

The LITURGY

THE MESSAGE OF LOURDES

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She ate some bitter plants. She scraped the ground three times trying to drink the muddy water at the back of the Grotto. She tried to drink a little and then throwing it away, she took mud in her hands and smeared it on her face. Then the young girl turned to the crowd. They all said: "She's mad!" During these four Apparitions, Bernadette performed the same gestures. What did all this mean? Nobody understood! Nonetheless, here we are at the heart of the "Message of Lourdes".



Biblical dimension of the apparitions:

These actions are biblical actions. Bernadette acts out the Incarnation, the Passion and the death of Christ. Moving on her knees to the back of the Grotto: this action recalls the Incarnation, God humbles himself to become human. Eating bitter herbs at the back of the Grotto recalls the Jewish tradition found in the ancient texts. Smearing her face with mud: when the prophet Isaiah speaks to us about Christ, he depicts Him as "the suffering servant"

The Grotto hides an immeasurable treasure;

During the ninth apparition, "the Lady" asked Bernadette to scrape the soil, saying to her: "Go to the spring, drink of it and wash yourself there". By these actions, the mystery of the heart of Jesus is revealed for us: "A soldier pierced his heart with his lance and there immediately flowed out blood and water." The herbs and the mud represent the heart of man wounded by sin. However, in the deepest recesses of that heart, there lies the very life of God signified by the Spring. Bernadette is asked: "Did the 'Lady' say anything to you?" She replied: "Yes, from time to time, She said:

"Penance, penance, penance. Pray for sinners". By "Penance", one must understand "conversion". For the Church, conversion consists of turning one's heart towards God and towards our brothers and sisters, as Christ taught us.

During the thirteenth Apparition, Mary said to Bernadette: "Go, tell the priests and that people should come here in procession and to build a chapel here." "Come here in procession" means accompanying our brothers and sisters in this life. "Build a chapel here." In Lourdes, chapels were built to accommodate the crowds of pilgrims. The chapel is the "Church" that we ought to build where we are.

The Lady gives her name:

On 25th March 1858, the day of the sixteenth apparition, Bernadette asked the "Lady" her name. The "Lady" replied in the local dialect: "Que soy era Immaculada Counceptiou", which means "I am the Immaculate Conception". The Immaculate Conception is "Mary conceived without sin, by the merits of the Cross of Christ" (definition of the dogma promulgated in 1854). Bernadette went to see the Parish priest straight away to give him the name of the "Lady". He then realized it was the Mother of God who was appearing in the Grotto. Later, Msgr Laurence, Bishop of Tarbes, authenticated this revelation.

We are all called to become Immaculate:

The message is signed when the Lady gives her name after three weeks of apparitions and then three weeks of silence from 4 to 25th March. The 25 March is the day of the Annunciation, when Jesus is "conceived" in Mary's womb. The Lady of the Grotto tells us her vocation: She is the mother of Jesus, her whole being is directed towards conceiving the Son of God, and She is entirely devoted to Him. For this reason, She is Immaculate, wholly inhabited by God. In this way, the Church and every Christian should allow themselves to be inhabited by God in order to become immaculate, wholly forgiven and pardoned so that they may, in turn, become witnesses of God.



Monday, February 8
 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

Tuesday, February 9
 Parish office open
 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

Wednesday, February 10
 Parish office open
 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

Thursday, February 11
 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

Friday, February 12
 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass

Saturday, February 13
 4:15– 4:45 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday, February 14
 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Due to Covid-19, we will not be having Altar Server children serving and Eucharistic Ministers distributing the Holy Communion until further notice.

Saturday, February 13
 Altar Server - Joe Neumayer
 Eucharistic min. - Teri Neumayer
 Lectors - Rafael Drozx
 Ushers - Helen Hill & Janice Cowin

Sunday, February 14
 Altar Server - xxxx
 Eucharistic min. - Janet Singer
 Lectors - Marciavee Cossette
 Ushers - John Alt, Tom Florea

FATIMA MESSAGES:

"Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world. And after each decade say the following prayer; " O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of Thy mercy"" ~ **Our Lady of Fatima**



Following parishioners and friends are in need of your kind prayers. Let's pray for:
 Tom & Meghan Haarotick, Renee Rohe, Baby Hayden, Gwinevere Wright, Michael Youngwirth, Mason Shull, Joe Hill, Jeff Devoak, Jim Nystrom, Shirley Schave, Marciavee Cossette, Joel Minor, Nathan, Osa Orison, Keith Huber, Cathy Dow, Klukwali Holmes, Mathew Antrim, Steve Hill, Ken LePoidevin, Loren Mason, Kelly Jenkins, Joel Minor, Laura Wilson, Megan Gradwohl, Joan Lathrop, Jimi Kaye Mael, Hazel Candler.
 Forward your prayer request names to parish e-mail, stannbonnersferry@gmail.com. Names will be listed for 4 weeks; you are welcome to relist if needed.

MESSAGE FROM C.H.A.



I am a Catholic,
 I go to Mass every Sunday.
 Am I following the teachings?
LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

"Wearing a mask is about caring for your friends and neighbors and follows Christ's simple commandment to love one another. It's an easy, safe and effective way to protect everyone for the common good. Wearing a mask as recommended by the CDC will make a big difference in slowing the spread of COVID-19. Let's do this together for each other." - **Sr. Mary Haddad, RSM**

To end the pandemic, we all need to do our part to slow the spread of COVID-19. That's why CHA is encouraging everyone to Love Thy Neighbor by wearing a mask.

Right now LOVE THY NEIGHBOR looks like;

- Wearing a Mask
- Washing and sanitizing hands
- Social distancing
- Getting vaccinated

SMALL act of love BIG IMPACT

~ Catholic Health Association

Catholic Health Association of the United States supports on "No Surprises Act".