

### 1: The Life of Our Lady™s College | Notre Dame College

*Our Lady lived a humble life as the Mother of Our Saviour, and as the spouse of St. Joseph, She lived the most virtuous life, and accompanied Jesus all the way to Calvary. The Blessed Virgin Mary didn't die in the human way because She was exempt from original sin, and She was immaculate.*

Every soul has its quiet sorrow which cannot be shared in full with any other soul. This concealed pain is the very real drama that plays out behind the curtain of the duties and distractions of everyday life. Jesus Christ, fully God and fully man, shared in all things human, save sin, including pain and sorrow. So He wept at the death of Lazarus, and He balanced the heavy cross on his sore bones and trudged up a hill to his own execution. Thoughts and ideas can be shared in their totality. Emotions and experiences only partially so. Suffering is intensely private in that it is a personal, lived experience. The intense sufferings of Jesus Christ were intensified by His perfection. It was more unjust, more cruel, that one so perfect should suffer at the hands of creatures of His own making. Only a perfect being similar to Jesus could enter into His sorrow, could experience it somewhat as He did. That person was Mary. She was not a Goddess, of course, but the New Eve, the perfect person God intended that every person should be from the start. Because she was perfect, she most understood, and felt, the pain of her perfect Son. Shared perfection led to shared sorrow. Devotional images of Mary show her heart pierced by seven swords, symbolic of seven sorrows: She was squeezed by the same wine press of pain, humiliation, and sorrow that squeezes every life. She and her family had to flee to a far-off land to escape the murderous King Herod the Great. She lived a real life stuffed with real human drama. But her most intense sorrows were felt when she was in her late forties, when her one and only child died a public death, leaving her, already a widow, totally alone, her middle-aged face stretched with sorrow. When our fingers and thumb walk up and down the chain of mercy we ruminate over things glorious, joyful, luminous and sorrowful. The Sorrowful Mysteries are historical. Mary hovers just off center stage. She stands nearby, amidst the crowd on the path to Calvary, upright and brave at the foot of the Cross, weeping as her dead boy is wrapped in a sheet and delicately placed on a cold slab in a rocky tomb. She is Our Lady of Sorrows because she, and the Church, are mothers. They give and nurture life. They feel more than men. They respond to suffering with co-suffering, not so much through actions and solutions. But our sorrow is not that of a godless Viking, a pagan Roman, or a modern secularist. Christian grief is not godless grief. There is nothing that does not have a context, except for God. And the context for Christian sorrow is the Resurrection. Mary of Sorrows, you shared the pain and sorrow of your perfect Son but were never forlorn. Help all who turn to you to unite our sorrows to yours and His so that we may co-suffer in His death and co-share in His Resurrection.

### 2: [TCP] [The lyf of our lady]

*Our Lady of Life (Notre Dame de Vie) January The town of Mougins is really an ancient village located in the south of France. Only a short drive from Cannes, it is completely surrounded by dense forests, and there are a variety of tall pines and other trees growing amidst the town's buildings.*

I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love You. After repeating this prayer three times the angel rose and said to us: Pray in this way. The hearts of Jesus and Mary are ready to listen to you. The visual splendor left them in holy awe. The memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is October 7, This year is also the centenary of Our Lady of Fatima. I am the angel of peace. The leaves, masked by green color most of the year, reveal other colors which are present but become visible to the eye as the green fades. Eventually, falling leaves give way to new growth in due time. The metaphor for the spiritual life is worth pondering. The Church reveals the truth of the physical and spiritual nature of human beings. Natural and Liturgical Seasons October is a month of cooler weather, slow-cooked meals, and delicious fall desserts which help us to truly experience the changes in the natural world, and the excesses of pumpkin spice. A pumpkin spice latte casserole is a real thing, by the way. But it is the liturgical season that draws the heart and mind to spiritual realities. Liturgical time has its own way of inviting us into the family life of the Church. Human beings are participants in a great mystery that unfolds in daily life. Time with Mary is a Treasure We encounter both light and darkness, and good and evil. The mystery of iniquity troubles us, at times. We are not alone, though. Time with Mary is a treasure. The Rosary, when prayed thoughtfully and with attention to the sacred mysteries, illumines the soul, increases receptivity to grace, fosters peace, and strengthens faith. The Rosary is not just vocal repetition but also a meditation upon the mysteries. Praying the Rosary properly, however, requires one to surrender to interior silence and a return to the simplicity of a child-like spirituality which seeks the consolation and maternal wisdom of a Mother. The soul of the Rosary consists of meditation on the mysteries. The body of the Rosary consists of the vocal prayers: The School of Mary Mary always leads people to Christ. The Rosary and Marian devotion is Christ-centered. The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer. The love of the Mother of God, is expressed time and time again throughout history. Her universal appeal is acknowledged throughout the world. Her motherhood extends to the entire human family and her motherly heart calls to all people to turn to her Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Mother of the Church! Enlighten the People of God along the paths of faith, hope, and love! Enlighten especially the peoples whose consecration and entrustment by us you are awaiting. Help us to live in the truth of the consecration of Christ for the entire human family of the modern world. The Rosary is not a meditation on the historical past—it is the past, present and future—the eternal design of God in the here and now. The message of Fatima provokes some curiosity and questions—but it ought to move us to prayer, first. As we celebrate the Fatima centenary, then, we might reflect somewhat uncomfortably on the question: And what might we do, for ourselves and others, to turn things around? Father, a time will come when the decisive battle between the kingdom of Christ and Satan will be over marriage and the family. And those who will work for the good of the family will experience persecution and tribulation. But do not be afraid, because Our Lady has already crushed his head. His words remind us that we must take up the Rosary once again daily! I look to all of you, brothers and sisters of every state of life, to you, Christian families, to you, the sick and elderly, and to you, young people: Rediscover the Rosary in the light of Scripture, in harmony with the Liturgy, and in the context of your daily lives. The Blessed Mother gave the Fatima visionaries this prayer to be recited at the end of each Rosary decade: Oh My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. By encouraging others to do the same, the reparation and fidelity offered to our Lord, will bring numerous blessings, made visible to the world and to all people. We must pray as our Heavenly Mother tells us.

## 3: The role of Our Lady - Blessed Virgin Mary

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In this new series, we will explore what Scripture tells us about the Blessed Virgin Mary. What was her life like? And how does she continue to play a part in our lives today? While we may touch upon some apologetics questions and doctrinal issues along the way, my goal is simply to unearth the Scriptural data about Mary so that we can come to know and love her better through the Bible. The first fact we discover about Mary is that she dwelt in "a city of Galilee named Nazareth. Nazareth was a small, secluded agricultural village in Galilee. Far from the social-religious center of the Jerusalem Temple, Nazareth had only a few hundred inhabitants and was not directly on any major trade route. Moreover, there are no prophecies explicitly about Nazareth in the Jewish tradition, and the Old Testament never even mentions the town. The fact that Jesus comes from Nazareth will cause him trouble later in his public ministry. That God chose a woman from this lowly city to become the mother of the Messiah would have been quite surprising. Finally, the annunciation to Zechariah had immediate public impact, as the multitude of people perceived that their priest had had a vision 1: She is not the high priest, an official representative of the Hebrew religion, nor even a man, but a young woman without any influence in the society of her time. In addition, she is a native of Nazareth, a village which is never mentioned in the Old Testament. Betrothed, Not Engaged The second fact we learn about Mary is that she was "a virgin" who was "betrothed. First, since Jewish women were typically betrothed around the age of 13, Mary probably was very young when she received this most weighty message from the angel Gabriel about her call to serve as the mother of the Messiah. Second, as a betrothed woman, Mary would have been legally married to Joseph, but still living with her own family. Here we see how Jewish betrothal was not the same as our modern notion of engagement. Betrothal was the first step in a two-stage marriage process. At their betrothal, Mary and Joseph would have exchanged their consent to marry each other before witnesses, and this would have made them legally married. However, as a betrothed wife, Mary would have remained living with her own family apart from her husband for up to one year until the second step of marriage took place. In this second step, the husband would take his wife to his own home for normal married life to begin. Therefore, when the angel Gabriel appeared to her, Mary would have been living between these two stages of marriage: Third, according to Jewish marriage customs, sexual relations would not take place until the second stage of marriage. Thus, since Mary is a betrothed woman and not yet living with her husband, it would come as no surprise that she was a "virgin" 1: This has important implications for Mary. It tells us that Mary is not part of any ordinary family, but a royal family. And God promised David that his family would have an everlasting dynasty and that his kingdom would never end 2 Sam. However, in the first-century world of Mary and Joseph, the Davidic dynasty seemed to have been lying dormant for centuries as one foreign nation after another ruled over the Jews. In fact, no Davidic king had sat on the throne since BC, and the Romans were the latest foreign powers to control the land. Thus, for Mary, being a part of "the house of David" did not bring the privilege, honor, and authority it did in the days of the great kings of old. Mary may be married to a man who possesses the royal bloodline of the Davidic kings, but her husband is not reigning as a prince in a Jerusalem palace. Instead, he works as a humble carpenter, appearing to live a quiet, run-of-the-mill life in the secluded village of Nazareth. On the surface, there does not appear to be anything extraordinary about Mary. She is a young woman betrothed to a man from the house of David, but she lives a seemingly ordinary life in the small, insignificant town of Nazareth. However, there is a lot more going on in Mary than meets the eye. Consider the first words Gabriel says to Mary: This is no ordinary greeting. In fact, no one in salvation history had ever been addressed like this before. And note that the angel does not say "Hail, Mary, full of grace. John Paul II, in reflecting on this passage in his book *Theotokos*, said "full of grace" is "the name Mary possesses in the eyes of God" p. In Semitic usage, a name expresses the reality of the persons and things to which it refers. The Greek word in this passage commonly translated "full of grace" is *kecharitomene*. This word is in a past

perfect participle form, indicating an action that began in the past and continues in the present. It literally can be translated "you who have been and continue to be graced. Therefore, it is as if the angel is saying to Mary, "Hail, you who have been and continue to be graced. Hail, you who already have received the forgiveness of sins and the gift of redemption. Indeed, this verse indicates that Mary already had the working of grace in her life before the Annunciation scene. On the surface, she may appear to be simply a young, betrothed woman dwelling in nowhere Nazareth. But in the midst of this seemingly uneventful life, God has made her "full of grace" as He quietly prepares her for the most important mission any woman ever embraced in the history of the world: Reprinted with permission of Lay Witness magazine.

### 4: September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows - Memorial - My Catholic Life!

*The Story of Our Lady of the Rosary Saint Pius V established this feast in The purpose was to thank God for the victory of Christians over the Turks at Lepantoâ€”a victory attributed to the praying of the rosary.*

Donald Calloway in person. I remember our meeting because it occurred at a very special occasion: During the day, Fr. That night, we sat next to Alissa and watched the film. I was transfixedâ€¦ I believe that Father was as well! Now, to continue the movement of this beautiful film into the hearts and homes of viewers, Ignatius Press has launched a lovely new book penned by Fr. Based on the highly successful theatrical motion picture, this beautiful volume combines inspiring commentary and meditations by the very popular Marian priest, Fr. Donald Calloway, with over 65 lovely photos from the movie. The insightful text and captivating pictures tell the moving story of the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, from childhood through the Resurrection of her son, Jesus Christ. Acclaimed for the beauty of its stunning photography, the film *Mary of Nazareth* won high praise from both attendees and film reviewers. Calloway, a Marian scholar well-known for his great love of Our Lady who has written extensively about her, presents in this volume short but profound insights and meditations about Mary, her unique life, her deep relationship with Jesus Christ, her special role in the story of salvation, and her importance to all Christians. This book is a wonderful companion volume to the DVD of the popular film, as well as a work that will bring inspiration and insight to all readers about the mysterious life of love, faith and sacrifice of the woman God chose to be the Mother of the Savior of mankind, Mary of Nazareth. I endorse this book as a lovely gift not only for Christmas, but truly for any time of the year! Please briefly introduce yourself to our readers. My name is Fr. My area of specialization in theology is in what is called Mariology, that is, the study of topics dealing with Our Lady. Currently, I live in Steubenville, Ohio where my religious community has a formation house for our seminarians. Calloway, forgive me if I have this wrong but I believe our first meeting was at the *Mary of Nazareth* premier in San Francisco. You and I shared that evening along with Alissa Jung, the beautiful actress who portrays Mary in the film. How did you become involved in this beautiful book and why? I became involved with the *Mary of Nazareth* book after having been asked by Ignatius Press to review the *Mary of Nazareth* movie and offer my thoughts. I was so impressed with the film that I gave it the highest praise and promised Ignatius Press that I would do all I could to make it known at my speaking events and public engagements. Really and truly, the *Mary of Nazareth* film offers the best presentation of the Virgin Mary in film to date. I have watched it 6 times now and continue to be in awe. As a result of being so behind the promotion of the film, I was quite humbled when Ignatius Press asked me to put together a companion book that would be comprised of beautiful images from the film. I knew I had to do this project for Our Lady so that more people could understand why she is so important. This book contains not only luminous photography from the film, but also quotes from saints and scripture and your own insights. How did working on this book deepen your already strong passion for our Blessed Mother? Thus, in writing meditations to go along with the beautiful images in this book, I also wanted to retrieve from Catholic tradition statements from popes, saints, and blessed that would offer profound insights into the particular themes covered. Many people might find such a task hard to do and very time consuming, but since my specialization is in Mariology, I have a ton of books on Our Lady and was able to go through them and select amazing quotes that the readers of the book are going to be so inspired by. I prayed to find just the right quotes to go with each picture and I really believe Our Lady and St. My meditations are nice, too, but I consider my meditations secondary to the deep insights of the saints. Please say a few words about how this film and this beautiful book can be effective tools in the New Evangelization. The New Evangelization is about bringing hearts back to Christ and his Church. Mary most definitely has a major role in this effort. Without Mary, we would not have Jesus. Without Mary, we would not have the New Testament. Therefore, when lukewarm or fallen-away Catholics see this film or read this book, I believe it is really going to make them realize just how important Mary is and help them to fall in love with her. Also, for those who are not Catholic, this film and book bring out the loveliness and beauty of Our Lady so perfectly that I really believe that for non-Catholic Christians who might have misconceptions about Our Lady, the film and the book is going to make them

understand the importance of Mary and even wonder if they have been missing out on one of the greatest gifts that Jesus offers us – his own Mom. My main work right now is my Vocation work for my religious community. We currently have 26 men in formation and we are experiencing major growth! I love doing this work and hope to be allowed to continue to do it for many more years. My secondary work is what I do with writing books and speaking. I already have 9 books out and almost all of them are on Our Lady. Currently, I am working on three books: People can check out all the awesome places I go to and find out how to come with me by going to my website: Are there any additional thoughts or comments you would like to share with our readers? I think one important thing for people to know about the Mary of Nazareth film is that there is a longer version and a shorter version. The important thing to know is that I only endorse the shorter version which is the version put out by Ignatius Press. The longer version contains some immodesty and confusing theological issues regarding Mary Magdalen. At one point Netflix was offering the longer version and people saw that one and got upset wondering why I would endorse it since it had inappropriate scenes. But that is not the one that I endorse. I only endorse and promote the edited version put out by Ignatius Press. In their wisdom, Ignatius Press obtained the North American copyrights and edited out all the inappropriate stuff. And, of course, none of the immodesty or other confusing scenes appears in my book *Mary of Nazareth: The Life of Our Lady in Pictures*.

### 5: [The lyf of our lady]

*Our Lady of Guadalupe, help us to remain faithful to your Son, even through our struggles. Renew in us a greater respect for life, especially for unborn children. Draw us constantly closer to your loving heart, where you comfort and care for us. Amen.*

Prayer to Jesus through Mary The role of Our Lady Just as in every family, there is a father and a mother so it is with the family of God. God is our Father, we are His children, and Mary is our Mother. She is that very important woman announced in the Proto-evangelium, presented as the enemy of the devil who was in the serpent. And God said that She would crush the head of the serpent. Our Lady begot all her children through suffering, just as any other woman, but she suffered in her spiritual womb which is Her Immaculate Heart. Our Lady continues to crush the head of the devil as She comes with the Kingdom of Her Son into every heart, this is achieved by our consecration to Her immaculate Heart. This humble doctrine of Our Lady, is not accepted by the learned and the wise of this world, who get caught up in their intellects and by their blind reasoning avoid the great mysteries of our faith. Behold your mother [John Therefore the importance of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. When we meditate the mystery of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the temple, we contemplate our lives in the hands of Mary being presented to the Holy Trinity. She has been entrusted with this maternal task of bringing all the children of God back to Him. Since we are unworthy to be in the Presence of God, Our Lady has been given the task of preparing us to encounter Him, She will do spiritually what any mother here would do physically to obtain the best for her child. But our Lady is not ordinary mother, She is the most perfect of mothers because She is the Mother of God, She is infinitely full of Grace, sufficient to help everyone who comes to her and accept Her as mother. By the action of the Holy Spirit, Mary became the tree of Life. The fruit of this tree is first of all Our Lord Who is the bread of life. As we accept Christ into our lives and live a Christian life fulfilling the promises made in our Baptism, we become the children of God who by precedence have the same spiritual mother as His Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord. So we are the children of the new Eve, we have been conceived in the spiritual womb of Mary which is Her Immaculate Heart. No wonder Our Lord said, you must be borne again: So this great privilege of being the Mother of the children of God has been granted to Our Lady, if we want to this heavenly family, we have God as our Father and Mary as our Mother. I prostrate myself at Your feet to adore You, praise You and supplicate You. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: I am dust, a creature of the earth, a simple human being with all the lowliness that I have by inheritance and because of my carelessness. However God The Father gave me a soul in His image. But how unworthy I am , I have stained it with my faults, and with indifference to You. Today I feel profound repentance for my mistakes and I come to talk to You from the core of my soul, from where Your Divine Presence gives me Life. It is for the sake of my sins and for those of my brothers, that You, Divine King, came to the earth and compared yourself with us, You became slave of the human race and allowed yourself to be outraged, despised and killed cruelly, in order to forgive our faults before God The Father and thus securing Eternal Life for us, according to our deeds. How can I even just feel myself worthy of being listened by You, when my sins stain my soul and hide me from Your sight. And how Hope shines in our hearts when we are sure, that it is easier for You to listen to Her than to us. This is why Mary is that beautiful way that leads us to You. And this is why I consecrate myself to Her Immaculate Heart and I take Her as my Spiritual Mother, so that She may listen, teach, nourish, guide, pray and intercede for me, that She may mould my soul in the perfection of the Holy Spirit and finally that She can put me in Your hands as an offering worthy of Your Glorious Majesty. My Jesus, listen to me through Mary. I wish that She lives through me, so that I can express the perfection that You wish. I consecrate to Her the faculties of my soul. I consecrate to You my memory, so that I remember Jesus and You constantly. Joseph of Jesus and Mary.

### 6: Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Wikipedia

*Fr. Calloway, a Marian scholar well-known for his great love of Our Lady who has written extensively about her, presents in this volume short but profound insights and meditations about Mary, her unique life, her deep relationship with Jesus Christ, her special role in the story of salvation, and her importance to all Christians.*

She was baptized the day after her birth, in the parish Church of Saludecio. She herself made beautiful with her great goodness and sweetness. It was at this monastery that Elisabetta had her first experience of monastic life. Augustinian Convent Closed Convent at Pietrarubbia closed as a result of the storm of the Napoleonic revolution. Elisabetta and the other religious were expelled from the convent. She returned to the home of her parents to wait for the time when she could fulfill her goal. Elisabetta accepted everything with a peaceful spirit, and did not lose hope or let her heart be disturbed. She trusted that everything turns out well for those who love and seek God. He encouraged her to explore the possibility that God wanted for her to care for others, perhaps through teaching. She later purchased the property. She improved the reputation of the Conservatory, which was damaged by the Masons. In order to achieve this, she chose a deep spiritual life as the foundation for the community. Rule of Life for the Poor of the Crucified Elisabetta writes a rule with the title: She accepted only because of her desire to be of help to the young souls. Elisabetta Renzi and ten of her companions received the religious habit. Death of Elisabetta Renzi Elisabetta suddenly felt a loss of strength; doctors diagnosed a progressive weakening, stomach ache, and sore throat which were so severe. However, after a lengthy study of her sickness, she was diagnosed with tuberculosis of the larynx. On August 14, , the ever of the Assumption of Mary, she received communion for the last time. Goodbye, beloved daughters; be generous with the Lord. I carry you all I my heart and bless you. We will see each other up there in heaven and from up there, I will tell you again to be grateful to the Lord. Let you faithfulness be your thanksgiving, since the more you receive, the more God will ask of you my daughters. As soon as she arrived in heaven she was bombarded by requests of every kind, and people started talking about graces received through her intercession. The sisters published the most significant graces. After a time, they started working towards the beatification of Elisabetta Renzi, but political situations and legalities delayed the filing. Not until was it possible to open the process of beatification, which ended in February with the decree on the heroic virtues of Elisabetta. That was an unforgettable day, marked by the solemnity of the celebration, the words of Blessed Pope John Paul II and hundreds of people gathered for this event. The event marked a new fervent revival of the charism, with a blossom of vocations in our Congregation. The charism of Blessed Elisabetta Renzi can be summarized in one phrase that give direction to our life: We propose, as the purpose of our consecration, the glory of God and our own sanctification so that we may be effective instruments of salvation for all, but especially for youth that they may be educated, instructed and assisted, whatever their status of life. He is always with you daughters. He alone founded the Congregation; He alone will keep watch over it. I have done nothing but undo His work. Let us love our good Lord. I in the blessedness that I hope to reach through his goodness and mercy, you in humility and struggle.

### 7: The Life of Elisabetta | Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows

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The Carmelite Order was the only religious order to be started in the Crusader States. In the 13th century, some of its people migrated west to England, setting up a chapter and being documented there about 1170. A tradition first attested to in the late 14th century says that Saint Simon Stock, believed to be an early English prior general of the Carmelite Order soon after its migration to England, [3] had a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary in which she gave him the Brown Scapular. This formed part of the Carmelite habit after. It symbolizes her special protection and calls the wearers to consecrate themselves to her in a special way. Since the early 20th century, historians have concluded that this letter was forged, likely by Cheron himself. The forged Swanington letter claimed that 16 July was the date of the vision 16 July being the date of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, which led for centuries to a strong association between this feast day and the scapular devotion. This tradition grew gradually, as did the liturgical cult of St. The latter has been documented in Bordeaux, where Stock died, from the year 1280; in Ireland and England, from 1300; and in the rest of the Order, from 1350. Historians have long questioned whether Stock had the vision of Mary and the scapular. The liturgies were revised and, in the 21st century, neither, even in the Carmelite proper, makes reference to the scapular. An annual festival, known as Mamacha Carmen, is held in the highland Paucartambo District, Peru, featuring a procession with the Virgin and traditional dancers. Carmelite devotion[ edit ] The Carmelites consider the Blessed Virgin Mary to be a perfect model of the interior life of prayer and contemplation to which Carmelites aspire, as well as a model of virtue, in the person who was closest in life to Jesus Christ. She is seen as the one who points Christians most surely to Christ. As she says to the servants at the wedding at Cana, "Do whatever he [Jesus] tells you. Our Lady wants us to resemble her not only in our outward vesture but, far more, in heart and spirit. Carmel to the full must follow Mary into the depths of her interior life. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me you are my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity make request. There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Sweet Mother I place this cause in your hands. A doctrinal statement approved by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments states that "Devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel is bound to the history and spiritual values of the Order of the Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel and is expressed through the scapular. It is both a sign and pledge. A sign of belonging to Mary; a pledge of her motherly protection, not only in this life but after death. As a sign, it is a conventional sign signifying three elements strictly joined: In some images, she is portrayed as accompanied with angels and souls wearing Brown Scapulars, who plead for her mediation. In 1687, the Church forbade images to be made of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel descending into purgatory, due to errors being preached about certain privileges associated with the Brown Scapular known as "the Sabbatine Privilege". It was inserted in its entirety except for the words forbidding the painting of the pictures into the list of the indulgences and privileges of the Confraternity of the Scapular of Mount Carmel. There is today a small sanctuary on the site. An associated event has been classified as the "miracle of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The local and national press reported these occurrences. In the evening of 16 November, the faithful improvised a procession carrying the statue of the Virgin of Carmel on their shoulders through the streets. When the procession reached the end of the city, a violent earthquake shook the whole district of Palmi, [16] ruining most of the old houses along the way. But, only nine people died out of a population of about 15, inhabitants, as almost all of the population had been on the street to watch the procession and were not trapped inside the destroyed buildings. Therefore, the city commemorates the procession each year, accompanied by firecrackers, lights, and festive stalls. The Catholic

Church has officially recognized the miracle. The Catholic anti-war movement has built on the coincidence between this date and the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. In , the Rev. Each year on 16 July, a prayer vigil is conducted at the Trinity site to pray for peace and the elimination of nuclear weapons.

### 8: Our Lady of Lourdes - Wikipedia

*from The Life of Our Lady by John Lydgate O thoughtful heart, plunged in distress With slumber of sloth this hug winter night, Out of the sleep of mortal heaviness.*

Bernadette Soubirous[ edit ] An early studio photograph of Bernadette Soubirous , age 14, in daily civilian attire. Circa 1 January In subsequent visitations she heard the lady speak to her, saying Que soy Immaculada Concepcion I am the Immaculate Conception , and asking that a chapel be built there. At first ridiculed, questioned, and belittled by Church officials and other contemporaries, Soubirous insisted on her vision. During that same year, an oversized golden laurel wreath was placed at the base as well as a stellar halo was attached to the head of the image; both no longer present. On 11 February , Soubirous went with her sister Toinette and neighbor Jeanne Abadie to collect some firewood and bones in order to buy some bread. After taking off her shoes and stockings to wade through the water near the Grotto of Massabielle, she said she heard the sound of two gusts of wind coups de vent but the trees and bushes nearby did not move. A wild rose in a natural niche in the grotto, however, did move. I had hardly taken off the first stocking when I heard a sound like a gust of wind. Then I turned my head towards the meadow. I saw the trees quite still: I went on taking off my stockings. I heard the same sound again. As I raised my head to look at the grotto, I saw a lady dressed in white, wearing a white dress, a blue girdle and a yellow rose on each foot, the same color as the chain of her rosary; the beads of the rosary were white The lady smiled, and invited Soubirous to pray the rosary with her. After parental cross-examination, she and her sister received corporal punishment for their story. Then I started to throw holy water in her direction, and at the same time I said that if she came from God she was to stay, but if not, she must go. She started to smile, and bowed This was the second time. She remained ecstatic even as they returned to the village. On 18 February, she spoke of being told by the Lady to return to the Grotto over a period of two weeks. She quoted the apparition: She told me also that she did not promise to make me happy in this world, but in the next. She went anyway, and on 24 February, Soubirous related that the apparition asked for prayer and penitence for the conversion of sinners. Soubirous witnessing the apparition of the Virgin Mary. The next day, she said the apparition asked her to dig in the ground and drink from the spring she found there. This made her dishevelled and some of her supporters were dismayed, but this act revealed the stream that soon became a focal point for pilgrimages. As word spread, this water was given to medical patients of all kinds, and many reports of miraculous cures followed. Seven of these cures were confirmed as lacking any medical explanations by Professor Verges in The first person with a "certified miracle" was a woman whose right hand had been deformed as a consequence of an accident. Several miracles turned out to be short-term improvement or even hoaxes, and Church and government officials became increasingly concerned. In the process, Lourdes became a national issue in France, resulting in the intervention of Emperor Napoleon III with an order to reopen the grotto on 4 October The Church had decided to stay away from the controversy altogether. Soubirous, knowing the local area well, managed to visit the barricaded grotto under cover of darkness. On 16 July, Soubirous went for the last time to the Grotto. Lourdes apparitions The Church, faced with nationwide questions, decided to institute an investigative commission on 17 November On 18 January , the local bishop finally declared that: The work was placed in the grotto and solemnly dedicated on 4 April in presence of 20, pilgrims. Soubirous was later canonized as a saint in The veracity of the apparitions of Lourdes is not an article of faith for Catholics. Nevertheless, all recent Popes visited the Marian shrine at some time. John Paul II visited Lourdes three times during his pontificate, and twice before as a bishop. Historical context[ edit ] Many Marian apparitions, although they may occur in different ages and cultures, share similarities. It is likely that Soubirous would have known of, and may even have been influenced by, such events, which were woven into the fabric of her society. Two attempts were made to remove the statue to a more prominent position; each time it disappeared and returned to its original location, at which a small chapel was built for it. There are also several similarities between the apparition at La Salette , near Grenoble , and Lourdes. La Salette is many hundreds of kilometres from Lourdes, and the events at La Salette predate those in Lourdes by 12 years. It is not certain if Soubirous was aware of the events

at La Salette. We have also called on science, and we remain convinced that the Apparitions are supernatural and divine, and that by consequence, what Soubirous saw was the Most Blessed Virgin. Our convictions are based on the testimony of Soubirous, but above all on the things that have happened, things which can be nothing other than divine intervention". Pope Pius IX approved the veneration in Lourdes and supported the building of the Cathedral in to which he donated several gifts. He approved the veneration and promoted Marian piety in Lourdes with the granting of special indulgences and the formation of local Lourdes associations. In the same year he issued his encyclical *Pascendi dominici gregis* , in which he specifically repeated the permission to venerate the virgin in Lourdes. Pius XI beatified Soubirous on 6 June Soubirous, who suffered from asthma and bone cancer , had lived on the borderline of social acceptance in the church during her lifetime. In his encyclical *Fulgens corona* , he described the events in Lourdes: It seems that the Blessed Virgin Mary herself wished to confirm by some special sign the definition, which the Vicar of her Divine Son on earth had pronounced amidst the applause of the whole Church. For indeed four years had not yet elapsed when, in a French town at the foot of the Pyrenees, the Virgin Mother, youthful and benign in appearance, clothed in a shining white garment, covered with a white mantle and girded with a hanging blue cord, showed herself to a simple and innocent girl at the grotto of Massabielle. And to this same girl, earnestly inquiring the name of her with whose vision she was favored, with eyes raised to heaven and sweetly smiling, she replied: The Pope presents Mary as the model of alternative lifestyle. The school of Mary teaches selflessness and charity. In the school of Mary one can learn to live, not only to give Christ to the world, but also to await with faith the hour of Jesus, and to remain with Mary at the foot of the cross. Priests should with supernatural confidence, show the narrow road which leads to life. In response to the Immaculate, they will fight with the weapons of prayer and penance and by triumphs of charity. Go to her, you who are crushed by material misery, defenseless against the hardships of life and the indifference of men. Go to her, you who are assailed by sorrows and moral trials. Go to her, beloved invalids and infirm, you who are sincerely welcomed and honoured at Lourdes as the suffering members of our Lord. Go to her and receive peace of heart, strength for your daily duties, joy for the sacrifice you offer. Lourdes water The location of the spring was described to Soubirous by an apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes on 25 February Since that time many thousands of pilgrims to Lourdes have followed the instruction of Our Lady of Lourdes to "drink at the spring and wash in it". Although never formally encouraged by the Church, Lourdes water has become a focus of devotion to the Virgin Mary at Lourdes. Since the apparitions, many people have claimed to have been cured by drinking or bathing in it, [31] and the Lourdes authorities provide it free of charge to any who ask for it. It was conducted by a professor in Toulouse , who determined that the water was potable and that it contained the following: They do not by themselves support arguments for or against the apparition itself. Thus, Soubirous described the apparition as *uo petito damizelo* "a tiny maiden" of about twelve years old. Soubirous insisted that the apparition was no taller than herself. This was the uniform of a religious group called the Children of Mary , which, on account of her poverty, Soubirous was not permitted to join although she was admitted after the apparitions. The statue that currently stands in the niche within the grotto of Massabielle was created by the Lyonnais sculptor Joseph-Hugues Fabisch in On seeing the statue, Soubirous was profoundly disappointed with this representation of her vision. This ground is owned and administrated by the Church , and has several functions, including devotional activities, offices, and accommodation for sick pilgrims and their helpers. The Domain includes the Grotto itself, the nearby taps which dispense the Lourdes water , and the offices of the Lourdes Medical Bureau , as well as several churches and basilicas. It comprises an area of 51 hectares , and includes 22 separate places of worship. It is dedicated to her veneration and Lourdes waters are available to pilgrims at the New York church, with the interior constructed as a faithful, large-scale replica of the Grotto.

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