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St. Bernadette Soubirous – February 18

St. Bernadette Soubirous (1844-1879) was fourteen years old when she saw Our Lady appear in the grotto at Lourdes. The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is on February 11; Bernadette's feast is on February 18. This is her account of the first apparition. Bernadette is crossing the river Gave with her cousins in Lourdes, France.

"Scarcely had I removed my first stocking, when I heard a noise like a sudden gust of wind. When I turned my head toward the prairie, I saw that the trees were not swaying at all, so I began removing my stockings again. I heard the same noise again. When I raised my head and looked at the Grotto, I saw a lady in white...

When I first saw her, I was a little bit afraid. Thinking that what I was seeing was an illusion, I rubbed my eyes, but it made no difference: I still saw the same Lady. So I put my hand in my pocket and took out my Rosary... I knelt and prayed the Rosary, in the presence of this beautiful Lady. She passed the beads of her Rosary between her fingers, but she did not move her lips. When I finished praying the Rosary, she made a sign to me to draw near to her, but I did not dare. Then she suddenly disappeared."



– Joe Moreshead