

The National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes



MONTHLY BULLETIN MARCH 2019

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH



Tuesday March 19, 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

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!

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Monday March 25, 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

What is the annunciation?

The great event of the Annunciation reveals the path to salvation and to cultural recovery. The little Virgin of Nazareth teaches us how to live our real lives in a real world! When the Angel of the Lord appeared, bearing the message and calling her to a special mission, she said "YES." We must say "Yes" as well and believe that "nothing is impossible with God." Let's consider her response to the message: "I am the handmaiden of the Lord; let it be to me according to your Word." It is in these words that we discover the heart of the Christian vocation.



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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QUALITY TIME WITH GOD

Spiritual Reflections from Father Michael Messaro

During Lent many of us might pray more than during other times of the year. Jesus reminds us in the Gospels that quality is better than quantity. “In your prayer, do not rattle on like the pagans. They think they will win a hearing by the sheer multiplication of words. Do not imitate them. This is hour are to pray.” And then he goes on to teach the Lord’s Prayer.

The world of today is a very busy world. The cherished coffee break can be found on the endangered species list. A half hour for lunch has replaced the traditional hour in many places of employment. Remember when workers had time during lunch to stop by a church for a visit? We hear about quality time for children, we serve quickly prepared dinners to our families, even the dog has to do his duty faster as his walk outdoors gets cut shorter and shorter. We are all learning there is little time to waste as doing anything. Concentrating on what we are doing, and doing it as well as we can, is becoming more and more obviously necessary.

We all might pray more during Lent. We all might add more spiritual exercises to our list of things to do. But Jesus wants us to remember it is more important we concentrate well on however much we are doing than adding devotion after devotion. The time we spent with God is to be quality time. Otherwise, we might find out when all is said and done, that it was all just a grand waste of time.

Share Your Blessings

“I was in the Class of 1964 and I can remember walking up the hill behind the dorms to spend some quiet time with Our Lady. The Peace and Quiet that surrounded the Grotto was a good time to relax and pray for anything that came to my mind, mostly getting through the Mount. There was nothing built up then and not many people came around to break the silence. Thanks for preserving the Shrine.” -Anonymous pilgrim

Send blessing testimonies to NSGrotto@msmary.edu

Easter Sunday - April 21



Sunrise Ecumenical Service

6:30 a.m.



Adoration

10:45 a.m.



Reconciliation

10:45 a.m.



Mass

8 a.m. / 12 p.m. / 2 p.m. (Spanish)

Easter Mass Enrollment

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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**

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