



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE



SHRINE - RETREAT CENTER - WELCOME CENTER
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Mass Times (Christmas Season)

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

Confessions (Christmas Season)

Monday-Friday
 1:00pm - 2:00pm
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



Attleboro

Indoor Market

Saturday, January 17, 2026
 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Welcome Center



A Christmas Season Brightened by You!

As our Christmas Festival of Lights concluded on *January 4, 2026*, we want to say “*thank you*” to the many volunteers whose generous service made this season possible, and to every family, pilgrim, and visitor who came to see the lights. Your time, presence, and support helped sustain the mission of the *National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette* and *La Salette Retreat Center*. Together, we created moments of wonder that reached far beyond the lights themselves, moments of connection, peace, and hope that continue to bear fruit in quiet ways.

Now, as Christmas fades into ordinary time and a new year unfolds, we carry forward the light we shared, trusting it will continue to guide hearts toward healing and hope. “*Arise! Shine, for your light has come.*” (Isaiah 60:1)!

The Missionaries and Sisters of Our Lady of La Salette

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THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Looking for the Perfect Church? - Forget It!



Wouldn't it be wonderful to be in a perfect church? Where everyone was always kind, considerate and loving. Everyone always agrees. The sermons were always great: not overdone, not too basic, tough but not impossible to understand. A church with a choir that is always in tune, and music that is just right, along with comfortable pews, perfect lighting, and ideal climate control. Of course, it's ridiculous to even imagine it. It would be much easier if we could just buy one of those made-in-America inflatable churches and be happy.

Since every church is made up of imperfect people, from the pastor to the congregation, all of whom struggle with sin, there is no such thing as a perfect church. Christians are on a lifelong journey of becoming more like Christ, and churches are places where this imperfect growth happens. The church is God's perfect place for imperfect Christians to spend their lives. We may come to a particular church and even be part of it. However, it is not your church. It is God's church, characterized by the grace and gifts given to its members to build up the body of Christ.

So instead of looking for perfection in a church, look for a place where the Word of God is preached uncompromisingly, a community that helps you grow in grace and knowledge, a welcoming place that shows genuine love and supports its members, a church that points people to Jesus, not just tradition and personality.

None of us is as good as we think. Whatever the reason God has you where you are right now, do not despise it. Embrace it as a gift from Him. Even if everything seems senseless and you feel you're wasting your time, your wise and loving Savior is at work in and through you, shaping and sanctifying you until the day He returns. He is at work in your weakness, waiting to display His strength in ways that would never happen if He just gave you the perfect church.

So, your church may not be perfect. Remember, no matter what church you are a part of, as long as Christ is at the center and His grace is the driving force, your imperfect church may not be so imperfect.



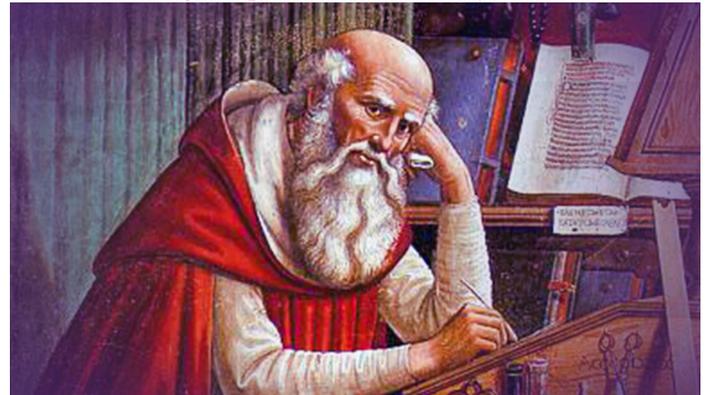
SHRINE CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP

During the month of **JANUARY 2026**, the Shrine Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of:

**STEVE
ANDREOZZI**

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.

Sunday of the Word of God *Honoring Scripture at the Heart of the Church*



On **January 24 and 25**, the Church celebrates the *Sunday of the Word of God*, a special observance established by Pope Francis to renew our love for Sacred Scripture and our attentiveness to Christ who speaks to us through the living Word. Celebrated on the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, this day invites us to place the Bible at the heart of our prayer and daily life.

The *Sunday of the Word of God* encourages practices such as Lectio Divina, the enthronement of the Bible in our homes, and a deeper commitment to letting God's Word guide our faith and choices.

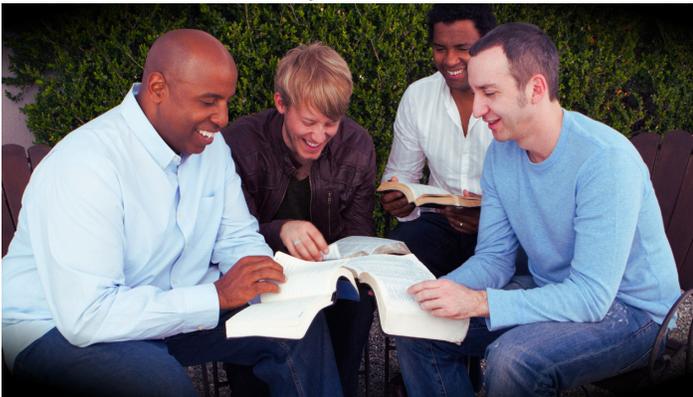
On this occasion, we will offer a special blessing for our lectors at the **4:30 p.m. and 12:10 p.m. Masses**. All are invited to come and pray for and with them, giving thanks for their ministry of proclaiming God's Word. Our prayer for our lectors is: that the Word they proclaim may be heard with faith and bear fruit in the hearts of all who listen.

La Salette Hour of Prayer
"Be still and know that I am God." (Ps 46:10)



The *La Salette Hour of Prayer* will take place next **Saturday, January 17, at 10:30 a.m.** in the Chapel of Reconciliation. Participants are invited to bring their prayer intentions and join us for a sacred time of reflection, intercession, and shared faith. All are warmly welcome.

Weekend Men's Retreat
January 16-18, 2026



Next weekend, **January 16–18**, the *La Salette Retreat Center* invites all men to our annual Men's Retreat, "*The Courage to Stand for Others*," inspired by the powerful writings of **Fr. Greg Boyle, a Jesuit priest**. The retreat begins on Friday at 7 p.m. and ends after lunch on Sunday. Registration closes this Sunday night, so pick up a flyer in the lobby. You can sign up by phone (508-222-8530) or online by visiting:

www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/compassionatemanhood

Carrying the Treasure
A Winter Bible Study on
2 Corinthians and the Strength God Gives

Our Winter Bible Study kicks off **Tuesday, January 20, at 6 p.m.** at our *La Salette Retreat Center*. We'll be diving into Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians and reflecting on how God's strength shines through our human weaknesses. Led by *Karen Howard*, these gatherings offer thoughtful Scripture reflection and meaningful conversation for everyday faith. Come deepen your faith and understanding! Everyone is welcome.

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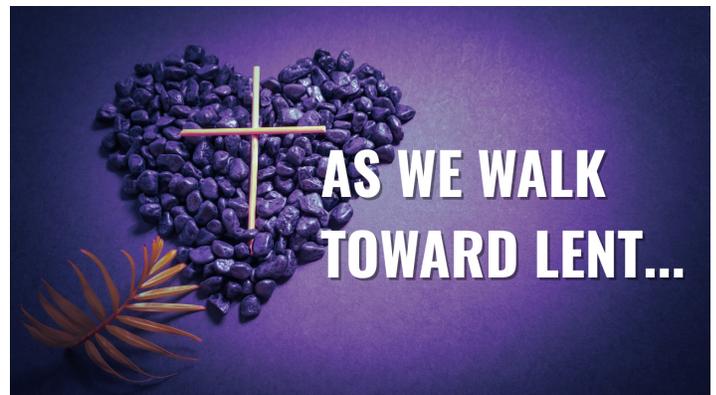
Holding Grief with Care
A Supportive Community for Times of Loss



Starting on **Wednesday, January 28**, our *six-week Grief Support Group* will meet from 2 to 4 p.m. at our *La Salette Retreat Center*. If you or someone you know is grieving and in need of support, this is a caring and welcoming space to come and walk with others.

www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org/griefsupportprogram

Lent 2026
"Freedom to Be Free" Gal 5:1)



As we walk toward Lent, we are glad to announce this year's Lenten theme: "**Freedom to Be Free:**" an invitation to rediscover the grace of letting go of what binds us so that we may live more fully in Christ.

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026**. To mark the beginning of this sacred journey, we will offer a morning mini-retreat, along with two Masses with the distribution of ashes at 12:10 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. All are warmly invited to begin Lent together in prayer and reflection.

Throughout Lent, **from February 18 through Wednesday, April 1, 2026**, we will once again take part in our *Corporal Works of Mercy Challenge*. For each of the Corporal Works of Mercy, a donation box will be placed in the Welcome Center, clearly marked with the name of the charity we are partnering with and a list of appropriate items to donate. As always, we thank you for your generosity in past years, which has made the Corporal Works of Mercy Challenge such a meaningful expression of faith in action. More details about events and programs will be shared as we draw closer to the beginning of Lent.

Hope Is Already Taking Root

Thank You for Helping Christ Be Encountered at La Salette



In just the last four weeks, generous friends of La Salette have helped our Winter Appeal surpass \$30,000, a powerful sign of hope as we press toward our \$200,000 goal. Thank you for standing with the *National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette* and the *La Salette Retreat Center* through our appeal, **“Together in Hope. Partners in Mission.”**

This year, your generosity will help us:

- replace our aging 20-year-old audio/visual system in the Welcome Center and the Shrine Church so that everyone, **especially seniors**, can hear clearly and participate fully in prayer, music, and reflections;
- sustain our Monday Soup Kitchen, where we serve over 100 hot meals each week to neighbors in need;
- keep our venues accessible and our programs affordable, so that people of every age, culture, and circumstance may draw closer to Jesus Christ Himself, encountering His mercy in prayer, His presence in worship, and His love through a welcoming faith community.

Thanks to our donors this past year, we were able to:

- renovate the Shrine Cafeteria,
- upgrade the church’s air conditioning,
- restore the Holy Stairs near the Garden of Our Lady of La Salette,
- provide more than 5,000 meals to the poor.

The Winter Appeal continues through **March 15, 2026**. Your gift, in any amount, will help us continue opening our doors to all who come here seeking hope, healing, and reconciliation. You may give online NOW at:

www.lasaletteattleboroshrine.org/give

or you can use the envelope you found in the bulletin you received. Thank you for standing with us, **“Together in Hope, Partners in Mission.”**

Vatican II: A Guiding Star for Today

Reading the Council Anew



At the beginning of this year, *Pope Leo XIV* reminded the Church that the teachings of the **Second Vatican Council** remain **“the guiding star”** for our life and mission today. *Pope Leo XIV* encouraged the faithful to rediscover the Council not through hearsay or partial interpretations, but by returning directly to its original documents.

Vatican II (1962–1965) renewed the Church’s understanding of herself as a communion of believers, placed the mystery of salvation at the heart of the liturgy, and invited the full and active participation of all the people of God. It also called the Church to engage the modern world with openness, dialogue, and a renewed commitment to justice and peace. Aligned with Pope Leo XIV’s invitation, the *National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette* and the *La Salette Retreat Center* will offer a special program to help explore the lasting meaning and relevance of Vatican II for faith and mission today. More details will be shared soon.

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

December 27 - 28:	\$ 2,627.00
December 28 (Haitian Mass):	\$ 270.00
January 3 - 4:	\$ 3,161.00
January 4 (Haitian Mass):	\$ 130.00

DONATION BOXES

December 22– December 28:	\$ 1,814.00
December 29 – January 4:	\$ 1,900.00

Heavenly Humor

“If you gave the same amount of time to your work as you do to your church, how long would you hold your job?”