

# TRAVELING DOWN THE *Jordan Valley*

The Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist launched His public ministry. The baptismal site of Bethany Beyond the Jordan (John 1:28) is near the southern end of the Jordan River, across from Jericho. Travelers on this pilgrimage from St. Peter Parish will get a chance to renew their baptismal vows.



## *Jericho*

Jericho, reputed to be the oldest town on earth, was on the normal route from Galilee to Jerusalem; therefore, Jesus passed through it several times. The Mount of Temptation is where Jesus was tempted for 40 days and nights.



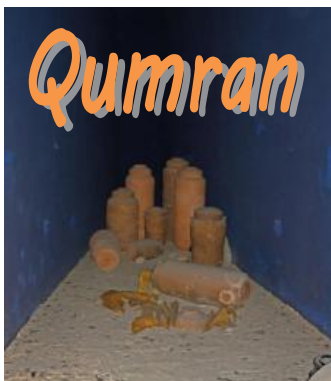
## *Dead Sea*

The Dead Sea is located about 25km east of Jerusalem, along the border between Israel and Jordan. Travelers on the pilgrimage will get the chance to swim in the Dead Sea.



A sycamore tree recalls the incident in which the tax collector Zacchaeus, too short to see over the crowd, climbed a sycamore's branches in order to see Jesus.

## *Zacchaeus' Tree*



## *Qumran*

On the north-west side of the Dead Sea, are the Qumran caves, archeological sites where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. The Dead Sea Scrolls are fragments of every book of the Old Testament, except for the Book of Esther. Pictured here are clay vessels that contained scrolls.

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# Next Stop -> Jerusalem