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THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE



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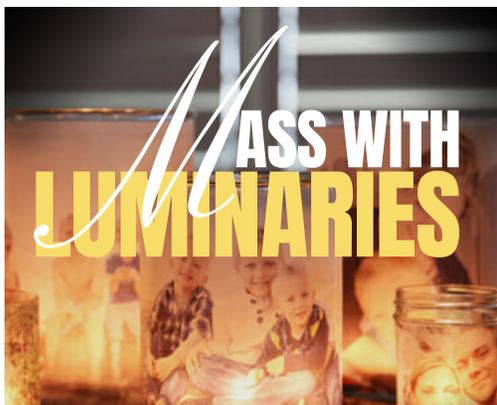
Monday - Saturday
12:10pm
Saturday (Sunday Vigil)
4:30pm
Sunday
9:30am (French), 12:10pm

Confessions

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

Healing Services

English:
October 26 at 2:00pm
Spanish:
November 2 at 2:30pm
Portuguese:
November 16 at 2:00pm



Remembering Our Loved Ones

When love remembers, heaven draws near. Join us on **November 1 at 4:30 p.m.** for a Mass with Luminaries honoring our departed. Rosary follows.



2025 - 2026 Christmas Festival of Lights

Rejoice in Hope: "The Night Is Far Gone, the Day Is At Hand"

November 22, 2025 - January 4, 2026

When winter's darkness falls, La Salette shines with a brilliance that stirs the soul. Over one million lights transform the Shrine grounds into a radiant celebration of faith, wonder, and joy. This year's theme, **"Rejoice in Hope,"** echoes St. Paul's words: *"The night is far gone; the day is at hand."* In a world often shadowed by uncertainty and fatigue, the La Salette Christmas Festival of Lights reminds us that hope still rises, quietly and steadfastly, in the Light of Christ. Experience a place where families, pilgrims, and communities from every culture come together as one, united by the "Light" of Christmas. **Grand opening: Saturday, November 22, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.** For more information, please, visit:

www.lasaletteattleboroshrine.org/christmas-festival

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THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Has the Church Failed Our Young People?



Today, religious institutions, practices and beliefs are becoming less significant. In addition, young people have grown up amid a high-profile series of scandals and controversies involving churches, which has eroded their trust. They feel that churches have not lived up to their own ideals and see hypocrisy in some congregations and leaders. A complex issue to resolve is the intergenerational conflict between young and older people in church activities. Churches that are predominated by older people experience challenging situations such as shrinking congregations, financial strain, resistance to change and difficulty attracting younger people. So, what can the church do to resolve some of these differences?

Young people want a sense of belonging to their church. They want to be involved and integrated with the church. They want to help out with planning, events, and other church activities. Young people want older church members to allow them to bring their skills, energy and fresh perspectives to a church. Both young and old must work in harmony if they are to create a vibrant and spiritual community.

When it comes to worship, the church needs to create a more welcoming atmosphere at Mass for young people, provide more modern and lively worship music, and focus on sermons that relate directly to the younger people. This can effectively happen when priests and ministers genuinely connect with young people, especially outside the church walls. Young people may be more progressive on social issues and see religious institutions as out of step with their beliefs. Hosting church hall meetings is one way to foster understanding, address specific concerns, and promote respectful dialogue. These are some ways the church can provide engaging teaching and resolve theological differences. The church needs to close the gap between generations and promote the assimilation of young people with other cultures if it is to live Christ's message, "Love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34).



SHRINE CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP

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

ALBERT MELISE

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. 28 — *Bible Study Group*: 1 Corinthians
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/biblestudy



Oct. 29 — *Walking Through Grief*
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/griefsupportprogram



Nov. 1 — *Art Exhibition "Colors and Bones"*
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Nov. 4 — *Bible Study Group*: 1 Corinthians
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/biblestudy



Nov. 5 — *Walking Through Grief*
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/griefsupportprogram



Nov. 7 — *Sacred Heart Fridays*
www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/sacredheart



Nov. 22 — *Christmas Lights Grand Opening*
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Nov. 27 — *Thanksgiving Day*
Thanksgiving Mass: 4:00 p.m.

Events designed for connection, and made to matter.

“The Night is Far Spent; the day is at hand.”

**Advent Retreat
December 12-14, 2025**



As the Church journeys through the quiet stillness of Advent toward the dawning light of Christ, this retreat invites you into a sacred pause, a time for reflection, prayer, and renewal. Together, we will name the “nights” in our lives (seasons of waiting, weariness, or uncertainty) and rediscover the radiant hope that comes with God’s promise of a new day.

Through Scripture, silence, and shared prayer, participants will reflect on what it means to “*put on the armor of light*” and to live as people who already sense the nearness of God’s dawn. Guided sessions will explore themes of awakening, watchfulness, and hope. Small-group sharing, journaling, walking meditation, and art reflection will foster a personal encounter with God’s light. The retreat concludes with Eucharist or a candlelit ritual of commitment — a symbolic sending forth to bear Christ’s light into the world. For more information, please call **508-222-8530** or write to:

retreatcentersecretary@lasalette-shrine.org

**Thanksgiving Craft Fair
November 28-29-30, 2025**



Join us for our *La Salette Thanksgiving Craft Fair* on November 28, 29, and 30, 2025, in the Welcome Center. The schedule is as follow:

Friday and Saturday: 12:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday: 12:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

At La Salette, every gift tells a story!

Fontanini Special Event - A Signature Worth Keeping

December 3, 2025

6:00-8:00 p.m.



Step into the artistry and faith behind one of Italy’s most beloved Nativity traditions. For one evening only, Emanuele Fontanini will visit the Shrine Gift Shop to greet visitors and personally sign any Fontanini piece purchased between now and December 3. Each signed figurine, whether it’s a shepherd, angel, or the Holy Family, becomes a lasting keepsake, carrying both beauty and heritage.

If you can’t attend, no problem: make your purchase in advance, leave your name and contact information, and we’ll have your piece signed during the event.

The Fontanini collection features timeless craftsmanship and sacred detail: it is perfect for your crèche or as a heartfelt gift. Don’t miss this chance to add a personal touch to your Christmas tradition. **Shop early for the best selection while the full collection is still available!**

***M Mañanitas & Procession +
Mariachi Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 7, 2025 - 3:00 p.m.***



Join us for a heartfelt celebration honoring **Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas**. The afternoon begins at 3:00 p.m. with joyful *Mañanitas* (songs of love and gratitude) followed by a colorful procession through the Shrine grounds. At 4:00 p.m., experience a beautiful Mariachi Mass with the renowned *Mariachi Internacional de Boston*, whose music will fill the church with spirit, devotion, and joy.

2025 Series Advent Tuesdays
December 2, 9, 16, 23, 2025 - 7:00-7:45 p.m.



The weeks before Christmas often move at a dizzying pace, lists to finish, places to be, and hearts stretched thin. Yet Advent invites us to pause, to breathe, and to wait in quiet hope for the coming of Christ. On these sacred evenings, our Retreat Center will be transformed by soft candlelight and peaceful prayer, creating a space to rest your soul and prepare your heart.

Through gentle music, Scripture, and silence, we will embrace the darkness and discover the beauty of anticipation, a reminder that even in the coldest nights, the promise of Light draws near. Come and be renewed by the stillness and simplicity of Advent prayer, surrounded by the glow of candles and the warmth of a community. After the service, stroll through the Festival of Lights and let the beauty around you mirror the hope that Christ brings.

More details at:

www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/adventtuesday

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:
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"Colors and Bones"
November 1, 2025 - 6:15 p.m.

When relics speak and colors pray, holiness comes alive before your eyes. Join us for the grand opening of *"Colors and Bones: Encountering the Saints in Art and Relics."* Through luminous portraits and sacred relics, this exhibition reveals the saints not as distant figures but as living companions in faith, inviting awe, gratitude, and grace made visible. Please notice: **grand opening on November 1, 2025 at 6:15 p.m.** and NOT at 6:00 p.m. as previously announced. Venue: Welcome Center.

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

October 11-12:	\$ 1,606.00
October 12 (Haitian Mass):	\$ 190.00
October 12 (Spanish Mass):	\$ 189.00
October 18 -19:	\$ 1,808.00
October 18-19 (Mission Appeal):	\$ 632.00
October 19 (Haitian Mass):	\$ 326.25
October 19 (Port. Healing Service):	\$ 150.00

DONATION BOXES

October 6 - October 12:	\$ 860.00
October 13 - October 19:	\$ 1,102.00

Heavenly Thought

"Swallow your pride - you'll find it's non-fattening."