



THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE

SHRINE - RETREAT CENTER - WELCOME CENTER

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Retreat Center Director - Fr. Ted Brown, MS

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Masses

Monday - Saturday
12:10pm
Saturday Evening (Sunday Vigil)
4:30pm
Sunday
9:30am; 12:10pm

Confessions (Lenten Season)

Monday-Friday
1:00-4:00pm
Saturday-Sunday
1:00-4:00pm

Healing Services

February 25, 2024
2:00pm - English
March 3, 2024
2:30pm - Spanish
March 17, 2024
2:00pm - Portuguese



The Chosen (Season 3)

La Salette Retreat & Conference Center.

From 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

For more information call 508-222-8530.

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Discovering Saint Joseph: A Lenten Journey in Two Parts

A transformative Lenten journey to delve into the life and legacy of Saint Joseph across two enriching sessions on March 15 and 16, 2024.

Session 1: Friday, March 15 at 6:00 p.m. (on Zoom). *Saint Joseph in Scripture, Tradition, and Archeology*. Through Scripture, Tradition, and the latest archeological insights, gain a comprehensive understanding of his significance in the past and present.

Session 2: Saturday, March 16, at 9:00 a.m. (in-person, Welcome Center). *Saint Joseph Explored: Spirituality, Action, and His Role in the Church*. Delve into Saint Joseph's spirituality, his call to action, and his pivotal role within the Church. This day-long recollection promises to be a journey of faith, inspiration, and community.

For more information and registration visit:
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/saintjoseph

LITURGICAL CORNER

The Stations of the Cross - Its Beginnings



The Stations of the Cross is a devotion, which developed over centuries. Tradition holds that our Blessed Mother visited daily the scenes of our Lord's passion.

After Constantine legalized Christianity in 313AD, they marked that pathway, although they could only speculate about the locations of some incidents because the Roman armies had near-completely destroyed Jerusalem in 70 AD. During the 3rd and 4th centuries, there were no stops for stations. Eventually, this path was named Via Dolorosa (Latin for Way of Sorrows). The Via Dolorosa route that most people follow today was established in the 1800s, with some stations not put in their current spots until the 1900s. It wasn't until the fifth century that the Church developed an interest to "reproduce" the holy places in other areas so pilgrims who could not travel safely to the Holy Land because of the takeover by Turkish Muslims, could do so in a devotional, and spiritual way in their hearts.

The stations of the cross, as a devotion, began to develop once the Franciscans were granted custody of the holy sites in the Holy Land, born out of widespread devotion to the passion of Christ in the 12th and 13th centuries. During the 1500s, people started creating "replicas" of the places along the Via Dolorosa, from Pontius Pilate's praetorium to Christ's tomb.

At about the same time, and continuing into the 16th century, the Franciscans began to build a series of outdoor shrines in Europe to duplicate their counterparts in the Holy Land. The number of stations at these shrines varied between seven and thirty, though seven (2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 11th, and 14th) was the most common. In answer to a petition made by the Franciscans, Pope Innocent XI in 1686 granted them the exclusive right to erect fourteen Stations of the Cross within their churches. By 1731, Pope Clement XII allowed all churches to have stations. In 1742, Pope Benedict XIV issued a directive to every church, urging them to enrich their church with the stations.



SHRINE CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP

During the month of FEBRUARY, the Shrine Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn for:

GERTRUDE & VICTOR SEGALLA

Anyone wishing to have a loved one or special intention remembered should call the Shrine Secretary at 508-222-5410 and place their request. The monthly offering is \$75.

2024 Corporal Works of Mercy Lenten Challenge



**From February 14, 2024
To March 27, 2024**

We are pleased to announce the dates of the annual Corporal Works of Mercy Lenten Challenge. The Challenge started on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024 and will end on Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

For each of the Corporal Works of Mercy, (Feed the Hungry and Give Drink to the Thirsty; Shelter the Homeless; Comfort the Sick; Visit the Prisoners; Bury the Dead and Give Alms to the Poor) there will be a donation box in the Welcome Center marked with the name of the charity with whom we are partnering and a list of appropriate donations for that charity. We thank you in advance for your great generosity.

2024 Lenten Reflection (Week 2)



We hope that the weekly reflections, inspired by the Sunday Liturgical Readings will be food for your heart and mind, and an inspiring light for your Lenten journey.

All the Lenten reflections are written by members of the National La Salette Laity Board.

The readings for this Second Sunday of Lent that will accompany us during this second week of our Lenten season, are leading us to living and sacrificing our lives to show our devotion to God.

In the first reading God put Abraham to the test by asking him to sacrifice his only son Isaac. Abraham did everything God instructed him to do and God knew his devotion to him.

Mary at La Salette called to Melanie and Maximin to go make this message of Reconciliation known to all which gave them the opportunity to show their devotion to Mary and Her Son. Their lives were turned upside down and sacrifices were made. God gives us daily opportunities to show our love for Him and one another in the form of personal sacrifice.

The Responsorial Psalm proclaims, "I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living". Melanie and Maximum became obedient servants walking with Jesus spreading the message of La Salette.

Mary at La Salette tells us how important it is to be obedient to Her Son, to walk before the Lord.

In Paul's letter to the Romans we hear that God is with us and that He did not spare His own son, Jesus.

Mary at La Salette was with the two shepherd children and told them to share the message and not to worry.

We too, are to walk the faith, intercede for others who are in need and make this message of penance and reconciliation known to all.

2024 Lenten & Easter



WAY OF THE CROSS

Every Friday Evening during Lent at 7:00 p.m. in the Shrine Church.

PALM SUNDAY - THE JOURNEY: MOVING TOWARDS COMFORT

Saturday, March 23 at 4:30 p.m. and

Sunday, March 24, at 12:10 p.m.

Distribution of the Palms on Saturday, March 23 at our 4:30 p.m. Mass and on Sunday, March 24, at our 12:10 p.m. Mass. *Presider: Fr. Flavio G., MS.*

HOLY THURSDAY - THE INVITATION: EMPOWERED TO COMFORT

Thursday, March 28, at 7:00 p.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper. *Presider: Fr. Bernie B., MS.*

GOOD FRIDAY - THE GIFT: RECONCILED BY COMFORT

Friday, March 29, 2024

12:30 p.m. - Jesus' Seven Last Words (Shrine Church)

3:00 p.m. - Good Friday Service & Veneration of the Cross
Presider: Fr. Rosanno S., MS.

4:00 p.m. - "The Passion of Christ" enacted by teens of our Salette Malayali Community (Welcome Center).

7:00 p.m. - "The Blood of Christ" - A Good Friday Meditative Concert by our Sunday Music Director Tim Boisvert (Shrine Church).

EASTER VIGIL - THE FULLNESS OF GOD'S COMFORT

Saturday, March 30, 2024

7:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass. *Presider: Fr. Ted B., MS.*

EASTER SUNDAY - TRANSFORMED BY GOD'S COMFORT

Sunday, March 31, 2024

6:00 a.m. - Sunrise Mass. Mass will start in front of the Tomb of the Resurrection. *Presider: Fr. Flavio G., MS.*

12:10 p.m. - Easter Sunday Mass. *Presider: Fr. Messias M., MS.*

EASTER EGG HUNT FOR CHILDREN

After the 12:10 p.m. Easter Sunday Mass.



The Paschal Experience: Easter Triduum Retreat
Thursday March 28 - Sunday, March 31, 2024

Presented by the La Salette Ministry Team

Experience the profound mysteries of the Easter Triduum on a transformative retreat. Immerse yourself in the solemnity of Holy Thursday, the contemplation of Good Friday, and the anticipation of the Easter Vigil. Through communal worship, personal prayer, and guided reflections, allow the Easter Triduum Retreat to ignite your faith, renew your spirit, and lead you to a profound encounter with the risen Lord. We will celebrate the Triduum Services at the Shrine Church.

Donations:

Thu., March 28, 12:00 noon - Sun., March 31 (Breakfast included): \$375

Fri., March 29, 12:00 noon - Sun., March 31 (Breakfast included): \$340

Sat., March 30, 12:00 noon - Sun., March 31 (Breakfast included): \$250

Rooms available at 11:00 a.m. each day.

For more information and registration visit:
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/paschalexperience

Support La Salette Vocations!

The *National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette* and *La Salette Retreat & Conferene Center* invite you to support new La Salette Vocations by hosting the “*Traveling Statue of Our Lady of La Salette*” for a month.

You will pledge to pray the Rosary every day for new La Salette vocations (Fathers, Brothers, and Sisters).

If interested, please contact:

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Let us join together in prayer and promote and sustain new vocations with the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette (Fathers and Brothers) and with the La Salette Sisters.



Eucharistic Sculpture
The Shrine Church

Welcomes a New Piece of Liturgical Art

The Church of the *National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette* recently introduced a beautiful piece of Liturgical Art.

The rays of the art piece over the tabernacle are made of forged nails representing each one of us with our faults, but transformed and saved by the living Christ in the Eucharist. The red center symbolizes the Lamb of God sacrificed for us. By His blood we are saved.

*“Blessed are those called
to the supper of the Lamb.”*

Weekly Collections

All of our ministries here at the Shrine are only possible thanks to generous donations from people like you! With gratitude - Thank you!

Mass Collections

Feb. 3 – Feb. 4:	\$ 2795.43
Feb. 4 (French Mass):	\$ 167.00
Feb. 4 (Spanish Healing Service):	\$ 869.00
Cross of Gratitude Donations:	\$ 4732.00
Feb. 10 – Feb. 11:	\$ 1978.30
Feb. 11 (French Mass):	\$ 219.00
Feb. 11 (Spanish Mass):	\$ 78.00
Feb. 17 – Feb. 18:	\$ 2138.70
Feb. 18 (French Mass):	\$ 118.00
Feb. 18 (Portuguese Healing Service):	\$ 284.00

Donations

Jan. 29 – Feb. 4:	\$ 1011.82
Feb. 5 – Feb. 11:	\$ 694.75
Feb. 12 – Feb. 18:	\$ 651.00

Heavenly Thought

"Faith without works is like an automobile without gas."