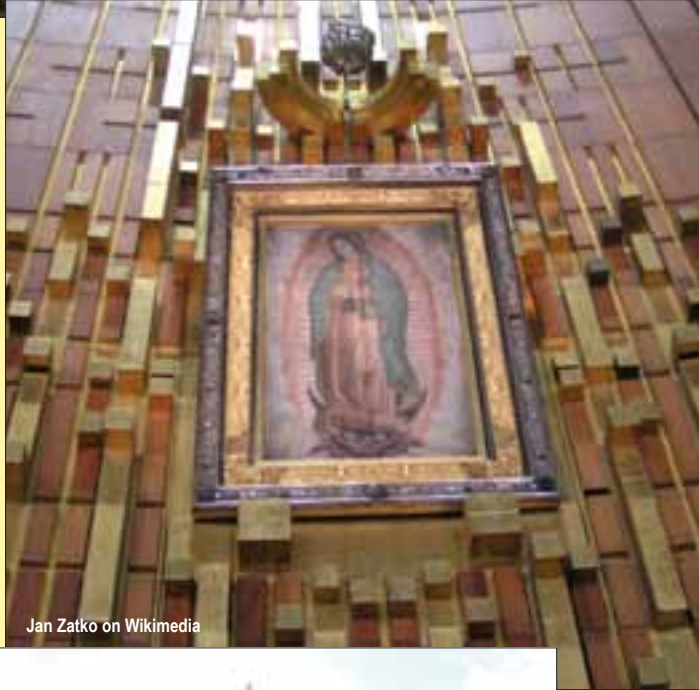




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# Faith & Culture of Mexico

Join *Arkansas Catholic* and **Father Tony Robbins**, pastor of St. Joseph Church in Conway, for a six-day journey to Mexico City and Puebla.

**A prayerful and memorable pilgrimage to Mexico**  
**February 12-17, 2020**

**\$1,645** per person, double occupancy. Daily Mass. Includes airfare, lodging, entrance fees to scheduled sites, most meals. Single room supplement is \$100. Tips, beverages and insurance not included. A \$500 deposit is required at the time of registration. Final payment due January 9, 2020.

## INFORMATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, September 15, 3-4:30 p.m.**

St. John Center, Fitzgerald Hall, Little Rock

To register for the meeting, visit

<https://mexicopilgrimage.eventbrite.com>

Learn about Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the unborn, and how she appeared to the peasant St. Juan Diego. On this memorable trip, we will celebrate Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and see the miraculous tilma (cloak) of Juan Diego bearing the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe that hangs above the main altar. Other important sites include the Pyramids of Teotihuacan and Tepeyac Hill. We will also visit places associated with other holy people like Blessed Sebastian of Aparicio and Blessed Miguel Pro.

**Only 40 seats available.**  
**Detailed itinerary and registration form inside.**

**OUR DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY**

**Day 1**

**Wednesday, February 12, 2020**

We depart Little Rock and land at the Mexico City International airport. We then meet our English-speaking guide and make a short stop for a welcome Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We depart for Puebla. Overnight.

**Day 2**

**Thursday, February 13**

Puebla is a city in east-central Mexico, southeast of Mexico City. It's known for its colonial architecture, pottery and culinary history. The painted Talavera tiles adorning numerous buildings are locally produced. The Renaissance-era Puebla Cathedral has tall bell towers and overlooks the central square, the Zócalo.



Museo Amparo offers an extensive display of pre-Hispanic art, such as ceramics and mural fragments. Mass will be celebrated at Rosary Chapel followed by a visit to the

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*Clearly print name as it appears on your passport: (Last, First, Middle)*

PASSENGER #1 Name desired for nametag: \_\_\_\_\_

Rooming With: \_\_\_\_\_ Single Room? (Limited availability, additional \$120): Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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Emergency Contact Information: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$500 per person reservation deposit plus applicable optional insurance (see terms and conditions on last page for price).

\_\_\_\_\_ \$500 per person reservation deposit (if insurance is declined). Initial deposit is non-refundable.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am paying my deposit with a check made payable to Sue Smith Vacations. Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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*(We accept: Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Discover.) (\*3 or 4 digit number on back of Card) 3% processing fee will be added to your payment*

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Allergies/dietary restrictions/ health issues we should be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of passenger(s): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment in and payment for the tour constitutes your acceptance of the program conditions.

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Cathedral Church of San Francisco to see the incorrupt body of Blessed Sebastian of Aparicio and other points of interests in the historic center. Lunch is included at a local restaurant. We will have the rest of the afternoon for leisure to explore on our own. (Breakfast, lunch)

### Day 3

#### Friday, February 14

After breakfast, we depart for Mexico City, stopping on the way to visit San Miguel del Milagro, the site of miraculous apparitions of St. Michael to Diego Lazaro in 1631 and visit the well of healing waters, continuing to the basilica in Ocotlan, where Our Lady began appearing to Juan Diego Bernardino (no relation to St. Juan Diego) on February 27, 1541, and see another healing well. We will have lunch at a local restaurant and then arrive in Mexico City. Overnight at retreat center. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

### Day 4

#### Saturday, February 15

Today, we make a brief stop at Tlatelolco, the Plaza of the Three Cultures prior to attending private Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe and an extensive visit to the grounds, seeing the Chapel of the Indians, the Sacred Well and Tepeyac Hill. We will continue to the Pyramids of Teotihuacan to see (and climb) the pyramids of the Sun and the Moon and Butterfly Temple. A buffet lunch will be served at a nearby popular restaurant with lively ambiance, live music and native dancers. We continue back to Mexico City with a stop to Tlupetlac, site of the 5th apparition. Overnight. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner)

### Day 5

#### Sunday, February 16

We begin the day today with public Sunday Mass at the Church of the Holy Family where Blessed Miguel Pro's



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remains are found. Father Pro was persecuted during the Cristero War, or *Cristiada*, and killed by a firing squad in 1927. We will have time to visit the small museum on the grounds that tells about his short life as a priest. We will then head to the south of the city to visit the Church of St. John the Baptist and further south to Xochimilco to the "Floating Gardens" of Mexico to enjoy a gondola ride along the flower-laden canals. We will experience the lively atmosphere of mariachis, salterio and marimba groups that are found along the canals.

We will end the day with a farewell dinner. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner) Optional performance of the Mexican Folklore Ballet at the Palace of Fine Arts (at a surcharge).

### Day 6

#### Monday, February 17

After breakfast we will transfer to the airport for our flight home, leaving with great memories to last us a lifetime. (Breakfast)

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