

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

English:
August 31 at 2:00pm
Spanish:
September 7 at 2:30pm
Portuguese:
September 21 at 2:00pm



ATTLEBORO FARMERS MARKET

Join us every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. through October 18, 2025, in the field across from the second parking lot.



The Courage to Stand with Others:

A Journey into Compassionate Manhood - October 10-12, 2025.

You are invited to a powerful weekend retreat for men that will challenge and renew you. *The Courage to Stand with Others: A Journey into Compassionate Manhood* draws inspiration from the writings of Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J., founder of the world's largest gang rehabilitation program. Together, we will rediscover true masculinity —rooted not in dominance, but in empathy, solidarity, and unshakable goodness. Through Scripture, personal stories, and guided meditations, you will confront shame, find healing, and embrace God's tender love. The weekend offers the opportunity for daily Mass, Confession, Spiritual Direction, and time to build brotherhood with men from all walks of life. To register, call **508-222-8530**, email to retreatcentersecretary@lasalette-shrine.org, or online at www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/compassionatemanhood

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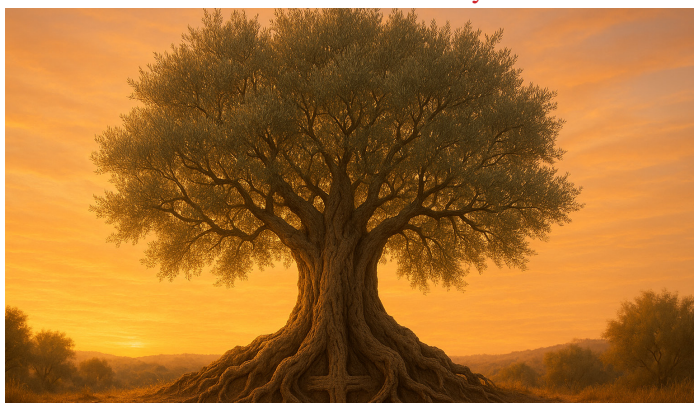
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THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

What Is Christian Unity?



Christian unity is a positive, practical and progressive approach based upon the teachings of Jesus and the power of prayer. It recognizes that the Trinity is the supreme example of unity. Psalm 133:1 says, *“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity.”*

Nowhere in the Bible does God promise that the pursuit of unity wouldn’t be difficult. Christian unity has been difficult to attain since the earliest days of the church, *“I appeal to all of you, my friends, to agree in what you say, so that there will be no divisions among you. Be completely united, with only one thought and one purpose”* (1 Corinthians 1:10). Today, the pursuit of unity remains a high and hard call.

So why is Christian unity so difficult to achieve? There are endless number of reasons. Misunderstandings, self-centeredness, fear of change, and resistance to new ideas are only a few of the reasons. Amid confrontations and differences, we have an opportunity to exhibit the love of God through humility, understanding, reconciliation and prayer. The pursuit of unity is hard because the love of God is costly. The love of the Father and the Son was most clearly displayed on the cross. Our love for one another is designed to publicly display God’s love in the world. The reality is that we fail too frequently to abide in Jesus, strive for holiness, pray without ceasing, love our enemies, and bless those that persecute us.

Unity is a vehicle that can be used for both good and evil purposes. People working together for selfish or sinful purposes is grafted in Satan resulting in negative unity. On the other hand, Christian unity becomes good when together we are of one mind and one accord, rooted in love and humility, united as one in Christ.

We must stand for peace in the presence of conflict; for love in the presence of hatred; for forgiveness in the presence of injury and must always strive to cultivate unity in all aspects of our lives. *“Do your best to preserve the unity which the Spirit gives by means of the peace that binds you together”* (Ephesians 4:3).

When all is said and done, Christian unity will prevail, so long as we rely on the Word of God and the Holy Spirit.



SHRINE CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP

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

ADOLPHE COLLETTE

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!



 **Aug. 20:** *History of Music in the Catholic Church.* More info. at www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/historyofmusic

 **Aug. 20:** *2025 Patio Concerts.* More info. at: www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/patioconcerts2025

 **Aug. 21:** *2025 Patio Conversations.* More information at: www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/patioconversations

 **Aug. 26-28:** *Oasis Retreat.* More info. at: www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/oasisretreat.

 **Sept. 13:** *Italian Cultural Festival in Honor of Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina.*

 **Sept. 19-21:** *La Salette Celebrations.* More info at: www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/lasalettetriduum

 **Sept. 20:** *La Salette International Dinner.* More info. at: www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/internationaldinner

 **Oct. 21-23:** *3-Day Retreat.* More info. at www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/embracedbygod

Events designed for connection, and made to matter.

2025 La Salette Celebrations and
La Salette International Dinner



From **September 19 to 21**, the *National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette* invites you to mark the 179th anniversary of Mary's apparition at La Salette with a powerful three-day spiritual journey.

The journey begins on **Friday, September 19**, as we reflect on being "*Called in Love*." Just as Mary called two young shepherds on a mountainside, she calls each of us to open our hearts and return to her Son. We gather for *Mass* at 12:10 p.m., celebrated by **Fr. Bernie Baris, M.S.**

On **Saturday, September 20**, we are reminded that we are "*Gifted by Grace*." Mary's tears are not of despair, but of mercy. Her presence brings healing and the promise that God's grace meets us even in our brokenness. At **4:30 p.m.**, the **Most Rev. Bruce A. Lewandowski, C.Ss.R., Bishop of Providence**, will lead us in the celebration of the Eucharist.

The Triduum concludes on **Sunday, September 21**, with the theme "*Sent to Serve*." Like the children of La Salette who were entrusted with a message for the world, we are sent forth as bearers of peace and reconciliation. *Mass* will be at 12:10 p.m., with **Fr. Rosanno Soriano, M.S.**

La Salette International Dinner

Our celebrations in honor of Our Lady of La Salette would not be complete without the traditional *La Salette International Dinner*. This year the dinner will take place in our beautifully renovated cafeteria on **Saturday, September 20 at 6:00 p.m.**, following the 4:30 p.m. Mass. You will have the opportunity to enjoy authentic international dishes prepared by our vibrant ethnic communities, live music with the band **The Bad Habits**, and exciting raffles with wonderful prizes.

Proceeds will support a much-needed new Church audio system, ensuring that all can hear prayers, hymns, and homilies clearly during every celebration.

Tickets: \$20 adults / \$15 children (10 and under). They are available at the Reception Desk of the Welcome Center and online at:

www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/internationaldinner

A Gift That Blesses Today and Tomorrow
Transform Your IRA into a Legacy of Faith



In this edition of our bi-monthly bulletin, we invite you to consider another meaningful way to support the mission of the *National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette* and its many ministries: through **your IRA**. If you are 70½ or older, there is a beautiful and financially wise way to make a lasting impact. It's called a *Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)*, sometimes referred to as an **IRA charitable rollover**. This option allows you to donate directly from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to the Shrine.

Why Consider Giving from Your IRA?

- You can give up to \$108,000 per year, and pay no income tax on the transfer.
- If you are 73 or older, your gift can count toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).
- Your gift may help lower your taxable income, which could reduce Medicare premiums and the taxable portion of your Social Security benefits.
- You do not need to itemize deductions to receive the benefit.
- Most importantly, you can witness your generosity in action now, supporting the mission of the *National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette* during your lifetime.

Simple Steps to Make Your Gift

- You must be 70½ or older at the time of the gift.
- Contact your IRA plan administrator and request that your gift be sent directly to: *National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette* 947 Park Street, Attleboro, MA 02703.
- Be sure that the funds are transferred directly from your IRA administrator to the Shrine. Personal withdrawals do not qualify as QCDs.
- Let us know if you would like your gift to support a specific ministry or project.
- Your gift must be received and cleared by December 31 to count for the current tax year.

If you have questions or would like to speak with someone personally, call (508) 222-5410 or (508) 236-9020, or email: lasalettेशrinedirector@gmail.com

Hands at Work, Hearts in Service:
Salette Malayali Community Youth Fundraising Day
Thank You: Your Help and Car Made a Difference



On Sunday, August 3, the children and youth of the Salette Malayali Community came together for a day of service to raise funds for their faith-based activities. We are pleased to share a reflection from that day, written by Rooha Shanti, a young participant. Hopefully her words will inspire you uplift you, and encourage other young people and parents to join in making a difference.



My name is Rooha Shanti, and I was recently a part of the Salette Malayali Community's (SMC) Annual Car Wash. The car wash took place in the La Salette parking lot, where the SMC youth, with the help of our parents, participated in advertising, washing cars, and selling homemade snacks and refreshments.

On your way to La Salette two Sundays ago, you would have seen many of the SMC youth either at the top of the La Salette hill or near the shrine with posters inviting you to the car wash. It wasn't just a car wash, though; we also had stands where there were homemade snacks such as banana bread, cookies, and pretzel sticks. It was a team effort, and everyone played a pivotal role in ensuring the success of the fundraiser. Whether it be a toddler helping scrub a car or an adult helping handle the snack stand, everyone played an important part. Through this car wash, we were able to raise more than \$1,600. This number came as a huge surprise to me, and I cannot believe the amazing generosity that La Salette has shown to us. Truly, we are all so grateful for your continued support, especially Fr. Flavio, in making this fundraiser such a success. The reason why we did this car wash was to empower our youth by doing activities that help us grow in faith and community.

We seek to help those in need with the money raised from this fundraiser. By doing this car wash, I was able to connect and learn more about La Salette. This experience was amazing because I was able to get closer to my community and also learn how hard work pays off in the end.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to highlight some of the other fundraisers that the SMC youth have taken initiative for in the past. Notably, last year the SMC youth held a bake sale, and raised money to donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as well as a rehabilitation center in Kerala, India for children who suffer from disabilities. As a member of the SMC, I am always grateful to God for the opportunities that he gives us to care for our neighbors and spread love to others!



Mark Your Calendar for September 13, 2025
Italian Cultural Festival in
Honor of Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina.

More information at:

www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/italianfestivalattleboro

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

August 2 - 3:	\$ 2,265.00
August 2 (Spanish Pilgrimage Mass):	\$ 384.00
August 3 (Haitian Mass):	\$ 230.00
August 3 (Spanish Healing Service):	\$ 922.00
August 9 - 10:	\$ 2,191.00
August 10 (Haitian Mass):	\$ 300.25
August 10 (Spanish Mass):	\$ 400.00

DONATION BOXES

July 28 – August 3:	\$ 1,202.00
August 4 – August 10:	\$ 1,025.00

Heavenly Thought

"The truth is something hard to get people to listen to and harder to get them to believe."