



Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan Del Valle National Shrine

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Welcome to the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan del Valle- National Shrine, San Juan, Texas. As you plan your pilgrimage please remember you are not alone in this faith venture. The Virgencita is with you, all along the way, and we have a great team at the Basilica to help make your stay blessed and memorable. The following is a list of suggestions to help you plan your pilgrimage:

1. Please plan your stay at the Basilica Hotel. We have a newly renovated 92 bedroom Hotel. It is safe, extra clean, and within walking distance of the Basilica and Gift Shop. As soon as you begin planning, call the Hotel front desk at (956)787-0033 and check for dates needed, possible number of rooms required, verify group rates and request form to assign rooms. This list must be returned to the Hotel at least one week in advance prior to pilgrimage. A deposit of \$100 is required in order to reserve requested dates. Cancellation must be made 3 months in advance, a \$100 penalty fee will be charged if cancellation is not made within that time. As your group starts to form, start assigning rooms to accommodate your pilgrims at the Hotel.
2. The Basilica Café is next door to the Hotel. Breakfast is served from 7:00am to 10:45am, followed by lunch from 10:45am to 3:00pm Wednesday through Friday. On Saturday and Sunday the Café stays open until 5:00pm. Arrangements can be made for a tray of sandwiches to be prepared for persons who want something to eat after the Café closes. There are picnic tables outside the Café, and vending machines for cold drinks and other goodies in the Hotel lobby. The last Saturday of each month there is a Healing Service immediately after the 5:30pm Mass. When there are several buses for this event, the Café is open all day and into the late evening to provide food services for the pilgrims.
3. Upon your arrival you are welcomed by staff. You are free to rest, eat, pray at the Basilica or Way of the Cross, or go to the Gift Shop. Pilgrims will receive a discount card of 15% off at the Basilica Gift Shop. This is good for one time only- so stretch your money! There are excellent Catholic books and gifts.

4. The Basilica is on 65 acres, it provides beautiful walking areas for reflection and it is all handicap accessible; make your pilgrimage a spiritual experience. There are several prayer opportunities:

- Make your visit to the Virgencita. Light your candles and offer your flowers.
- Spend some quiet time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in the Basilica.
- Make a good examination of conscience and go to Confession. Pastoral counseling is available upon request on weekdays at the Basilica.
- We have the Way of the Cross, which consists of 30 life-size bronze figures over a path that spans almost a mile around the outside of the Basilica. Each station offers a visual opportunity for quiet reflection.
- A spiritual reflection by Sr. Rose, or one of the priests, is made available upon request. Call 956-787-0033 to make this arrangement. This group reflection may be a topic of the season like Advent, Lent, prayer and devotions to Mary, The symbols of Our Lady of Guadalupe's *tilma*, the Eucharist or Confession. For group gatherings we have a conference room which sits 30 people, a class room which sits 60 people, or an Auditorium which holds 100 people. A good time for a talk would be after lunch, from 4:00pm to 5:00pm, followed by Mass. A personal donation is requested, to help defray the cost of the air conditioner. For groups that arrive on Friday, a group reflection is possible on Saturday from 9:30am to 10:30am followed by the 11:30am Mass.
- A tour of the Basilica can be offered. The best time for tours is Saturdays from 1:00pm to 2:00pm. This is done by Sr. Rose or by a volunteer. Please call prior so arrangements can be made.
- The Saturday and Sunday Mass Schedule is as follows:

Saturday/Sábado

Spanish 6:30am

Bilingual 9:30am, **11:30am***

English **5:30pm***

Sunday/Domingo

Spanish 7:00am, **1:00pm***, **7:00pm***

Bilingual **11:00am***, **5:00pm***

English **9:00am***, **3:00pm***

***With Mariachi**

For a person with walking problems, we offer transportation to help them get around. We also have wheel chairs available.

A spiritual pilgrimage is a memorable experience, pilgrims want to return to this holy place and bring their loved ones. Here at the Basilica we all work together as a team and we are ready to help you and your group.

If a priest is planning to come with your pilgrimage and desires to concelebrate at the Basilica, proper documentation must be sent ahead of time from the Chancellor of your Diocese to the Basilica stating that the priest is in good standing.

For more information call the Basilica telephone number 956-787-0033, indicate extension number needed:

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