each person is responsible for their own tent/RV and bedding. Friday and Saturday nights, all participants will stay in camping cabins. The cabins sleep up to four or six persons. Organizers will assign cabins and try to accommodate families or groups as roommates.

SCHEDULE:

The itineraries depend mainly on weather conditions. If these conditions cause cancellation of canoe trips, an alternate walk will be substituted.

PHYSICAL HEALTH:

Participants will take full responsibility for being fully able to participate in the daily scheduled activities of the group, noting that this pilgrimage requires physical fitness for walking and canoeing. One may choose not to participate in parts of the pilgrimage; however, there is **no refund** for missed parts.

CANOE/KAYAK ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS:

In order to participate in this program, one:

- Must have the ability to follow verbal and/or visual instructions.
- Must not exceed the manufacturer's limit for the vessel which is the combined weight of all participants in the boating party, with gear, as follows: Canoes - 780 lb. limit; Kayak Solo - 195 lb. limit; Kayak Tandem - 475 lb. limit.
- Must have the ability to wear a properly fitted personal flotation device (PFD).
- Must have the ability to enter and exit the canoe/kayak independently or with the assistance of a companion.
- Must have the ability to remain seated, maneuver, and balance independently or with the assistance of a companion, in the case of a canoe or double kayak.
- Must have the ability to move the canoe/kayak through the water in a stable manner.

- Must have the ability to get out from under the watercraft independently, and be able to right oneself and remain face up in the water with the aid of a personal flotation device in the event of a capsizing.

Participation in boating activities may be dangerous. St. Thomas More Priory reserves the right to deny persons participating in this event if they are unable to follow the rules. St. Thomas More Priory organizer will assign each person to a boat. Maximum capacity - Canoes two (2) or three (3) persons, kayaks one (1) or two (2) persons, depending on individual boats. All occupants must wear their PFD. Provided whistles must be aboard canoes & kayaks.

OTHER WATER CAUTIONS:

It is a State law not to feed alligators. Intentional capsizing or swamping is prohibited. Do not stay on the water in the event of thunder or lightning. Please make sure you have water and bug spray with you in your boat. If your boat capsizes or swamps, it will continue to float. Hold on to the boat as you make your way to shore.

ANIMALS:

Do not interact or feed the wildlife, and do not pick or disturb plants. These laws are for your safety and the safety of Florida's plants and wildlife. Store food in locked containers and dispose of trash properly.

PRIMITIVE/RURAL/BIKE PATH WALKS:

Primitive walk areas and paved paths have limited access to bathrooms. Make sure every morning you review the scheduled bathroom breaks. Please advise your group leader if you need assistance or transportation to the next camp site. Walking terrain may be uneven, sometimes up or down slopes, on primitive nature trails and at times on sidewalks.

A pedestrian shall obey the instructions of any official traffic control device specifically applicable to him unless otherwise directed by a police officer. Where sidewalks are provided, no pedestrian shall, unless required by other circumstances, walk along and upon the portion of a roadway paved for vehicular traffic.

Where sidewalks are not provided, any pedestrian walking along and upon a highway shall, when practicable, walk only on the shoulder on the left side of the roadway in relation to the pedestrian's direction of travel, facing traffic which may approach from the opposite direction.

Central Florida is known as the lightning capital of the world. If you are caught out in the open during a storm, attempt to reach cover as quickly as possible.

BAGGAGE/GEAR:

Upon arriving please make sure all your gear is marked. Gear should be in some form of waterproof container/bag. Each day pack your gear and make sure the identification tag is still attached; place it in your assigned transport vehicle.

NOT INCLUDED:

Beverages and food not included on the menu served on the pilgrimage; laundry, and all other items of a personal nature.

RESPONSIBILITY & LIABILITY:

Participant agrees to sign additional waivers that may be required. St. Thomas More Priory acts only as an agent for the various independent suppliers that provide campsites, cabins, transportation, activities, or other services connected with this pilgrimage. Such services are subject to the terms and conditions of those suppliers. St. Thomas More Priory and their respective employees, agents, representatives, and assigns accept no liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or any other incident which may be caused by the negligence, defect, default of any company or person in performing these services. Responsibility is not accepted for losses, injury, damages or expenses of any kind due to sickness, mental disorders, weather, strikes, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, acts of nature, local laws or other such cause.