Pilgrimage of the Soul Theme: Journeying in Body, Word, and Spirit

Easter Lent (Spring Lent):

Start: Wednesday, **March 5, 2025** (Ash Wednesday)

End: Saturday, April 19, 2025 (Holy Saturday)

- 1. Walking as Pilgrimage A daily practice of walking with intention, treating movement as a sacred act.
- 2. John's Gospel as a Companion A daily reading and meditation on the deeply mystical Gospel of John.
- 3. Surrender as a Practice A conscious letting go into divine trust through prayer.
- 4. Speech as Sacred & Transformative Studying and refining the use of words in alignment with divine mission, fasting from swearing, and increasing intentional speech.
- 5. Celtic Saints as Guides Weekly reflections on the lives of Celtic saints and their wisdom.
- 6. Blessing & Language Practice explore language principles to shape words for transformation and spiritual depth.
- 7. Evening Reflection Daily check-in on where alignment was felt and where resistance appeared.

The Desert & the Wild Theme: Embracing Simplicity & Wilderness Spirituality

Start: **June 10, 2025** (Day after Pentecost)

End: July 19, 2025

- 1. Nature as Teacher Solitude in natural spaces, learning from the rhythms of creation.
 - 2. Desert Saints & Celtic Hermits Immersion in their wisdom, reflecting on how stillness and isolation shape faith.
 - 3. Fasting from Excess Reducing distractions (media, clutter, busyness) rather than food.
 - 4. The Psalms & Wild Prayer Deepening prayer using the Psalms as a foundation for honest, raw dialogue with God.
 - 5. Silence & Stillness Creating daily periods of silent reflection and contemplation.
 - 6. Physical Simplicity A focus on minimalism in daily life, removing what is unnecessary.
 - 7. Creative Expression Writing poetry, prayers, or reflections inspired by the land and wilderness experience.

Advent Lent - The Hearth & the Light Theme: Inner Warmth, Generosity & Illumination Celtic Advent (St. Martin's Lent):

m Start: Saturday, November 15, 2025

End: Wednesday, **December 24, 2025** (Christmas Eve)

- 1. The Home as Sacred Space Treating the home as a monastic retreat, a place of prayer and contemplation.
- 2. Sacred Fire & Illumination Candle-lit prayers, meditations on Christ as Light.
- 3. The Saints of Winter Reflecting on St. Martin, St. Brigid, and others who carried warmth through the cold.
- 4. The Gospel of Luke as a Companion Reading Luke's Gospel as a journey toward the birth of Christ.
- 5. Acts of Generosity A practice of kindness, sharing, and blessing others daily.
- 6. Seasonal Rituals Creating meaningful spiritual traditions tied to Advent, rooted in Celtic heritage.
- 7. Night Prayers & Reflection Ending each day in stillness, releasing worries and inviting peace.