

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE



### SHRINE - RETREAT CENTER - WELCOME CENTER

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#### Mass Times

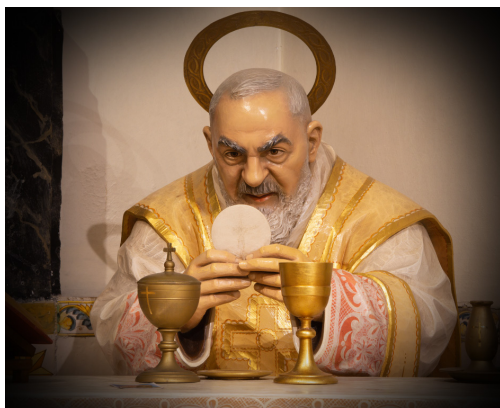
**Monday - Saturday**  
12:10pm  
**Saturday (Sunday Vigil)**  
4:30pm  
**Sunday**  
9:30am (French), 12:10pm

#### Confessions

**Monday-Friday**  
1:00pm - 2:00pm  
**Saturday-Sunday**  
1:00pm-4:00pm

#### Healing Services

**Portuguese:**  
May 18 at 2:00pm  
**English:**  
May 25 at 2:00pm  
**Spanish:**  
June 1 at 2:30pm



Relics of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina will be at the Shrine on June 18-19. They will be available to the public for veneration and personal prayer from 11:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Shrine Church.

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#### A Sacred Yes: Echoes of Mary in Every Mother

Let's offer heartfelt thanks for the sacred vocation of motherhood in all its expressions—mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, spiritual mothers, and all women who reflect God's love through their care. Your witness of faith, hope, and quiet strength brings Christ into the world in profound and lasting ways. Like Our Blessed Mother Mary, who bore Christ into the world and walked the path of both sorrow and joy, you embody the grace that sustains families and communities. Your "yes" to love, each day, echoes Mary's own.

We also hold close in prayer those for whom this day is tender—those longing to be mothers, grieving a loss, or carrying hidden burdens. You are not forgotten.

*May the gentle intercession of Our Lady of La Salette bless you abundantly and bring you peace. With gratitude and prayers,*

## LITURGICAL CORNER

### Mother's Day: From Global Peace to Greeting Cards



The celebration of mothers and motherhood has ancient roots, reaching back to the Greeks and Romans, who honored the mother goddesses *Rhea* and *Cybele*. However, the origins of Mother's Day as we know it in the United States trace back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century and are deeply tied to women of faith and conviction.

Julia Ward Howe, known for penning the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" in 1861, was also a peace activist and advocate for women's rights. Shaken by the violence of the Civil War and global conflicts like the Franco-Prussian War, she issued a passionate "Mother's Day Proclamation," calling women to unite against war. In 1870, she proposed an annual "Mother's Peace Day" to be observed each June 2. This observance was celebrated in Boston and other places for over three decades but faded by 1905.

The modern Mother's Day is largely credited to the devotion of Anna Jarvis and her mother, Ann Maria Reeves Jarvis. Both women believed that mothers were uniquely positioned to foster peace in their communities. After her mother's death in 1905, Anna Jarvis, who never married or had children, committed herself to creating a national day to honor mothers. On May 10, 1908, the first official Mother's Day was celebrated at a Methodist church in Grafton, West Virginia. Anna's efforts led President Woodrow Wilson to proclaim the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day in 1914. Sadly, Anna later became disillusioned with the increasing commercialization of the day she envisioned as sacred. She opposed the use of greeting cards and gifts, believing they diluted the original intent of honoring a mother's sacrificial love. By 1943, she was campaigning to remove the holiday altogether. She died in 1948 in poverty and blindness—her medical bills ironically paid by florists and card companies she had once protested.

Today, we remember the deep spiritual roots of this day. May it be for us not just a celebration, but a reflection of the sacred calling of motherhood and the legacy of peace it can inspire.



### SHRINE CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP

During the month of **APRIL 2025**, the Shrine Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of:

#### MICHAEL FEILER

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.

#### *Upcoming Events You Don't Want to Miss!*



**May 14:** *Learning to Sing Harmony.* More info. at: [www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/harmony](http://www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/harmony)



**May 28-June 1:** *Family Festival.* More info. in this issue of the bulletin.



**June 5-7:** *La Salette Laity Summit VI.* More info. at: [www.lasalettelaity.org](http://www.lasalettelaity.org)



**June 6:** *Sacred Heart Friday.* More info. at: [www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/sacredheart](http://www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/sacredheart)



**June 17-19:** *The Essence of Prayer.* More info. at: [www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/essenceofprayer](http://www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/essenceofprayer)



**June 18-19:** *Veneration of the Relics of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina* - Shrine Church 11:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.



**June 19-22:** *Come and See.* More info. at: [www.lasalettevocations.org/about-3](http://www.lasalettevocations.org/about-3)



**June 20-22:** *Pilgrimage to Lancaster and Washington, DC.* More info. in this issue of the bulletin.



**July 14-21:** *8-Day Ignatian Retreat.* More info. at: [www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/ignatianretreat](http://www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/ignatianretreat)



**July 15-17:** *Oasis Retreat.* More info. at: [www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/oasisretreat](http://www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/oasisretreat)

*Pilgrims of Hope: La Salette Laity Summit VI*  
**Georgia, June 5-7, 2025**



The La Salette family is a global community of priests, brothers, sisters, and lay people (*La Salette Associates* and *La Salette Laity*) united by a common mission: to live and spread Our Lady of La Salette's message of reconciliation.

The La Salette Laity includes Catholic women and men, age eighteen and older, inspired by the 1846 Apparition. Found in over twenty-five countries, they strive for holiness and serve as co-missionaries alongside La Salette religious and La Salette Associates in Shrines, parishes, and ministries.

Every three years, a special summit brings together lay members from across the United States who are inspired by the La Salette message for prayer, formation, and fellowship. The Summit offers participants a unique chance to grow in faith and deepen their connection to the La Salette charism. It also emphasizes the vital role of laypeople in spreading Our Lady of La Salette's timeless message of conversion, reconciliation, and faith, while deepening their connection with the wider La Salette community and the universal Church. In this light, the Summit is meant to spread the universal message of Our Lady of La Salette; strengthen the partnership between the La Salette religious community, the people they serve, and friends and neighbors; deepen faith and foster a stronger connection to Jesus through Mary's message of reconciliation.

The 2025 theme is "*Pilgrims of Hope*". More information about the 2025 La Salette Laity Summit can be found at [www.lasalettelaity.org](http://www.lasalettelaity.org).

*Here at the Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, members of the La Salette Laity group meet every last Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. in the Snack Bar area of the Welcome Center. If you are interested in knowing more about the group, if you have the desire to become more involved with La Salette, or if you would like to attend a meeting to find out if this group is for you, please contact La Salette Associate Maryann Daley at:*

**[maryann.daley@comcast.net](mailto:maryann.daley@comcast.net)**

*Your Prayer. Your Intentions.*  
**Leave Them in Mary's Care**



In the last issue of our bulletin, we introduced the new Development Office "*Seeds of Hope*" and shared our commitment to educating our visitors, friends and faithful community on **meaningful ways** to support the ministries of the *National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette*. This week, we highlight a beautiful and prayerful opportunity: **lighting a memorial/votive candle** in our *Chapel of Lights*.

The use of candles in prayer has deep roots stretching back to ancient times. In the Jewish tradition, lamps were kept burning in sacred spaces as a sign of God's abiding presence. Early Christians embraced and transformed this custom—lighting candles during worship, at gravesites, and in moments of personal devotion. Over time, these simple flames came to symbolize something very profound: the soul's longing for God, the light of faith amidst darkness, and the connection between heaven and earth. When lit in memory of the departed or in supplication to Mary, these lights became visible prayers—offering a quiet vigil even after the one who lit them has gone. From this practice came the term votive candle, from the Latin *votum*, meaning a prayer or sacred offering.

At the *National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette*, lighting a memorial candle is more than a gesture—it's a sacred act of remembrance, hope, and prayer. Whether in memory of a loved one, or as a sign of trust in Mary's intercession during a difficult time, your candle becomes a visible prayer that continues to burn—even when you cannot be there.

Candles may be lit for a week, a month, or a year. Yearly candles include a personalized plaque, while weekly and monthly intentions are prayerfully displayed in our Chapel of Lights—where thousands come to pray each year.

***Let a flame of faith speak the words your heart holds.***

**Request your memorial candle today at the Welcome Center, or by calling 508-222-5410, or through our website, by visiting:**

**[lasaletteattleboroshrine.org/candle-requests](http://lasaletteattleboroshrine.org/candle-requests)**

*Be A Jubilee Pilgrim:  
In the Footsteps of the Living Word  
June 20-22, 2025*



Join us **June 20–22** for a powerful three-day pilgrimage celebrating the Jubilee Year *Pilgrims of Hope*. Our journey begins in Lancaster, PA, with a live performance of *Noah at Sight & Sound Theatre*. On Saturday, we travel to Washington, D.C. for a private tour and Vigil Mass at the *Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception*. We conclude Sunday at the *Museum of the Bible*. **Final call—registration closes May 15!** Walk in faith. Discover hope. Be a Jubilee pilgrim!

Limited seats! Register now:

[www.lasalletteretreatcenter.org/pilgrimage-noah](http://www.lasalletteretreatcenter.org/pilgrimage-noah)

*La Salette Family Festival  
May 28 - June 1, 2025*



Bring the whole family to the *La Salette Family Festival*, happening **Wednesday, May 28 through Sunday, June 1** in the second parking lot of the *National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette* in Attleboro! Enjoy thrilling rides for kids and adults, fun games, and delicious food from our *La Salette booths*—featuring linguica, chicken sandwiches, chili, clam chowder, strawberry shortcake, and more! **Festival Hours:** Wed–Fri: 5:00–9:00 p.m. | Sat & Sun: 12:00–9:00 p.m. For more information, call 508-222-5410.

*Sacred Music Series:  
Learning to Sing Harmony  
May 14, 2025 - 6:30 p.m.*



Ready to explore the art of harmony and elevate your singing? Join the workshop *Learning to Sing Harmony* led by *Music Director Tim Boisvert* and discover the joy of singing in rich, four-part harmony. Learn traditional and a cappella techniques, train your ear, and find your unique vocal part—all in a supportive, music-loving community.

Open to anyone with a great love and a passion for vocal music, the workshop includes exclusive practice tracks and materials to help you grow between sessions. Come sing, learn, and harmonize with us!

**Dates:** Wednesday, May 14, 21, 28 and June 4. All sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information or registration call **508-222-8530** or visit:

[www.lasalletteretreatcenter.org/harmony](http://www.lasalletteretreatcenter.org/harmony)

### 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

Apr. 26 – Apr. 27:	\$ 2,406.00
Apr. 27 (Haitian Mass):	\$ 356.00
Apr. 27 (English Healing Service):	\$ 729.00
May. 3 - 4:	\$ 2029.00
May 4 (Haitian Mass):	\$ 498.80
May 4 (Spanish Healing Service):	\$ 872.00

### DONATION BOXES

Apr. 21- Apr. 27:	\$ 986.00
Apr. 28 – May 4:	\$ 1,028.00

### Heavenly Thought

*“Life doesn’t come with a manual. It comes with a mother.”*