

TWENTY-EIGHTH 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

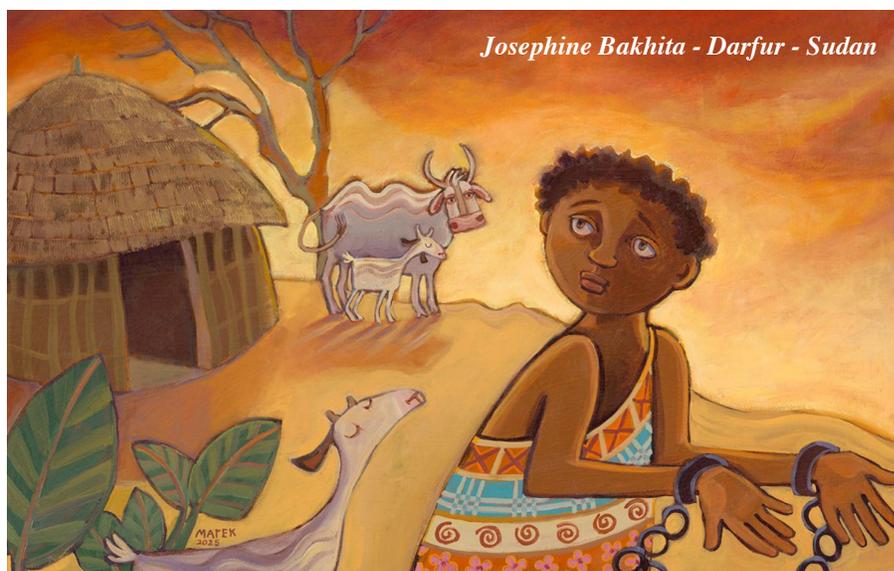
Healing Services

Portuguese:
October 19 at 2:00pm
English:
October 26 at 2:00pm
Spanish:
November 2 at 2:30pm



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.



November 1, 2025 - 6:00-8:00 p.m. - GRAND OPENING

All Saint Exhibition: "Colors and Bones" - FREE ENTRANCE

When relics speak and colors pray, holiness takes form before your eyes. Step into a sacred gallery where art and relics meet in quiet dialogue, drawing heart and imagination into the mystery of the saints.

Join us on **Saturday, November 1, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Welcome Center** for the **GRAND OPENING** of "*Colors and Bones: Encountering the Saints in Art and Relics*", an exhibition by *Nancy Marek-Cote*, artist and illustrator. Her luminous portraits invite us to meet the saints not as distant figures, but as living companions on our journey of faith. Complementing her art is a display of sacred relics by Brother David Eubank, M.S. Together, they awaken gratitude, courage, and wonder, where paint breathes, relics whisper, and grace seems near enough to touch. Find out more about Nancy Marek-Cote and Brother David Eubank, MS. in this issue of our bulletin (page 3).

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THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Why Have Many Young People Stopped Going to Church?



Many young people have drifted away from their faith, not because of a sudden dramatic event or single negative experience. For many, leaving the Church is not a sudden decision but a gradual process of drifting away. One of the key causes of this is the lack of religious experience during childhood and fewer religious practices in the family. Common blended families, increasingly prevalent in the United States, interfaith and single-parent families are also contributing factors. Unfortunately, they do not see Christian life or organized religion as worth their time or believe it is irrelevant in their lives. The fact remains that people who were raised in religious homes are more likely to be religious as adults than those who did not have a religious upbringing.

Studies show that highly educated Americans are less religious and less likely than less educated Americans to say they believe in God. When individuals no longer believe or start to question religious beliefs in favor of rational thought or scientific explanation, it becomes a cause for discontinuing attending church, especially among the young, and doubts about God's Word.

Interestingly, over 35% of young people have switched religions. That is, they currently identify with a religion or none at all, that differs from the religion in which they were raised. Former Catholics tend to leave the faith during their teenage years, with studies showing that many stop identifying as Catholics around the age of 13 or 14. Actually, young people who leave Catholicism find another religion they prefer more.

Research shows that there is a generational decline in the percentage of young people who identify themselves as Christians, and the trend resulting from lower levels of religious attachment. Young people today are more likely to be unaffiliated with any religion than previous generations. Even though this trend has continued over the long term, there are signs of short-term stability, though the long-term outlook remains uncertain.



SHRINE CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP

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

REVEREND NORMAND GODIN.

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!



Oct. 14 — Bible Study Group: 1 Corinthians
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/biblestudy



Oct. 15 — Walking Through Grief
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/griefsupportprogram



Oct. 18 — Rosary Rally for Peace
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Oct. 21-23 — Oasis Retreat
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/oasisretreat



Oct. 21-23 — Be Embraced and Transformed by God
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/embracedbygod



Oct. 24-26 — Young Adults Retreat
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org



Oct. 25 — Dance for People with Special Needs
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Nov. 7 — Sacred Heart Fridays
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/sacredheart

Events designed for connection, and made to matter.

All Saint Exhibition: "Colors and Bones"
**About Artist Nancy Marek-Cote &
Brother Davd Eubank, MS.**



Nancy Marek-Cote and Bro. David Eubank, MS.

ABOUT NANCY MAREK-COTE. Recipient of the *Excellence in Art Award*, Nancy's paintings have been celebrated throughout the United States and Europe. A graduate of UMass Dartmouth with a BFA in Painting, she also studied sacred art with Br. Mickey McGrath, OSFS. She currently works from her studios in Somerset and at the *Narrows Center* in Fall River. Through her art, she hopes to inspire in every visitor a deeper appreciation for the saints' beauty, courage, and passion for God.

ABOUT BROTHER DAVID EUBANK, MS. Guided by his deep passion for Christian Archaeology and the lives of the saints, Brother David Eubank, M.S., has lovingly cared for sacred relics for the past 15 years. What began with two small reliquaries (St. Marguerite Duvalle and St. John Baptist de La Salle) has grown into a cherished collection of nearly 400 relics. His hope for the *All Saints Exhibition: "Colors and Bones"* is that visitors may draw closer to the saints and rediscover this living memory of the Church.

Rosary Rally for Peace
October 18, 2025 - Starting at 9:30 a.m.



When the world trembles..., heaven listens: bring your Rosary and stand with us for peace on October 18, 2025. We will start at 9:30 a.m. with the Rosary, followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Angelus. We'll end with the celebration of the Holy Mass at 12:10 p.m.

Walking Through Grief
October 15, 2025 - 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.



When sorrow lingers..., hope still whispers. On October 15, 2025, from 2:00–4:00 p.m., join Sister Fran for *Walking Through Grief*, a gentle afternoon program of prayer, sharing, and healing. Find comfort in faith and companionship.

www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/griefsupportprogram

Be Embraced and Transformed by God
3-Day Retreat - October 21-23, 2025



When you stop running..., grace finds you. Join Fr. Leo LeBlanc and Fr. Kenneth Cardinale for a 3-day retreat, October 21–23, inspired by Henri Nouwen's classic *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. Through four heartfelt talks and nightly film reflections, discover what it means to be seen, forgiven, and embraced by the Father's love.

www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/embracedbygod

Shine & Dance Together
October 25, 2025 - 6:00-9:00 p.m.

When everyone is welcome, joy can't sit still... Join us Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Welcome Center for our *Dance for People with Special Needs* with DJ Magic Mark. It will be a joyful, fully accessible night in the Welcome Center with light snacks and great music. Space is limited to 100; reservations required. All are welcome to join us for a fun night of dancing and socializing. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity. To reserve your spot email:

teddydecaro@gmail.com

Fontanini Special Event - A Signature Worth Keeping
December 3, 2025 - 6:00-8:00 p.m.



Imagine your Nativity carrying a mark from the family who made it... On Wednesday, December 3, 6:00–8:00 p.m., Emanuele Fontanini will be at the Shrine Gift Shop to personally sign any Fontanini piece you purchase from now until December 3. In a moment, a beautiful figurine becomes a keepsake, rooted in tradition, touched by the maker's line, and ready to be cherished year after year.

Can't attend? We've got you covered. Purchase by December 3, leave your name and contact, and we'll have your piece signed during the event and call when it's ready. Same meaning, no rush.

Browse crèche figures, Holy Family sets, angels, shepherds, villagers, and animals, all classic pieces crafted to last. Choose one for your home or as a heartfelt gift for someone you love. Make this Christmas unmistakably yours! Shop early while the collection is still wide and the best selections are available!

Be a Volunteers of Hope!
Seeds of Hope Development Office



Plant hope here, right in our Development Office *Seeds of Hope*. We're opening volunteer opportunities to help with simple, meaningful tasks that fuel our mission: stuffing and preparing outgoing mail that keeps donors connected to the Shrine and Retreat Center.

Flexible hours 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Mon–Tue & Thu–Fri; minimum 2 hours. Ideal for retirees or anyone wanting an easy but meaningful way to serve.

Take the next step and email to:
lasaletteshrinedirector@gmail.com

Hold Them in the Light
November 1, 2025 - 4:30 p.m.

When love remembers..., heaven draws near. On Saturday, November 1, 2025, our *La Salette Associates* invite you to a Mass with Luminaries at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, at 4:30 p.m., a gentle celebration honoring our beloved departed. You may still inscribe their names in the Book of Remembrance, in the Foyer of the Church, which will be brought to the altar during Mass as a sign of our shared prayer. Rosary immediately follows the Mass.

COMING UP IN 2026

Brave and tender - Weekend Men's Retreat
January 16-18, 2026

Men are made for more than toughness... Join us for a weekend men's retreat at our La Salette Retreat Center. Discover a Christ-centered manhood that is courageous, compassionate, and steady. Say yes to a new way of living your faith.

www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/compassionatemanhood

Weekend Ignatian Retreat
January 29 - February 1, 2026

When faith aches..., healing is possible. Join this gentle Catholic retreat that blends Internal Family Systems (IFS) with the wisdom of Ignatian prayer. Come, learn a merciful way to meet your inner parts, listen for God's voice, and rediscover a faith that is freer, kinder, and more deeply rooted in love.

www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/religiousburdens

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

September 27 - 28:	\$ 1,726.00
September 28 (Haitian Mass):	\$ 167.00
September 19:	\$ 1,628.00
September 28 (English Healing Service):	\$ 402.00
September 28 (Portugues Pilgrimage):	\$ 1,577.00
October 4 -5:	\$ 2,370.00
October 5 (Haitian Mass):	\$ 320.00
October 5 (Spanish Healing Service):	\$ 1,142.00

DONATION BOXES

September 22 - September 28:	\$ 671.00
September 29 - October 5:	\$ 1,174.00

Heavenly Thought

"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others."