

Our Lady of Lourdes



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INTRO TO THE CATECHISM

Who was St. Bernadette?

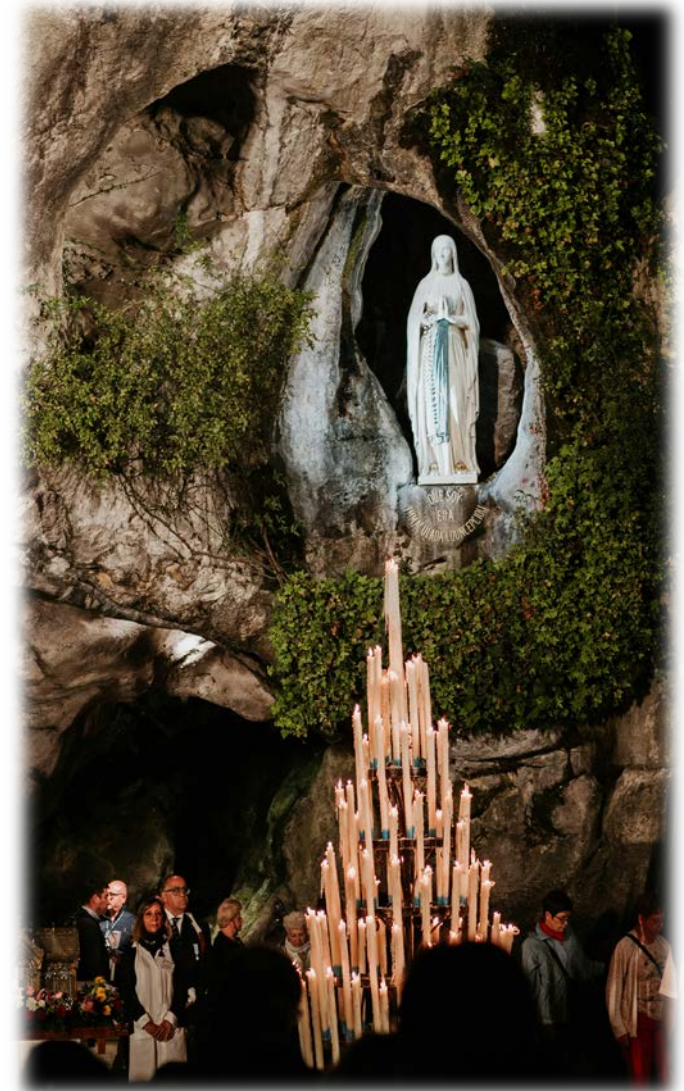
Bernadette Soubrious:
(January 7, 1844-April 16, 1879)

- lived in Lourdes, France (Pyrenees Mountains)
- impoverished but close-knit family
- uneducated and illiterate
- ignorant in her faith life
- strong personality but generous heart
- became a Sister of the Sisters of Charity of Nevers
- died of poor health at 35 years old



Overview

- St. Bernadette received the revelations of Our Lady in a grotto.
- No one else could see the visions she saw.
- St. Bernadette was mocked and many were skeptical.
- St. Bernadette stayed strong in her responsibility to share the messages.
- Due to the unusual experiences, local officials suppressed the apparitions.



Apparitions Begin

Feb. 11 1858

Grotto of Massabielle

- Bernadette, sister, and friend went looking for firewood to buy bread.
- at the stream, heard wind, and looked up and saw the Blessed Mother.
- clothed in white, blue, a veil, yellow roses, and a rosary
- she smiled at her and asked her to pray her rosary



Continuing Apparitions



FEBRUARY

- 14: sprinkles holy water at Our Lady; she smiles
- 18: Our Lady request her to come for 15 days to pray
- 19: brings her family to pray the rosary
- 20: taught a personal prayer and to always to bring a candle to the grotto
- 21: questioned by police and examined by doctor at grotto
- 23: Our Lady reveals a secret
- 24: Prayers for Penance
- 25: the Spring "for sinners" appears
- More apparitions occur praying for penance and sinners.

MARCH

- 1: assembly of priest and 1500 others and a women's arm is healed
- 2: Our Lady asks for a procession and a chapel to be built
- 3-4: Our Lady refuses to reveal her name
- 25: Our Lady reveals she is the Immaculate Conception

APRIL

- 7: flame of the candle burns through her hands, unscathed
- The grotto is closed and altar dismantled after this incident

Messages

Purpose:

- penance and praying for sinners through the rosary
- focus is on the Immaculate Conception
- spring signifies a place of healing





*"I am the Immaculate
Conception."*

- Our Lady -

Investigation & Approval

- Reports of revelations and healings quickly drew attention
- 1862: the Church confirmed authenticity of apparitions
- 1907: worldwide Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
- 1909 & 1919: St. Bernadette's body was exhumed twice and uncorrupted
- 1933: St. Bernadette became a saint



Healing & Hope: Impact

- Miraculous healing
- Spiritual renewal
- Devotion to prayer and the Rosary
- Pilgrimages and grottos across the world



Our Thoughts

- Symbol of hope and miracles
- Private Revelations serve as a source of renewal to pray.
- Encourages us to pray the rosary more.
- Challenges us to believe God can do the impossible!



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