

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE



SHRINE - RETREAT CENTER - WELCOME CENTER
947 Park St. Attleboro, MA - 508-222-5410 - www.lasaletteattleboroshrine.org

Shrine Director - Fr. Flavio Gillio, MS Retreat Center Director - Fr. Ted Brown, MS Superior - Fr. Brian Schloth, MS

Mass Times (Christmas Season)

Monday - Thursday
12:10pm
Friday-Saturday
12:10 & 4:00pm
Sunday
9:30am (French), 12:10 & 4:00pm

Confessions (Christmas Season)

Monday-Friday
1:00pm - 2:30pm
Saturday-Sunday
1:00pm-4:00pm

Healing Services

Portuguese:
January 18, 2026 at 2:00pm
English:
January 25, 2026 at 2:00pm
Spanish:
February 1 at 2:30pm



Thanksgiving Craft Fair - Welcome Center -

Fri., Nov. 28, 2025: 12:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 29, 2025: 12:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 30, 2025: 12:00 - 8:00 p.m.



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

In a week La Salette will come once again alive with light, faith, and wonder. The 2025–2026 Christmas Festival of Lights invites all to “Rejoice in Hope.” Over one million lights will illuminate the Shrine grounds, transforming the darkness into a radiant vision of beauty, peace and joy. Each light will softly speak of a love that outshines every fear, a radiant hope no darkness can dim. Families, pilgrims, and visitors from near and far will walk among the colorful lights that hint to the “Light”: Jesus the Christ.

WILL YOU BE ONE OF THEM?

Grand Opening: November 22, 2025, at 5 p.m. For more information, please, visit:

www.lasaletteattleboroshrine.org/christmas-festival

LA SALETTE SHRINE

508-222-5410

www.lasaletteattleboroshrine.org
lasalettेशrinedirector@gmail.com

LA SALETTE RETREAT CENTER

508-222-8530

www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org
office@lasaletteretreatcenter.com

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE

508-236-9090

www.lasalettereligiousas.org
giftshoplasalette@gmail.com

What Makes the Fontanini Event So Special?
A rare opportunity to own an authentic Fontanini piece!
December 3, 2025, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.



If you've ever unwrapped a cherished Nativity set during the Christmas season, there's a good chance that it bore the name Fontanini. For generations, these exquisite figures have captured the imagination and devotion of families around the world, becoming heirlooms that connect faith, art, and family tradition. Behind every piece lies a story that begins more than a century ago in the quiet Tuscan town of Bagni di Lucca, Italy. There, in the late 1800s, a young artist named Emanuele Fontanini began handcrafting small religious figures that reflected both his deep faith and his love for beauty. His talent quickly gained recognition, and in 1908 he opened his own workshop, unknowingly beginning a legacy that would endure for over 115 years. Today, the Fontanini name continues under the careful guidance of Emanuele's great-grandchildren, who remain faithful to his original vision: to create works of sacred art that bring the story of Christmas to life in every home. What sets Fontanini apart is not simply the visual beauty of the figures, but the painstaking artistry and reverence poured into their creation. Each new piece can take up to two years to design and complete. Master sculptor Elio Simonetti begins by crafting the first clay prototype, refining every fold of a garment, every expression, every gesture. Once the design is approved by the Fontanini family, a mold is created and artisans begin the careful, time-intensive process of painting, sometimes working from their own homes, a tradition that honors the spirit of Italian craftsmanship. Every detail matters. One painter might be responsible for the robe, another for the hair, and finally, only the most skilled artist paints the eyes—the heart of each figure.

This meticulous approach ensures that no two Fontanini figures are ever quite the same. Each carries the warmth and humanity of the artist who touched it. Fontanini figures are made from durable, child-safe resin and painted with non-toxic colors, ensuring that they can be handled and admired for generations. Their stables, constructed from real wood and covered with natural moss, add rustic authenticity and charm. A beloved hallmark of every Fontanini Nativity is the removable Baby Jesus, allowing families to place Him in the manger on Christmas Eve, a simple, meaningful ritual that turns the moment of Jesus' birth into a family prayer. As the Fontanini legacy continues to inspire faith and beauty around the world, that same tradition comes alive here at the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette. This Christmas season, you'll have a rare opportunity to connect personally with the heart behind the artistry. In fact, on **Wednesday, December 3, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**, Emanuele Fontanini, descendant of the original founder, will visit our La Salette Gift Shop to personally sign any Fontanini piece you purchase from now until December 3. If you're unable to attend, we'll happily reserve the same experience for you: purchase your piece by December 3, leave your name and contact information, and we'll have it signed during the event. You'll be notified as soon as it's ready, no rush, no worry, just the same thoughtful touch. So, visit our gift shop today and browse our beautiful selection of crèche figures, Holy Family sets, angels, shepherds, and villagers, each one crafted to last and filled with the spirit of Christmas.

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



You and your family are cordially invited to celebrate with us the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, beloved Patroness of the Americas!

The afternoon begins at **3:00 p.m.** with joyful Mañanitas and a colorful procession through the Shrine grounds, followed by a Mariachi Mass at **4:00 p.m.** featuring the renowned *Mariachi Internacional de Boston*. Come and be uplifted by faith, music, devotion, and Our Lady of Guadalupe!

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

How Well Do You Know Us?

Thank you to everyone who joined our “*How Well Do You Know Us?*” activity at last Sunday’s Mass! In this week’s bulletin, we begin revealing how our La Salette Missionaries and Sisters spend their free time, from relaxing hobbies to joyful pastimes. Let’s continue to pray for those discerning God’s call in the La Salette family (Fathers, Brothers, and Sisters)!



Bro. Carlos
 Photo-montage
 Mechanics
 Going to
 restaurants



Sr. Mariana
 Singing
 Dancing
 Listening to
 music



Fr. Flavio
 Flying drones
 Hiking
 YouTube AI
 tutorials



Sr. Monica
 Interior
 decoration
 Music
 Dancing

Advent Retreat
 December 12-14, 2025

This advent retreat “*The Night Is Far Gone, The Day Is At Hand*” explores what it means to live as children of light who sense the nearness of God through Scripture, silence, prayer, and creative reflection. The retreat concludes with a candlelit celebration, sending us forth renewed and ready to carry Christ’s light into the world. More information at:

www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/adventretreat



Giving Tuesday is coming!

As we enter this season of gratitude and hope, we invite our Shrine family to prepare for **Giving Tuesday** on **December 2**, the joyful kickoff to our Winter Appeal, “*Together in Hope. Partner in Mission.*” Early giving opens on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27.

Your generous gift will strengthen the ministries that bring hope, healing, and reconciliation to thousands. Let us begin this Advent journey together in hope, ready to partner in Christ’s mission of light.

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 25-26:	\$ 2,096.00
October 25: Haitian Pilgrimage:	\$ 219.00
October 26 (Haitian Mass):	\$ 152.50
October 26 (English Healing Service):	\$ 532.00
November 1-2:	\$ 2,256.00
November 2 (Haitian Mass):	\$ 316.00
November 2 (Spanish Healing Service):	\$ 1,333.00

DONATION BOXES

October 20 – October 26:	\$ 1,115.00
October 27 – November 2:	\$ 1,170.00

Heavenly Thought

“If God now seems far away, who made the first move?”