



**Lourdes**  
**2020**

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SANCTUAIRE

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## 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY IN LOURDES ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST APPARITION FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

### - XXVIII WORLD DAY OF THE SICK -

In 1992, Pope St. John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick, celebrated on 11th February, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. A day celebrated by the whole universal Church.

Caring for and supporting the suffering is an evangelical priority for the Sanctuary. This day is designed to educate everyone about preserving the gift of health.

In 2020, for the XXVIII World Day of the Sick, in his message Pope Francis champions "**generous gestures**". The Holy Father reaches out to the sick, poor, excluded, to all those who "bend under the burden", as well as to companions and health personnel. He wants to give them a message of comfort and hope in order to continue their work, following the path mapped out by the Lord Jesus, with the intercession of Mary.



*"You received without payment; give without payment."* (Matt. 10,8)



**In Lourdes**, the service of the hospitaliers, freely given to the sick, is the symbol of this phrase from the Gospel of Matthew.

Each year: **45,000 sick or disabled people** are welcomed in Lourdes and supported by these volunteers who give of their time for their sick and suffering brothers and sisters.

Hospitalities, like the Hospitality of Our Lady of Lourdes, are essential to the Sanctuary because they allow the most vulnerable to be guided to the feet of the Virgin Mary.

## PROGRAMME FOR THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES: 15,000 PILGRIMS EXPECTED

10:00 a.m.: International Mass, presided by Mgr. Rino Fisichella,  
President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelisation  
Basilica of St. Pius X

3:30 p.m.: Rosary at the Grotto

4:30 p.m.: Adoration and blessing of the sick  
Basilica of St. Pius X

9:00 p.m.: Marian torchlight procession



# LOURDES FEBRUARY DAYS FROM 8<sup>TH</sup> TO 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Like every year, the Lourdes February Days bring together the **700 pilgrimage directors and hospitality presidents** round the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

This is an opportunity for them to explore the pastoral theme of their pilgrimages in 2020; **"I am the Immaculate Conception"**, through conferences and dialogues.

This year, notably, we will be in the presence of **Mgr. Rino Fisichella**, president of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelisation.

It is also a great opportunity to meet all the participants from Sanctuary and the partners at the **"Orientation Stands"** (located this year in the hemicycle), and to address all the logistical aspects of the pilgrimage (transport, accommodation, programme planning, volunteering, welcoming the sick...).



## PRESS

We invite you to come and find out about a direction for Lourdes which will be presented by Mgr. Antoine Hérouard, apostolic delegate for the Sanctuary, and Mgr. Olivier Ribadeau Dumas, rector:

### SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

Saint Bernadette Church

### GUIDANCE FROM LOURDES



3<sup>PM</sup> / Mgr. Antoine Hérouard  
Apostolic Delegate for the Sanctuary of Lourdes



3:30<sup>PM</sup> / Mgr. Olivier Ribadeau Dumas  
Rector of the Sanctuary of Lourdes

LISTENING AND DIALOGUE  
4:15<sup>PM</sup> / Mgr. Olivier Ribadeau Dumas

Full programme  
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The theme of the year in Lourdes for 2020 is, "I am the Immaculate Conception", the very words spoken by the Virgin Mary, in response to Bernadette who asked her for her name, during the 16th apparition on 25th March 1858.

The **start of the pilgrimage season** will open in early April with several not-to-be-missed events:

- 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> April 5: the **FRAT**, pilgrimage bringing together 10,000 young people from the Ile-de-France on the theme "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life".
- 8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> April: **1<sup>st</sup> "Simon of Cyrene" pilgrimage** to celebrate 10 years of the association which founded 12 shared houses, in France, for able-bodied and handicapped people.
- 11<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> April: **Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust**, English-speaking pilgrimage for disabled children

# THE LOURDES' DAYS

## SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

Hemicycle

8<sup>AM</sup> / Welcome for delegates in the **Orientation Village**

9<sup>AM</sup> / **PLANNING MEETINGS**

*Pilgrimages in April and May 2020*

11:15<sup>AM</sup> / Mass, presided over by Mgr Olivier Ribadeau Dumas  
Rosary Basilica

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4:15<sup>PM</sup> / Mgr Olivier Ribadeau Dumas

5:15<sup>PM</sup> / Hosting at the **Orientation Village**

7<sup>PM</sup> / Aperitifs at the Accueil Notre-Dame

8:30<sup>PM</sup> / Rosary by torchlight - Grotto

## SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

8<sup>AM</sup> / Welcome for delegates at the **Orientation Village**

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### PASTORAL THEME 2020 AT THE HEART OF THE MESSAGE OF LOURDES

9:15<sup>AM</sup> / Father Horacio Brito, Sanctuary Chaplain  
Chaplain of the Hospitality of Our Lady of Lourdes

10<sup>AM</sup> / **PLANNING MEETINGS** and facilitation  
*Pilgrimages in June and July 2020*

11:15<sup>AM</sup> / Mass, presided over by Mgr Antoine Hérouard  
Rosary Basilica

### "BERNADETTE, THROUGH POPULAR PIETY TO HOLINESS"

2:30<sup>PM</sup> / Father Horacio Brito, Sanctuary Chaplain  
Chaplain of the Hospitality of Our Lady of Lourdes

3:15<sup>PM</sup> / Video testimonies from the rectors  
of the Marian shrines of Fatima, Aparecida and Guadalupe.

4<sup>PM</sup> / Break at the **Orientation Village**

4:30<sup>PM</sup> / Sister Loiri Lazzarotto  
Superior General  
of the sisters of the Immaculate Conception of Lourdes

### « THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION BY THE SIDE OF THE SICK AND THE HOSPITALITY »

5<sup>PM</sup> / Dr. Alessandro de Francisci  
President of the Office of Medical Observations  
Daniel Pezet  
President of the Hospitality of Our Lady of Lourdes

5:45<sup>PM</sup> / **PLANNING MEETINGS** and facilitation  
*Pilgrimages in August, September and October 2020*

8:30<sup>PM</sup> / Rosary by torchlight - Grotto

## MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

8<sup>AM</sup> / Welcome for delegates at the **Orientation Village**

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9<sup>AM</sup> / **REMARKS** Guillaume de Vulpian  
Director of the Sanctuar

9:30<sup>AM</sup> / **WORKSHOPS** at the **Orientation Village**

11:15<sup>AM</sup> / Mass, presided over by Mgr Nicolas Brouwet  
Rosary Basilica

Saint Bernadette Church

### THE SANCTUARIES AND THE NEW EVANGELISATION

3<sup>PM</sup> / Mgr Rino Fisichella  
President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion  
of the New Evangelisation

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

3:45<sup>PM</sup> / By the officials of the Sanctuary

9<sup>PM</sup> / **MARIAN TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION**  
Announcement of the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes  
XXVIII World Day of the Sick

## TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

XXVIII WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

10<sup>AM</sup> / **INTERNATIONAL MASS** presided over by Mgr Rino Fisichella  
Basilica of St. Pius X

12:30<sup>PM</sup> / Lunch at the Accueil Notre-Dame

3:30<sup>PM</sup> / Rosary at the Grotto

4:30<sup>PM</sup> / Adoration and blessing of the sick  
Basilica of St. Pius X

9<sup>PM</sup> / Marian Torchlight Procession