

# 2019

CHANGES  
IN LOURDES

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## ***With you, Bernadette...***

*... we walk towards the brightness of heaven, while knowing well that we are still on the earth. Appearance was not for you an comprehensive insurance policy against the difficulties of life, nor a guarantee of eternal life. This little Lady who looked like you called you to share the grace which she received, to answer yes to the love which offers itself, both in these wonderful visits, and in the ordinary.*

That's what Lourdes is. The joy of meeting and devotion on the road. "*My life is a miracle*," writes Sister Bernadette Moriau, the 70th officially recognised miraculous healing. Pilgrimage would not make sense if it made us forget the grey days, only for us to come back to them afterwards. Pilgrimage is part of our daily life so that we can brighten it from within. The brightness of the grotto allows to discover the Cachot where, under the apparent destitution, shines the love of a family united in prayer and trust.

"*Happy are the poor*," we hear thanks to you, Bernadette. The word of Jesus speaks to us, and to all the little ones he wants to reach by the power of a look and a gesture of love, by which it is our duty to relay his presence. Lourdes is a parable of the Gospel, a discovery of the joy of loving and serving.

Pilgrims and visitors, we are expected like you, in the hollow of our weaknesses and our sins, to become witnesses of the mercy that brings life. Lourdes is the city of forgiveness that heals. You knew that you had to immerse your hands in the mud for a spring to gush forth, and we will do as you did, full of hope in the work of God.

The sanctuary of Lourdes never forgets that it continues to flourish today because of the unexpected encounter between Mary and Bernadette: two young women who welcomed, in the poverty of their hearts, the Breath of a new life.

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**Father André Cabel**

Rector of the Sanctuary ND Lourdes

# BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE APPARITIONS



## A BREATH, A LIGHT, A GRACE FOR LIFE...

On 11th February 1858. Bernadette arrives at this place where the mill stream meets the Gave. Just opposite, in the hollow of the black rock of Massabielle, "a real treasure trove of wood and bone ", that they will be able to collect and then sell to the rag-and-bone man. Bernadette's companions cross the cold water shrieking ... But Bernadette is prevented from doing so by her asthma.

At the moment when she decides to cross, she hears "a noise like a gust of wind", then looking up she sees a light at the bottom of the grotto, which takes the shape of a face, and shows her how to make a beautiful sign of the cross. A girl, "as young and as small as me ", 1.40 m and 14 years old !

Bernadette, who lives in the Cachot, the former prison deemed unhealthy even for prisoners, has never been to school yet ... And now her horizon opens to the light. The Lady makes her promise to come for 15 days, and told her in exchange, "I do not promise to make you happy in this world, but in the other," the other world, the world of Love.

After the first few days when she discovers the joy of the meeting, Bernadette receives a request, "Go and drink at the fountain and wash yourself there. She has to crawl on all fours at the bottom of the grotto, and scratching in the mud, she sees dirty water flowing which she brings to her mouth, and with which she smears her face. Penance! ... For sinners! ... Will you eat the grass that grows here ? For the meeting to be true and to really engage us at the deepest level, we must join this heart that reconciles our egoism, our sin, which leads us to behave like beasts. But at the bottom of the mud, there is no mud, there is the spring; at the bottom of sin, there is forgiveness and mercy. The water that flows ever clearer becomes the instrument of the first miracles.

Bernadette then is sent by the Lady: "Go and tell the priests to build a chapel here and that people should come in procession.» The chapel, the meeting place of God with men, an oasis of mercy: it is up to us to create these Church places towards which a new humanity must set out, a humanity which renounces selfishness and war and chooses the joy of love.

The Church is called to renew itself in the image of this young lady who says her name on 25th March: "I am the Immaculate Conception. The Immaculate is the creature without sin, totally free to welcome and share the gift of God. Mary of Nazareth is conceived without sin, so that the Son of God, Jesus, whom she conceives on March 25th., can be born and grow in her.

Mary relates to this conception, with God's gift to the world: a small embryo in a mother's womb!

Bernadette herself, on Easter Wednesday touches the Light. The apparition lasts a long time and the candle she is holding has melted: she no longer holds the wax in her hands, but the flame. Bernadette has become the paschal candle, shining with God's life, triumphing over death. She died, 21 years later, on Easter Wednesday!

For now, she continues her journey and makes her First Holy Communion on Thursday, 3rd June, on Corpus Christi. It is Mary who has been her catechist. On 16th July 16, on the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Our Lady of prayer, she will see Mary for the last time, more beautiful than ever!

Bernadette continues her life of those baptised, on 8th September she joins the Children of Married. A few years later, she joins the sisters of Nevers, because there they love and serve the poor. It is in faith, hope and love that she now experiences the happiness of God.

# IN 2019 WITH BERNADETTE

We have to look continually for the first-witness of the events in Lourdes. But Bernadette likes to hide, and in doing so she shows us a horizon that does not stop with her. But she remains indispensable, if we do not want to get lost on the way. Mary takes her by the hand, and takes us with her so that we can hear and contemplate Jesus. "Happy are the poor": this is not pessimism, inviting us to indulge in what

is wrong; This is not a moral lesson, inviting us to help those who have nothing. It's a spring that flows forth, specifically from our poverty.

*Bernadette leads us to  
Jesus, she unveils for us  
the secret of joy.*



## FROM THE CACHOT TO THE GROTTA, A PATH IS OPEN.

Our pilgrimage is therefore intended to follow the footsteps of Bernadette. We discover her in the places of her childhood, at the Boly mill we are invited to her baptism: we are born with her to the life of God. We then come to this "abject shift" that is the Cachot, to discover a mysterious joy: the life of a family where all love each other. Destitution does not lead to confrontation with one's neighbour, but on the contrary to relying on each other, and together leaning on God. We remember the testimony of cousin Sajous who lived above: *"I never heard the sound of an argument, but always the murmur of prayer."*

Let's go to the hospice, where Bernadette made his first communion on the 3rd June, the Thursday which was Corpus Christi. Interestingly, all the important Thursdays that have punctuated the story of the Apparitions, were leading her mysteriously to this Thursday of communion: she leaves Bartrès on Thursday, 21st January, the first apparition was on 11th February, from Thursday 18th February to Thursday, 4th March is the fortnight of appointments at the Grotto and, thursday, 25th February, the uncovering of the spring; on Thursday, 25th March, the day of the Annunciation, the lady says her name.

Let's consider the 8th September, the feast of the birth of Our Lady: Bernadette is received among the Children of Mary. His vocation is to be a reflection of the light that Mary revealed to her.

In the footsteps of Bernadette, we see a path to pilgrimage, in which we do not forget not our ordinary life, especially our family life, be it happy or troubled. We can plan to experience the path compassion, especially dedicated to wounded motherhood: we climb the Espelugues hill, towards the Grotto of the two Marys, Mary Magdalen and Mary at the foot of the cross, witnesses of the love that offers itself.

## THE SPRING FLOWS FROM THE MUD

With the veneration of relics of Bernadette, this is a celebration which can mark our pilgrimage this year. We are following, in fact, the path of the Apparitions: we venerate the rock of the Grotto which for us is the place of a presence; we drink water from the spring; we light a candle, as Bernadette did on Mary's instruction. But let's remember that light has come to illuminate the darkness of a black rock, that never sees the sun; remember that the water, in order to spring forth, had to be like drawn out of the mud by Bernadette, who was then treated as a "little shit". The lady was so sad! It looked like she was carrying the misery of the world on her shoulders. To access the water that gives life, we must allow Love to penetrate the entire depth of our sin. We can let ourselves accept the invitation to put our hands in the mud, to allow our-

selves then to be washed by our brothers and sisters,<sup>a</sup> sign of the Lord who purifies us.

The Path of Apparitions can be completed by the path of Mercy. We have an appointment at the Breton Cross, under the sign of the cross, which inaugurated Mary's meeting with Bernadette, we then stop at the

Office of Christian Disability (OCH), and become aware of our poverty, our weaknesses, to rediscover them as a path of joy: our injuries become flaws by which God's tenderness can enter us. Two other stops allow us to discover the Hospitality Bureau where, by means of an exhibition, their patron Saint Benoît Labre is remembered. A

saint who lived all his life on pilgrimage, begging, and spread-

ing unalterable joy died, like Bernadette, at the age of 35. A little further the Office of Medical Findings refers us back to Jesus' healings in the gospel, today as yesterday. Sister Bernadette Moriau, the latest officially recognised miraculous healing, testifies with the simplicity of Bernadette, "My life is a miracle". We should be able to say the same! To this end, we are expected at the end of the path, in the chapel of reconciliation. In our daily lives, the Lord joins us, without being stopped by our betrayals, our denials: he plunges us back into the grace of our baptism, so that we can be born to the true Life.



## SHARE JOY OF FRATERNITY

We might write: "Hell is other people." We discover with Mary and Bernadette, that other people, are our heaven, not the convenience, but the experience of a joy that triumphs over all exhaustion, all disappointment, all death.

We move forward by leaning on each other, and the sick are sometimes those who support us the most. Because it is not physical force that counts, but light in our hearts. We experience then the joy of the Apparition, when we put ourselves at the service of someone worse off than we are, in Lourdes often an old or sick person, and we receive the grace of a smile, which liberates the heart of from its prison. And little by little, we have no more need of a smile, for we find our joy in this simple service and in the gift of a God who is but love, a God who is but a gift, who has created in his image. We truly exist when we allow ourselves to resemble him.

The Church is not a humanitarian organisation. Service is not just one activity amongst others, that we could delegate to those who have time or skills. The Church is a family, where we learn to love each other.

Meeting and service are the soul of pilgrimage. Lourdes would not exist without sick people, without volunteers around them, without this constant mutual assistance. Lourdes, is not just my pilgrimage.

Here we rub shoulders with people from all over the world. Organisers are encouraged to allow meetings between different groups, to open their activities to people from other groups or to those who are simply passing through. Together we form the Church, as can be seen in international masses or the processions.

The sanctuary is preparing the Place de l'Eglise, a place of sharing and companionship, where realities of Christian life can be shared, and which the "Orientation Stands", created for the Lourdes February Days, enable us to discover or to rediscover. Let's try to see how we might better benefit from the presence of the "Pavilions and sanctuary partners. Let's not forget the possible stops on the way to Bartrès at the Polish Mission, at the Pastourelle, at Hosanna House. An excursion is not an excursus, or digression as we like to make clear: in Lourdes itself, the lake, the Pic du Jer, can help us breathe the gospel; and the villages around Lourdes invite us to discover Bernadette as a plant that has grown locally. The Marian Routes connect us to Betharram or Garaison ... On the Sanctuary Prairie, the "Family Rosary" tent allows us to come together in the simple experience of the rosary, which can become part of our daily lives.

"Happy are the poor", who are in search of help and support. Bernadette takes you by the hand, you receive from her a light, a living water, that cut through all the mud, all the darkness. For your part, you discover in the little ones the happiness of the other world.

# SAINT BERNADETTE HONOURED

## THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

🕒 **The path of Bernadette** that leads to the nearby village of Bartrès (the village where she lived before the Apparitions and where she looked after the sheep) will be made more accessible.

🕒 **The church of Saint Bernadette**, inaugurated in 1988, needs complete renovation: the work will consist in particular of creating a more modular space in the church. Where previously the church could be divided into two separate spaces, the new design will allow for a number of different arrangements which can cater for a few hundred or for several thousands of pilgrims.

🕒 **An annual calendar** highlights the important dates in Bernadette's life, allowing pilgrims to obtain the indulgence bestowed this year.

🕒 **A new liturgy**, "*From the mud flows the spring*", evokes the discovery of the spring by Bernadette and which also symbolises her journey, from the misery of the Cachot to the maternal grace of the Virgin Mary.

🕒 **A approach to pilgrimage offered over the course of two days for a better understanding of the life and spirituality of Bernadette** (accompanied visits, conferences, sacraments, processions ...).

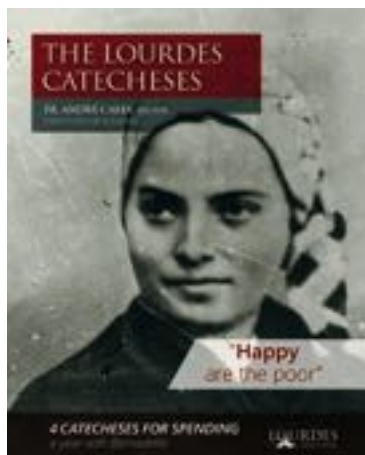
🕒 **In addition, the Sanctuary of Lourdes is associated with two wonderful cultural projects that highlight the life and the message of the little girl from Lourdes who became a saint:**

- **The musical "*Bernadette of Lourdes*"**, in residence in Lourdes for several months. A magnificent saga that combines the talent of its creators (music by Grégoire, direction by Serge Denoncourt, lyrics by Lionel Florence and Patrice Guirao) with incredible historical accuracy to offer an unprecedented encounter with the message of Lourdes.

- **In May, national cinema release of the film "*Lourdes*"**, directed by Thierry Demaizière and Alban Teurlai. This documentary aims to give the starring role to the sick and vulnerable pilgrims, to try to understand why, like Bernadette, "they are attracted to the Grotto".

## PUBLICATION

# THE LOURDES CATECHESSES



## 4 CATECHESSES FOR EXPERIENCING A YEAR WITH BERNADETTE

Father André Cables - 100 pages  
Available at the *Sanctuary Bookshop*

**4,90€**

Bernadette is our catechist, as Mary was for her. She does not come to teach us lessons, but to share with us a life, a breath, a light, which work in us as a cure for the soul.

175 years since her birth and her baptism, 140 years since her death. 2019 is a jubilee year. "Happy are the poor, says Jesus, looking at Bernadette and looking at us. We are walking towards the happiness of another world, a world where the great wealth is that of a heart that knows how to enter in to a exchange of love. Bernadette, invisible in as far as superficial appearances are concerned, creates in us a reversal of priorities, she makes us love the poor and the service of the poor; she shows us the secret of joy, when the servant receives far more than he gives.

Destitution is there for us to fight against, sickness needs to be tidied up, but the poor and sick will always be in among us, we recognise suffering. The gospel does not suppress it, but penetrates it, gives it meaning in its offering, and our hearts open. The worst suffering, the sin of egoism, suspicion and pride, is conquered by the grace of forgiveness and mercy.

The Church of Jesus is not a humanitarian organisation but a family where poor and rich learn to live together as brothers and sisters. Then there will be no unhappiness, because we want everyone to feel the joy of supporting one another. Jesus, the Son of God who made himself poor, enriches us by his poverty: he makes us like him, little children, fulfilled by the tenderness of the Father.



# Events and developments in 2019

- 🕒 15/17th February: **Pilgrimage for couples** for Valentine's Day.
- 🕒 February 18/22nd: **Conferences on saint Bernadette.**
- 🕒 May 30: **Pilgrimage for those baptised and divorced.**
- 🕒 June 28-30th: **Pilgrimage for fathers.**
- 🕒 7-9th August: « **Open Source** » Marian Gathering for Young Adults.
- 🕒 22nd August: **Feast of the Family of Our Lady of Lourdes.**
- 🕒 12-13th October: **Pilgrimage for mothers and 1<sup>st</sup> year of the Pilgrimage for chefs.**

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**NEWS**  
about the Bernadette Year  
in Lourdes News  
freely available in Lourdes  
downland from  
[www.lourdes-france.org](http://www.lourdes-france.org)

## ON TOUR

# THE RELICS OF SAINT BERNADETTE

Veneration of the relics of Saint Bernadette, which commenced in Italy (2017) in France, in Germany and in Spain (2018) is making, by popular demand, a return trip to France, Italy and Spain in 2019...



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🕒 In 2019, the relics of Saint Bernadette will be on display. There will be a special time for veneration twice a week, after the international mass, on Wednesdays and Sundays.

# THE FAMILY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES



## COME TO THE FAMILY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The Church is a family, Lourdes is a family where we can continue to draw on the grace we have received throughout the year. By becoming members of the Family of Our Lady of Lourdes, we participate with Bernadette as the spring flows forth, as the light illuminates the hollow of the rock of Massabielle. Together, we form a network of friendship and prayer.

Every month we receive a letter, and we can participate in the meeting offered in Lourdes; we can also organise a meeting at home using this letter as a stimulus. We bring our intentions and our thanksgiving to the Pilgrims' Mass on Saturdays at 11.15am. We are united particularly during

the important Marian feasts and the anniversaries of the Apparitions. Faithful to the sacraments of the Church, we receive and share forgiveness for our sins; our deceased brothers and sisters may also benefit from this. Mary loves us all tenderly and holds us all in her heart with Jesus.

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1844

175<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY OF  
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BIRTH



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*"Happy  
are the poor"*

1879

140<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY OF  
BERNADETTE'S  
DEATH



*"I do not promise  
to make you happy in this world, but in the other."*



# LOURDES PLAN 2021



 **Developments** in Lourdes

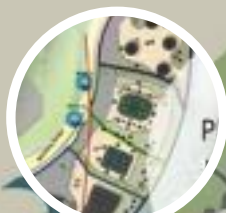




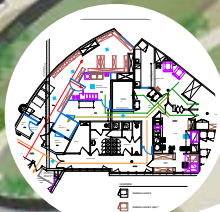
# MODERNISATION OF THE SANCTUARY



Restoration of the bell-tower of the  
Immaculate Conception Basilica



Launch of new study rooms at the  
St Joseph gate and at the Place de l'Eglise

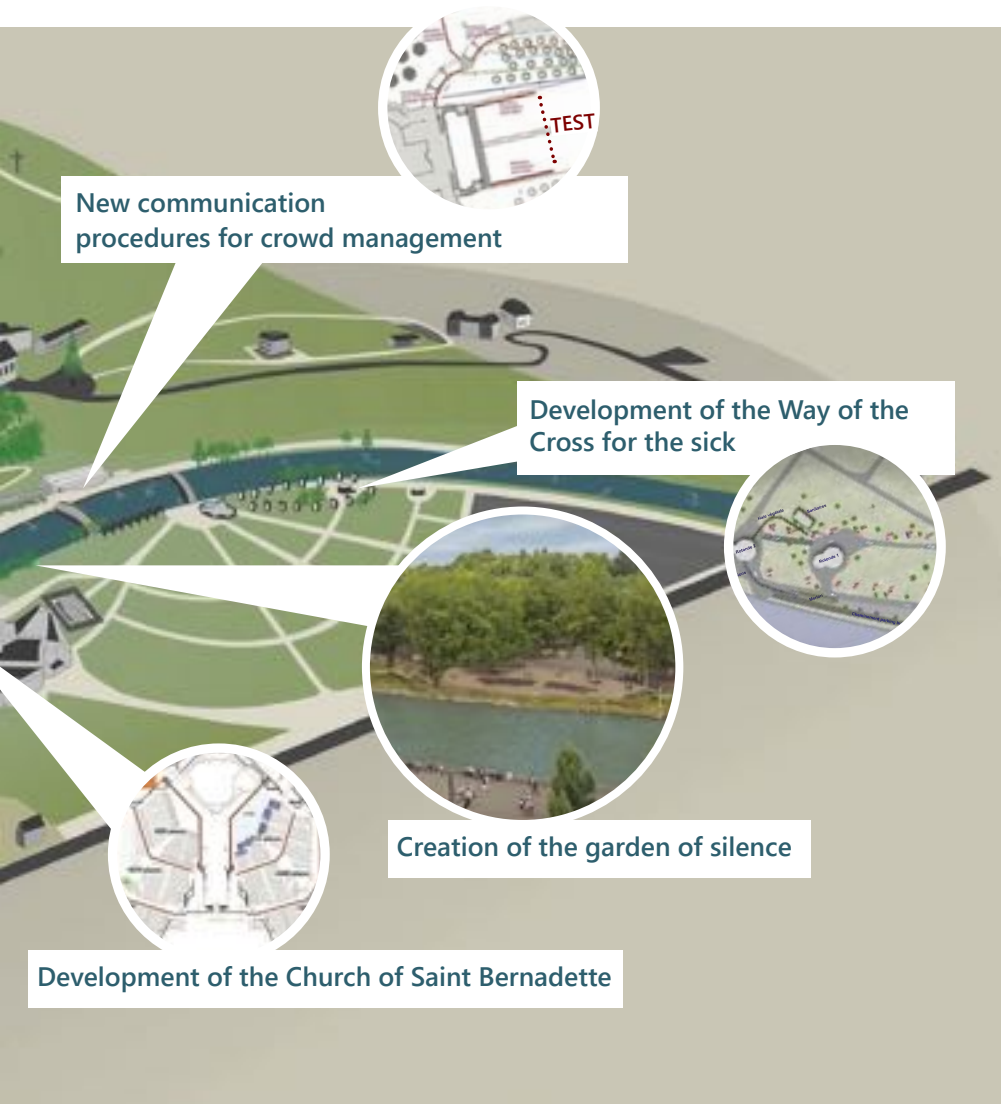


Improvements to daily living  
(central kitchen, WC, lifts...)



Upgraded rooms

# WITH OUR OWN FUNDS



# OPENING THE ACCUEIL NOTRE-DAME HOME TO **CARERS AND FRIENDS**



## "Misericordia et Misera" Experience an immersive stay in a the Accueil Notre-Dame

The Accueil Notre-Dame is an exceptional place of friendship between generations, between the sick and able-bodied people. Discovering the joy of being close to the weakness of wounded humanity is to have a concrete experience of God's mercy.

- **Creation of the Saint-François space** for carers, friends and families
- **Hosting at different levels of need**
- Opportunity for **cultural programmes**
- **New central kitchen**



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# CONTINUING THE TRANSFORMATION OF **THE SANCTUARY HOTEL**

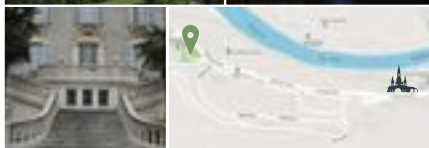


## "Laudato Si"

### For a peaceful and happy stay

The harmony between the surrounding nature and this peaceful and happy house will delight families, groups, and individuals who will enjoy a stay of exceptional quality. The "Laudato Si" spirit of the house is also present in the personalised welcome given by the Missionary Workers of the Immaculate and in the opportunities for access to the spiritual and liturgical life of the Sanctuary.

- **Hosts groups and families**
- **Welcome and prayer** by the TMI community
- **Regional cuisine**



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# CONSOLIDATING OUR OFFER TO INDIVIDUAL PILGRIMS

1/2  
jour

Découvrez les lieux de vie (village, école, hôpital, paroissiale, Hospice) de Bernadette Soubirou, la sainte de Lourdes.

**VISITE : DÉCOUVERTE DU SANCTUAIRE**

Le Sanctuaire est la réponse de Marie de bâtir ici une chapelle pour parcourir l'histoire de la construction.

**LES A**

Décryptage de 30

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jour

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L'essentiel

Vidéo •

du pèlerin

Chapelle • la Grotte • Procession

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**Ici, le Ciel touche la terre**

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## Different programmes are available according to the length of your pilgrimage (1 to 4 days)

The Sanctuary offers visitors who are here for a few hours or for several days to register for a pilgrimage experience and discover the grace of Lourdes. An donation of 5 euros is suggested, depending on individual circumstances.



APP  
« Lourdes  
pour tous »



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# THE SANCTUARY SHOP IN THE SERVICE OF EVANGELISATION



## The "Shop"

The sanctuary bookshop has been reorganised and is offering a new collection of items as well as authentic and exclusive product ranges at the Sanctuary.



**Exact replica of the statue of the Immaculate Conception in the Grotto of Apparitions at Lourdes.**

An original and exclusive scale model created by 3D digitisation, correct to one 10th of a millimetre, of the original white marble work, sculpted by Fabisch in 1864.

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# COLLECTION POINTS IN KEEPING WITH **THE SURROUNDINGS**



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Arches



Crossing point



Chapels of lights



Places of worship

# WELCOMING CROWDS INSIDE THE SANCTUARY

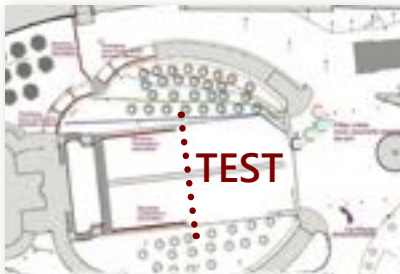
## Suggestion of a pastoral route

A new pattern of welcoming crowds inside the Sanctuary is currently being studied. Each space will be redesigned following the idea of a church "open to the heavens": the gates correspond to the forecourt, the esplanade is its Narthex, the Grotto is its choir.

- > facilitated circulation
- > managing of those waiting at the Baths
- > more silence at the Grotto
- > comfort for pilgrims



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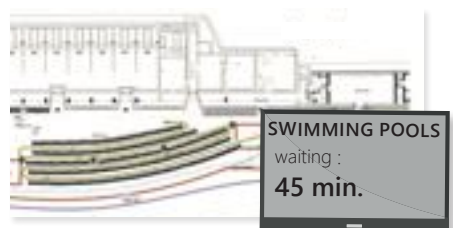
Rosary esplanade



New signage



Right bank



For individual pilgrims, new signage screens will show wait times for the Baths, taking into account the need to accommodate pilgrimages and those taking priority.

# NEW INITIATIVES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



## Thematic programmes for school

Aimed at school heads, school pastoral leaders and all those involved in Catholic Teaching, the Sanctuary is offering personalised organisation for school holidays. All year, "Lourdes for all seasons", are suggestions for weekends or short stays of 24h, 48h or 72h. Thematic programmes mean that every student can grow in faith, find meaning in his or her life and take a fresh look at vulnerability.. [sjeunes@lourdes-france.com](mailto:sjeunes@lourdes-france.com)

## 48h to return to the source

On the initiative of Msgr. Nicolas Brouwet, the Sanctuary of Lourdes welcomes the great Summer gathering Open"Source" for students and young professionals, from 18 to 30 years. Info : [www.lourdes-france.com](http://www.lourdes-france.com).

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## Young people on mission Young people in service

For young people on diocesan pilgrimage and others, the Sanctuary offers the chance to experience concrete service all year round. A unique human and spiritual experience!

# INAUGURATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR VOLUNTEERING



## Pray and serve in the image of Saint Bernadette

this year, the sanctuary is opening the International Centre for Volunteering for all those who want to put their energy into the service of the Virgin Mary. Pilgrimages, in particular, find different types of services to offer to young people.

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- > A unique digital platform
- > A unique management



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# MASS AND MUSIC FOR THE THEME OF THE YEAR **2019**

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#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*

#### OPENING PRAYER

**Father, from among the weak and lowly whom you love and glorify, you chose St. Bernadette; giving her the joy of seeing the Virgin Mary and speaking with her. Grant that by her prayer and example, we may confidently follow her on the ways that lead to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.**

#### FIRST READING

***A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor 1, 26-30)***

Take yourselves for instance, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says : if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

- The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***R/ Blessed are you, Lord, who are good to the poor.***

O God, with your judgment endow the king,  
and with your justice, the king's son;  
He shall govern your people with justice  
and your afflicted ones with judgment.

Justice shall flower in his days,  
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.  
May he rule from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

He shall rescue the poor when he cries out,  
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.  
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;  
the lives of the poor he shall save.

May his name be blessed forever;  
as long as the sun his name shall remain.  
In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed;  
all the nations shall proclaim his happiness.

## ALLELUIA

*Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Rejoice and be glad, says the Lord,  
because great is your reward in heaven.*

*Alleluia.*

## GOSPEL

***A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.***

Raising his eyes toward his disciples Jesus said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. But woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way."

- The gospel of the Lord

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**Lord accept these gifts we humbly give you. May they enable us to follow the example of Saint Bernadette in prayer and sacrifice.**

**Through Christ, our Lord.**

## **PREFACE**

**V. The Lord be with you**

**R. And also with you.**

**V. Lift up your hearts.**

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

**V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**R. It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, Holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. It is you who invites us to rejoice on this day when we celebrate Saint Bernadette, for you have revealed to us the mysteries of your Kingdom.**

**You have chosen her from the small and poor of this world to manifest, through her humility and her sufferings, the wisdom of the cross. You called her to be the confident of Mary, the immaculate Virgin, to invite sinners to conversion and believers to the sources of salvation. You made of her physical weakness, freely accepted for love for you, an eloquent sign of hope and comfort for all the sick. Therefore, with the angels and saints of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory and without end proclaim:**

## **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*Happy are the poor of heart, the kingdom of heaven is theirs.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Lord by this sacrament you have brought us together in your love. Give us the power which strengthened Saint Bernadette in her quest for holiness.**

**Through Christ our Lord.**



# 1. Heureux, vous les pauvres

Thème de « Lourdes 2019 »

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 EN How hap - py are you, the poor, whose hearts e - ver o - pen to Love; \_\_\_\_  
 DE Ihr Ar - men, seid se - lig! Eu - er Herz ist weit offen für die Lie - be. \_\_\_\_  
 NDL Wel - za - lig die arm zijn want uw hart o - pent zich voor de Heer. \_\_\_\_



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 EN for God, him - self now be - comes one with you, to ful - fill your de - sires. \_\_\_\_  
 DE Gott wird Ei - ner von euch sein, schwach und arm. Er er - füllt eu - re Seh - such - t. \_\_\_\_  
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## REFRAIN



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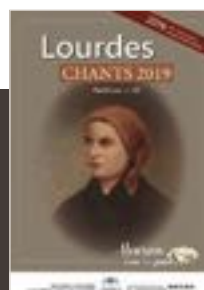


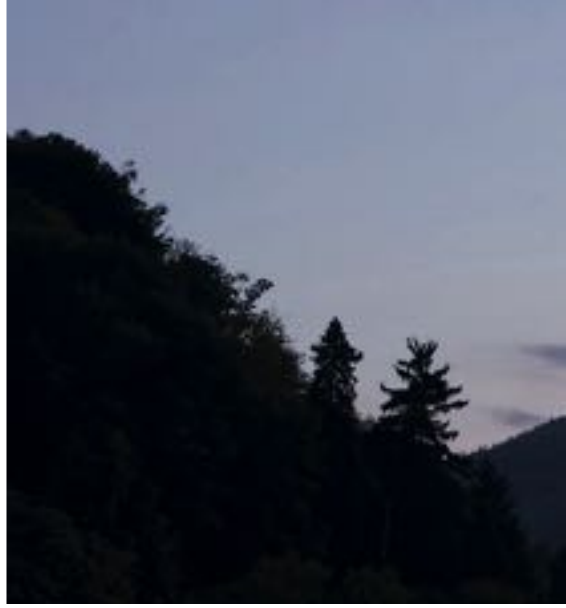
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 EN FOR HE PRE - PARES A GREAT RE - WARD FOR YOU IN HEAV'N! HEAV'N!  
 DE GOIT SELBST IST EU - ER LOHN DER - EINST IM HIM - MEL REICHE REICHE  
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## DECISION ON EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION OR EUCHARISTIC PRAISE

Every day during the season, the Eucharistic Procession takes place at 5.00 pm, from the podium on the prairie to the Basilica of St Pius X. Sometimes the Eucharistic Procession is replaced by Eucharistic Praise which starts in the basilica itself. This decision is made according to several criteria:

**1. Numbers:** Sometimes the procession is replaced by Eucharistic Praise because of the small number of people registered. To be meaningful and in order that it doesn't go unnoticed, the procession must draw a sufficient number of people.

**2. Climate:** If there is the risk of rain or a storm, the procession does not take place outside. Searing hot weather also means that people should go straight to the basilica.

The decision to replace the procession with praise is usually announced by the chaplain responsible for the liturgy at the meeting at 1.15 pm and, very occasionally at 4.00 pm, by means of an announcement through the sanctuary sound system.



## TORCHLIGHT MARIAN PROCESSION

The liturgy service joins forces with the hospitalité, young people and pilgrims who, every evening, offer their help which is invaluable in ensuring that the Torchlight Marian Procession goes as prayerfully and smoothly as possible.

The people selected to carry the statue of the Virgin, the cross, the lights or to hold the ropes meet at 8.00 pm precisely in front of the Rosary Basilica. Thank you very much for your punctuality!

Pilgrimages are invited to join the choir by sending volunteers to the front of the Rosary Basilica before 8:30 pm.

### THE ORDER OF PROCESSION IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The cross
2. Organised pilgrimages with their sick are placed in front of the statue. A departure point is given to each pilgrimage, at the meeting at 1:15 pm
3. The statue of Our Lady
4. Individual pilgrims and groups

### WITHIN EACH PILGRIMAGE, THE ORDER OF PROCESSION AS FOLLOWS:

1. Banners
2. Bishops and priests
3. Children's groups
4. People on stretchers
5. People in wheelchairs in 4s
6. People in the blue chariots in 4s
7. Walking pilgrims

Banners will be placed in order on the steps overlooking the forecourt of the Rosary Basilica, following the instructions of the master of ceremonies.

Only clerics (bishops, priests and deacons) will be allowed onto the forecourt. Only persons authorised by the master of ceremonies are allowed onto the forecourt..

## MASS INTERNATIONAL

Mass servers will be designated during the 13:30 meeting held the day before the Mass. Servants at the International Mass (as well as the Eucharistic procession or praise) will be chosen from among the older boys and men who have experience of serving at the altar. Please let us know a few days before the liturgical service if you have a group of servants of mass or seminarians able to provide this service.

Mass servers who are not used for the service will be able to wear the alb and go directly to a space reserved for them near the celebrant's chair.

## SACRISTY AT THE GROTTO

The new sacristy at the Grotto is being used more than the existing one. The old sacristy is now used for masses with fewer than 20 concelebrants. If the concelebrants are more numerous they will get ready in the larger sacristy which is situated a little further from the Grotto nearer the Baths. The decision to use the large sacristy will be announced the day before at the meeting at 1.30 pm.

Mass servers designated to serve Mass at the Grotto will be chosen from the boys according to the wishes of Bishop Brouwet, Bishop of Tarbes and Lourdes.



## BISHOPS

Pilgrimage directors are urged to please register the bishops participating in the different liturgical offices using OPAL. It would also be very useful if you could indicate which languages the bishop speaks fluently.

Some bishops have asked about the robes they should wear when participating in the different celebrations. During the Eucharistic procession, all participating bishops wear the Alb and Cope. During the Torchlight Marian procession, bishops are invited to wear the piped cassock or the Alb.

## CHRISTMAS AND HOLY WEEK

Christmas and Holy Week services will always be presided over by a chaplain of the Sanctuary. These are the offices concerned:

- > The Midnight Mass
- > The Mass of The Last Supper
- > The Good Friday Passion
- > The Stations of the Cross
- > The Easter Vigil

HERE, WHERE HEAVEN AND EARTH MEET

# The new pilgrims'



You are invited to drink the water, wash your face or bathe. Like Bernadette, immerse yourself in the grace of a new birth.



4 Leave a ca

3 Make a gesture with the water

"Go and drink at the spring", is Mary's invitation to Bernadette (and to you). Bernadette scrapes in the earth and brings to light the spring. It is ordinary water, like that of neighborly wells. It is not associated with it, it is neither consecrated nor made holy by the intercession of the Virgin Mary and the prayer of Christians. It would have no virtue without faith. "

2 Reflect in silence

You are not coming into a museum. You can feel at home here. Bernadette said, "**The Grotto was my heaven.**" In front of this rock so inviting that it has received billions of caresses, you are beckoned to look at Mary, who will illuminate your life and will help you to overcome difficulties in your daily life or to recover confidence lost due to adversity.

1 Go to the Grotto

You are here because someone is expecting you. Look up at Mary. As the apparition taught Bernadette, make a meaningful sign of the cross: In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In your heart, think of those who are suffering or who need support. Entrust them to the maternal protection of Our Lady of Lourdes.

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madette on 25th February 1858 (9<sup>th</sup> apparition) appeared to Bernadette and asked her to light the spring from which we can drink. Although many healings have occurred, the water is still considered miraculous. It is God who heals through the water. Bernadette said herself, "This water



## 5 Light a candle

Nobody leaves Lourdes without lighting a candle: "This light extends my prayer". By taking a candle, you are making an offering to the Sanctuary.



Taps provided for filling bottles are accessible near the first bridge.



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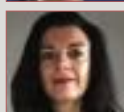
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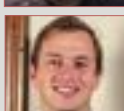
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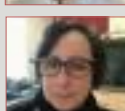
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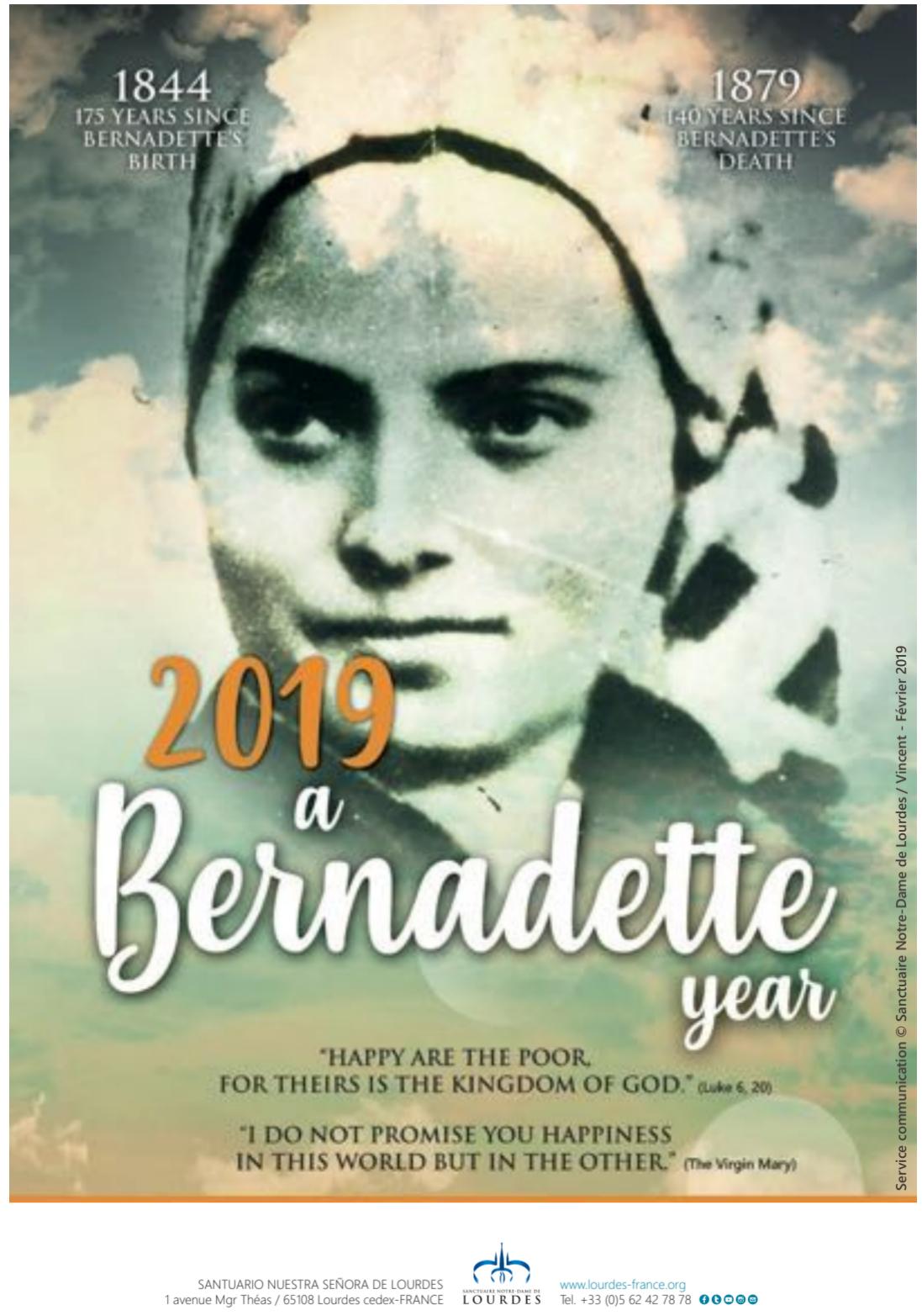
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BERNADETTE'S  
BIRTH

1879  
140 YEARS SINCE  
BERNADETTE'S  
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"HAPPY ARE THE POOR,  
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD." (Luke 6, 20)

"I DO NOT PROMISE YOU HAPPINESS  
IN THIS WORLD BUT IN THE OTHER." (The Virgin Mary)

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