

Rome On Your Own . . .accompanied by Fr. Mitchel

Travel Dates

- ❖ December 9, 2025
 - Travel to Rome (or arrive earlier)
- ❖ December 10, 2025
 - Arrive in Rome (most flights land in the morning) and settle into your accommodations (booked on your own). Central Rome is preferred but you can get to our meeting points easily from many areas of Rome. Fr. Mitchel is currently booked at the Una Hotel Trastevere Roma. Advice on transportation will be offered throughout the trip through the agreed upon social media app - WhatsApp or GroupMe
- ❖ December 10, 2025
 - Late afternoon - walking tour of central Rome. Dinner on own. Late night drinks optional. Get some rest.
- ❖ December 11, 2025
 - Morning Mass at St. John Lateran, Papal Basilica
 - Visit Holy Sights nearby including Holy Stairs and Holy Cross relics
 - Late morning and early afternoon tracing the steps of the martyr St. Lawrence
 - Afternoon Break - optional evening activities and dinner on own. Late night drinks optional.
- ❖ December 12, 2025
 - Day trip to Assisi via train (or car if you want to rent or charter). Return late in the evening
- ❖ December 13, 2025
 - Day dedicated to our Blessed Mother including Mass at St. Mary Major and visits to other Marian Churches and churches dedicated to virgin martyrs like St. Cecilia

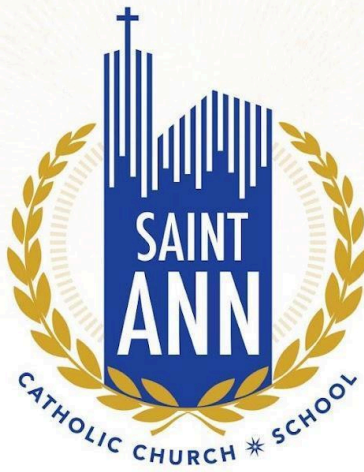


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- ❖ December 14, 2025
 - Vatican Day, including Mass at St. Peter's and the Angelus with Pope Leo, Papal Museums and Sistine Chapel
- ❖ December 15, 2025
 - Mass at St. Paul Outside the Walls, Free Day to Explore What's Left in Rome
 - Final Visit to St. Peter's, and Farewell Drinks Together after Dinner
- ❖ December 16, 2025
 - Head back to the USA to get ready for Christmas, or extend somewhere!

FAQs

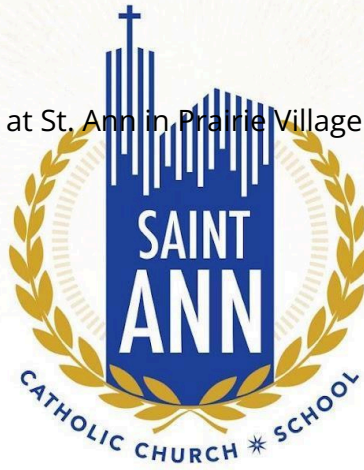
- ❖ Will this trip still be in the Jubilee year?
 - Yes, just in the nick of time. The Jubilee experience including Holy Doors etc. will be part of the trip.
- ❖ Why a do it yourself trip, instead of an all-inclusive trip where everything is taken care of?
 - Having a basic outline allows for ultimate flexibility, allows you to have the most choices of what you do, where you stay, how you travel, etc, essentially allowing you to choose your own adventure. It minimizes wait times and allows you to set your own pace for exploring.
- ❖ Who will make reservations?
 - You will make all reservations, including for tours and entry fees in Rome and other places, based on links that will be available through a shared online document and social media apps.
- ❖ Do I have to be in great shape?
 - The best way to feel and see things is by foot, and Rome is beautiful this way. However, you will always have plenty of travel options to get between stops, provided you know how to use Google or Apple maps, and rideshare apps.



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- ❖ How much does it cost and what should my budget be?
 - Travel and lodging is on your own. For the pilgrimage itself, there is no charge. If you'd like to make a gift or stipend to Fr. Mitchel for the Masses and accompaniment provided, you are free to give what that accompaniment is worth. Once in Rome, one can easily get by on 100-150 Euros a day for transportation and meals and entry fees. You can certainly spend less if you're on a budget, or more if you are looking for a premier experience. Both Euros and credit cards work well throughout Rome.
- ❖ Is this a vacation or pilgrimage?
 - A Pilgrimage 100% The emphasis each day will be on Mass, devotions, and learning the great stories of the saints of Rome, and walking in their footsteps. Fr. Mitchel will provide as much insight and spiritual encouragement as possible.
- ❖ What if I'm not good at using my phone or computer for reservations and navigation, and need someone to take care of me? What if I don't have a lot of experience?
 - Travel with someone who is, or make a friend on the trip who is willing to help you. You can also stay at the same hotel as Fr. Mitchel if you need that extra assurance and support, and you can make a reservation there if rooms are available. That will certainly make things a bit easier. But if you need a professional travel agent to take care of things for you, this probably isn't the right trip for you.
- ❖ Will there be preparatory meetings to ask questions?
 - Yes there will be a couple online meetings so you can meet others, and ask questions. They will be approximately 6 weeks and 2 weeks before we travel. They will be recorded so you can watch them if you can't join live. There will

also be a meeting at St. Ann in Prairie Village for those able to join in person.



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- ❖ Passports, airport transportation and English?
 - You will need a current passport of course, valid for at least six months after your return date to the US. Customs in Rome and in the US are straightforward and easy to navigate but you should travel with someone who is knowledgeable if you have concerns. Don't worry about English - it is spoken everywhere in Rome and you will be more than fine! Easiest airport transportation is by taxi for about \$50/person. There are trains and buses that work well for those who want to save a bit on this, but they are a little trickier to navigate! Do not take private transportation from the airport unless you reserved well in advance - they can gouge you. The official taxi line is perhaps longer but has fair rates that are standard to central Rome.
- ❖ What flights will Fr. Mitchel be on?
 - **MCI to FCO | December 9 via Delta Airlines**
Departs MCI | Flight DL527 on Tuesday, Dec 9, 2025 at 3:27 PM
Arrives ATL on Tuesday, Dec 9, 2025 at 6:25 PM
Departs ATL | Flight DL0066 on Tuesday, Dec 9, 2025 at 7:25 PM
Arrives FCO on Wednesday, Dec 10, 2025 at 10:30 AM
 - **FCO to MCI | December 16 via Delta Airlines**
Departs FCO | DL0207 on Tuesday, Dec 16, 2025 at 10:05 AM
Arrives DTW on Tuesday, Dec 16, 2025 at 2:30 PM
Departs DTW | DL1101 on Tuesday, Dec 16, 2025 at 3:53 PM
Arrives MCI on Tuesday, Dec 16, 2025 at 4:59 PM