

Salesian Center: Flexible Work Day Schedule

7:00 Wake up time, prepare for Mass. Small group assists with breakfast setup

7:30 Mass (Pants must be worn, group will do one reading in English and at least one song.)

8:15 We go directly to breakfast. Once you are done eating, begin to get ready to leave for work.. A small group will wash all the dishes. They should begin by 8:35.

8:45 Prepare to leave for work

9:00 Leave for work

2:00 Lunch at work sites – we will typically eat lunch in families' homes, but some days we may eat at the oratory or bring sandwiches

After lunch- Continue working depending on time, activities planned or depart for cultural activity

5:00 Clean up, put tools away, and depart for Castillo

6:00 Begin showering/ Free time

7:00 Dinner.

7:45 Chores/ Free time (**showers must be cleaned by 8:30pm**)

8:30 Prayer and reflection

10:00 Free time/ Prepare for bed

10:45 All youth must be in sleeping rooms

11:00 Lights out

Possible Activities during the week:

- Casa de Migrantes: House that provides services for men who are migrating, either to the US, to the Mexican border cities, or have been deported from US. This visit will be scheduled ahead of time by LE staff and will require groups to leave work site slightly earlier than usual.

4pm- presentation by Casa staff

5pm- dinner with migrants

- Desayunador (breakfast soup kitchen): The Salesians have requested our help at the breakfast soup kitchen downtown on certain days of the week. A small group will arrive there at 6:30 to help with setup and serving guests. Group will also eat breakfast there, then depart for work sites.

- Visit Border Beach: Beach where fence dividing US and Mexico runs into the ocean. We can visit the beach and hold reflection or discussion about immigration there. This is also an opportunity for the group to eat fish tacos from a restaurant on the beach if they would like, at the group's expense. (Sometimes this is a nice treat at the end of week)

- Tijuana Driving Tour: LE staff can lead group on "tour" of Tijuana, stopping at one or two Salesian oratories, the maquila (border factory) district, and border memorial wall near airport.

- Grocery Scavenger Hunt: Group will be divided into 3 "teams", breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and will search grocery store for prices for list of items provided by LE. When we are back at Salesian Center, findings will be discussed to shed light on the cost of living in Mexico.

- Discussion with Padre Jose: Padre Jose is a priest at the Salesian Center with a background in Economics. In the past he has done evening presentations about Tijuana and the Salesians' work here, Don Bosco, and economic matters pertaining to Tijuana.

- Mass at Cathedral: There is a large Cathedral in downtown Tijuana. Mass is held there during the week at 7,8,9am, 12, 7:30pm. Sundays, mass every hour.

- Tomb of Juan Soldado: A shrine has been built to honor "John the soldier" at a cemetery very close to the Salesian Center. The story of Juan is legendary, and many people, especially migrants, visit the tomb to ask for miracles. A visit to the cemetery adds to group's understanding of Mexican culture and spirituality.

Cemetery closes at 4pm.

- CECUT: Cultural Museum of Tijuana: a good activity if we have a free day. The museum talks about history of Baja Peninsula, focusing on early missionary work here. If we call in advance, a tour with Englishspeaking guide can be arranged. Cost is \$1.50/person, plus \$2/car/hour for parking. (group's expense)

- Señor Reyes woodworking shop: Reyes lives near Salesian Center, and is the person who makes the crosses for LE groups. He does traditional woodworking, and has a very beautiful collection of work in his shop. Reyes speaks English, and in the past has welcomed groups into his studio to talk about his work.

- Reflection on Roof: One evening, a reflection may be held on roof of Salesian Center. This is another opportunity to discuss social justice and migration issues, as we are so close to the border.

- Trip to park: As a special evening activity, group can walk to nearby park and get ice cream if they would like. There is a Franciscan church across from the park that is nice to visit as well.
- Artisan Market: Although shopping is not part of the LE experience, if the group would like to look at some crafts, we recommend this large market, which is removed from the tourist trap of Revolution Ave. Vendors sell some authentic crafts that have been imported from other parts of Mexico, like glass, ceramics, and other trinkets.