

The National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes



MONTHLY BULLETIN FEBRUARY 2019

OUR LADY OF LOURDES ROSARY CRUSADE

Saturday, February 9, 2019

Second Saturday of Every Month
10:30 a.m. at the Grotto Cave

VISION PRESENTATION

Sunday, February 10, 2019
After 12 pm Mass

Here at the National Shrine Grotto, we believe that God is calling us to do more for Him and for all those pilgrims drawn here by Mary. After the 12 noon Mass, Fr. Daniel Montesana (Grotto Chaplain) and Lori Stewart (Grotto Director) will be presenting what we have been praying over and planning for the future of the National Shrine Grotto.

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 6, 2019

Adoration,
10:45 a.m. in
St. Mary's Chapel

Reconciliation,
10:45 a.m. in the
Confessional near
St. Mary's Chapel

Mass, 12 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Saturday and Sunday of Lent
After 12 p.m. Mass

LENTEN RETREAT

Save the Date! April 6

This Lent we will be holding a day retreat here at the National Shrine Grotto on April 6th. More details to come!

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Monday, February 11, 2019

Adoration, 10:45 a.m. in St. Mary's Chapel

Reconciliation, 10:45 a.m. in the
Confessional near St. Mary's Chapel

Mass with Anointing of the Sick,
12 p.m. in St. Mary's Chapel

followed by **Procession to Grotto Cave**

**Enroll a loved one in the Mass on the
Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes**

Enroll at www.NSGrotto.org/events.html

St. Bernadette's Account of the First Appearance on February 11, 1858

"There came out of the interior of the grotto a golden-colored cloud, and soon after a Lady, young and beautiful, exceedingly beautiful, the like of whom I had never seen came and placed herself at the entrance of the opening above the bush. ... She has the appearance of a young girl of sixteen or seventeen. She is dressed in a white robe, girdled at the waist with a blue ribbon which flows down all along her robe. She wears upon her head a veil which is also white; this veil gives just a glimpse of her hair and then falls down at the back below her waist. Her feet are bare but covered by the last folds of her robe except at the point where a yellow rose shines upon each of them. She holds on her right arm a rosary of white beads with a chain of gold shining like the two roses on her feet."

From *The Appearances of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Grotto of Lourdes, Personal Souvenirs of an Eyewitness*, by J. B. Estrade



Hours 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily (gates close at 5 p.m.) **Mass** Every Day at 12 p.m. **Adoration and Confession** Saturday and Sunday 10:45 a.m.

Shuttle: Transportation is available from the parking lot to the Miller Family Visitors Center. Call (301) 447-5318.

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“I AM THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION”

Spiritual Reflections from Father Michael Messaro

When Jesus multiplied the loaves and the fishes, which we read in the 16th chapter of St. John’s Gospel, he gave the people food to eat. Do you suppose anyone turned it down? Of course not! Do we ever turn down the food Jesus gives us? I am talking about the spiritual food.

Jesus not only feeds our souls with Himself in Holy Communion, He also feeds us spiritually through the help of angels and saints. He often sends Mary His Mother to help us. Mary was not just somebody God used to send His Son into the world once, then put her away in a closet like an old, worn-out broom. God still sends His Son into the world through Mary. In periodic appearances Mary is sent by God to urge us to open our hearts wider to her Son. And it is on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes that we celebrate one of those sendings.

It was back in 1858 on February 11th that Mary first appeared to Bernadette and called people to conversion and a deeper commitment to her Son. She urged the world to prayer and penance by which the flood gates of heaven could be opened wider for Jesus to shower down the benefits of His death and resurrection. We must never close our minds and hearts to Mary. For by so doing, we might also be closing them to her Son. The 4000 people accepted the food Jesus gave them. Let us every day accept the food He gives us through his Mother and ours.



Share Your Blessings

Send blessing testimonies to NSGrotto@msmary.edu

Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará (SSVM)

The “Servidoras” are the female branch of the Institute of the Incarnate Word, IVE (Fr. Daniel and Fr. Ted). They strive “to prolong the Incarnation in all men, in the whole man, and in all the manifestations of man.” More specifically, they are dedicated to the evangelization of the culture. In order to transform cultures, they work with families, in parishes, education, media, and anywhere that humanity is most in need. Since 1988 when they were founded in Argentina, they now have missions in 35 countries around the world. In addition to the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, they make a fourth vow of total consecration to Mary, in filial slavery of love, according to St. Louis Marie de Montfort. Each sister receives a name of Mary.



Here at the National Shrine Grotto, meet Sr. Maria Đức Mẹ **Mân Côi** (Vietnamese for “Mary Most Holy Mother of the Rosary”) and Sr. Mary Our Lady of **Auriesville**. Sr. Mân Côi is from Canada, and Sr. Auriesville is from Virginia. Both sisters currently live in Thurmont, MD.

For more information, see: www.ssvmusa.org

Grotto Wish List

Dear Grotto family,

We are excited to share with you our hopes for improvements in our Blessed Shrine. Below is a list of our needs, please prayerfully consider how you may help. Please contact Grotto@MSMary.edu or call (301) 447-5318 if you would like to help donate. Thank you!

Sacred Heart & St. Francis Statues (to be refurbished) **\$5,000**

Rhododendron Plants (to replace the over-20-years-old, dying rhododendrons throughout the grounds) **\$500**

Alpine Europe Pilgrimage

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11 Days: September 3 – 13, 2020

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