

Our Lady of Lourdes

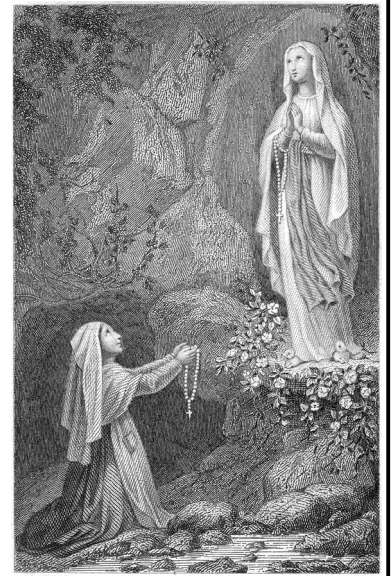
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"I do not promise you happiness in this life, only in the next"



APPY ANNIVERSARY TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES – On this our patronal feast day, let us not forget why we love it so much. Here is a brief account of what took place on that momentous *February 11, 1858*. On this cold but calm morning, Bernadette hears a noise like a gust of wind. In a grotto near the River Gave, she sees a golden cloud in which a beautiful young Woman appears, dressed in white and holding a Rosary, and smiling most graciously toward the little visionary. Falling to her knees, Bernadette, being afraid, tries to pray the Rosary but fails to make the Sign of the Cross until the Lady makes it first. When Bernadette makes the Sign of the Cross, all fear leaves her. She prays the Rosary with the mysterious Lady, who moves the beads with Bernadette but only prays when the *Glory Be* is said, always bowing Her head. Bernadette later describes the Lady: *"She was wearing a white dress reaching down to her feet, of which only the toes appeared. The dress was gathered very high at the neck by a hem from which hung a white cord. A white veil covered her head and came down over her shoulders and arms almost to the bottom of her dress. On each foot I saw a yellow rose. The sash of the dress was blue, and hung down below her knees. The chain of the Rosary was yellow, the beads white, big and widely spaced. The girl was alive, very young and surrounded with light."* All together, there would be 18 appearances of the Blessed Mother to St. Bernadette in the cave or grotto at Massabielle. Heaven had come to earth at Lourdes, France. The Mother of God would ask that a chapel be built, that processions be held, and penance be done especially for sinners. *O Happy Grotto* at Lourdes, which was honored with the apparitions of the Immaculate One. *O Venerable Cave and Rock of Massabielle* from which sprung forth such wondrous healing waters. Let us always be praying the Rosary on our knees when possible & making the Sign of the Cross with great devotion.



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Mass Calendar & Intentions

SUNDAY	February 11: Our Lady of Lourdes Parishioners of OLOL & their families Missionaries of St. John the Baptist
MONDAY	February 12: Seven Holy Servite Founders Jaculin L. Iler Patrick D'Amico
TUESDAY	February 13: Feria (Mass of Quinquagesima Sunday) Fajardo-Henry Family Isaac Humarang & family
WEDNESDAY	February 14: Ash Wednesday Conversion of sinners Poor & Holy Souls in purgatory
THURSDAY	February 15: Thursday after Ash Wednesday Diane Siereveld (+) Herbert & Carolyn Wolpert
FRIDAY	February 16: Friday after Ash Wednesday Alexander Tepe the Smith family
SATURDAY	February 17: Saturday after Ash Wednesday Benefactors of St. Vincent Ferrer Foundation Maria Brueggemann



Quinquagesima Sunday

February 11th, 2024

**Ash Wednesday is a day of
Obligatory Fasting and Abstinence.**

1. *What does the Church instruct us to do regarding Fasting and Abstinence?*

Canon 1249—All Christ's faithful are bound by divine law, each in his or her own way, to do penance. However, so that all may be joined together in a certain common practice of penance, days of penance are prescribed. On these days Christ's faithful are in a special manner to devote themselves to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves, by fulfilling their obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the fast and abstinence which the following canons prescribe.

Canon 1250—The days and times of penance for the Universal Church are **each Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent.** [emphasis added]

Canon 1251—Abstinence from meat, or from some other food as determined by the Bishops' Conference, is to be observed on all Fridays, unless a solemnity should fall on Friday. Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

2. *Who is bound to observe these penitential days?*

Canon 1252—All persons who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fasting up to the beginning of their sixtieth year... [The completion of the fourteenth year means the day after one's fourteenth birthday. The beginning of the sixtieth year means the obligation ceases the day after one's fifty-ninth birthday. The Code of Canon Law defines "adults" as those who have completed their eighteenth year, which happens the day after one's eighteenth birthday.]

3. *If one recalled his duty to abstain from meat after eating a piece of meat in the morning, does this slip allow him to eat meat at later meals?*

No. He who has eaten meat on a day of abstinence must still observe the law once he recalls the law; and therefore, he is not free to eat meat again the same day.

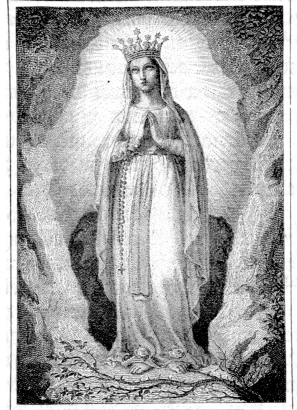
**O Mary, Conceived without original sin,
make my body pure and my soul holy.**
Hail Mary... (3 times morning & night)

MAJESTIC QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND MISTRESS OF THE ANGELS, thou didst receive from God the power and commission to crush the head of Satan; wherefore we humbly beseech thee, send forth the legions of Heaven, that, under thy command, they may seek out all evil spirits, engage them everywhere in battle, curb their insolence, and hurl them back into the pit of Hell. "Who is like unto God?" O good and tender Mother, thou shalt ever be our hope and the object of our love. O Mother of God, send forth the holy Angels to defend us and drive far from us the cruel foe. Holy Angels and Archangels, defend us and keep us. *Amen.*

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CONTRA MUNDUM



ON FEBRUARY 11, 1858, the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, appeared to St. Bernadette in a grotto just outside the city of Lourdes, France. Our Lady came from Heaven to counter the evil effects of the liberal Enlightenment upon France and all the world. To do this, she requested a chapel be built there and the people make procession. Every conceivable power came up against Her in an attempt to suppress the Lady of the Grotto...the police chief, the Imperial prosecutor, the mayor... the scientists... the journalists and scoffers, pretenders and mockers... even the priests and the bishop, the sisters, the schoolmates, the family, the relatives, friends and foes alike all took turns. Psychology failed... trickery and bribery failed... At one point, Hell itself seemed to rise up to fight back directly, with a troop of demons making a din in the waters of the nearby River Gave. Voices from Hell threatened St. Bernadette to *get out of there or else!* The Virgin most powerful beat them all... each and everyone... It was Our Lady of Lourdes *contra mundum!*



As we well know, all these feeble efforts of the worldly-minded proved of no avail. Each and every plan of man was countered and forced to bow down and accept the sweet commands of this heavenly Queen to do *Penance! Penance! Penance!* In the novel *The Song of Bernadette*, we read this telling scene of one good man speaking to a scoffing worldly poet who is leaving Lourdes to return Paris. In saying goodbye to him, the poet said: "You have the Lady to thank for this, my friend... She has put me to flight."—"Why the Lady? I can't see what harm she has done you..."—"Harm? It seems to me that the Lady is of a most tyrannical disposition. She demands that one take a decisive stand for or against Her." Yes...well said! There it is! The Blessed Mother has power to crush the head of the Dragon and all the enemies of the Church for all time. In the end, we cannot help but be for Her or against Her.

Does this not touch on why She came to us at Fatima in such a clear and decisive way as the Woman clothed with the Sun ...working undeniable miracles such as opening the ground for the children to look upon the depths of hell... commanding the Sun to come down from the heavens to threaten the earth at her command before some 70,000 people? The children noted carefully how the power to do these things flowed from her very hands. In Her most grave messages to these children, She said, referring to Herself, "only She can help you."

To dress becomingly for God and neighbor, and in keeping with the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament, kindly refrain from wearing shorts, tee-shirts, tank-tops, revealing blouses, sleeveless or backless dresses, or form-fitting clothing of any sort. Please wear dresses and skirts that fall below the knee when sitting even with leggings (around mid-calf). With due regard to time and circumstance, all are encouraged to wear decorous attire befitting sacred and divine worship.