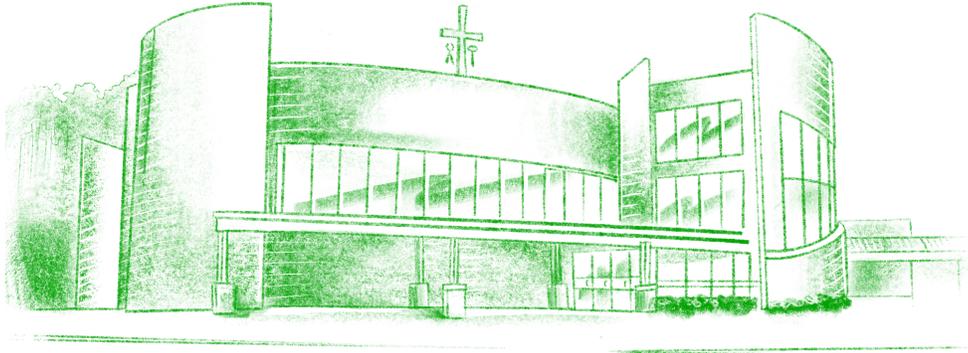




THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE

947 Park St. Attleboro, MA 02703 - www.lasalette-shrine.org



FEBRUARY 1-15, 2020

MASSES, RECONCILIATION, & ADORATION

<p>MASSES</p> <p>Sunday 12:10pm</p> <p>Monday - Friday 12:10 & 6:30pm</p> <p>Saturday 12:10 & 4:30pm</p> <p>Mass for Haitian Community 2nd Sunday at 9:30am</p>	<p>RECONCILIATION</p> <p>Saturday & Sunday 1:00 - 4:00pm</p> <p>Monday - Friday 1:00 - 2:00pm</p> <p>Wednesday 5:00 - 6:00pm</p>	<p>HEALING MASSES</p> <p>Spanish First Sunday at 2:30pm</p> <p>Portuguese Third Sunday at 2:30pm</p> <p>English w/ Fr. Pat Last Sunday at 2:00pm</p>	<p>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Saturday at 1:00-4:00pm</p> <p>FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS Saturday at 11:00am</p>
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**RELIGIOUS ARTICLES STORE &
WELCOME CENTER**

Open daily from 10:00am-5:00pm

SNACK BAR - Wed-Sun, 1:00-4:00pm

PRAYER GROUPS
Shrine Church & Chapel of Reconciliation

La Salette & Divine Mercy Devotions
Wednesday at 7:15pm in Shrine Church

Intercessory Prayer Group
2nd Thursday of the Month - 7:15pm

Padre Pio Prayer Group
2nd Monday of the Month - 7:15pm

La Salette Pax Christi
3rd Tuesday of the Month - 7:30pm

“COME NEAR MY CHILDREN, DON’T BE AFRAID.” -Our Lady at La Salette

Father Andre Patenaude, M.S. - Superior

Fr. Flavio Gillio, M.S. - Shrine Director

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FEBRUARY 2020 CALENDAR

(RC) = Retreat Center Event

- Feb. 2** – Spanish Healing Service
Feb. 3 – Prayer Shawl Ministry
Feb. 3 – Sep. and Divorced Support Group *(RC)*
Feb. 5 – Bereavement Support *(RC)*
Feb. 5 – Christian Meditation *(RC)*
Feb. 5 – La Salette and Divine Mercy
Feb. 6 – Catholic Collective Ministry
Feb. 8 – Rosary Making Workshop
Feb. 9 – Haitian Mass
Feb. 10 – Grief Education – How to Attend to a broken heart *(RC)*
Feb. 12 – Quenching My Thirst Retreat *(RC)*
Feb. 12 – La Salette Cares for the Elderly Ministry
Feb. 12 – Christian Meditation *(RC)*
Feb. 13 – Intercessory Prayer Group
Feb. 14 – Happy St. Valentine’s Day
Feb. 16 – Portuguese Healing Service
Feb. 16 – Donut Sunday Social
Feb. 29 – Lenten Retreat in Portuguese

MARCH 7th 2020

Please join us for our 2020 St. Patrick’s Day dinner after the 4:30pm Mass, in the shrine cafeteria. Featuring the Noel Henry Irish Band with Irish step-dancers. \$25 per plate and \$10 per child under 15 years old. Tickets are available online.

SPANISH HEALING SERVICE

Sunday, Feb. 2nd @ 2:30pm – 4:00pm
SHRINE CHURCH

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Every 1st Tues. @ 1:15pm – 2:45pm *(RC)*

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Wed., Feb. 5th @ 10:00 – 11:30am *(RC)*

LA SALETTE & DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Every Wed. @ 7:15pm – 8:15pm
SHRINE CHURCH

ROSARY MAKING WORKSHOP

Saturday, Feb. 8th @ 10:00am – 11:00am
WELCOME CENTER

Please contact Judy Medeiros or call 508/222-5410 for more information

GRIEF EDUCATION

“HOW TO ATTEND TO A BROKEN HEART”

Monday, Feb. 10th @ 6:30pm – 8:30pm
RETREAT CENTER

HAITIAN MASS

Sunday, Feb. 9th @ 9:30am – 10:30am
SHRINE CHURCH

LA SALETTE CARES FOR THE ELDERLY MINISTRY

Wednesday, Feb. 12th @ 12:30pm – 3:00pm
WELCOME CENTER

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Weekly on Wednesday @ 6:30pm – 8:00pm
RETREAT CENTER

LA SALETTE INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

Thursday, Feb. 13 @ 7:15pm – 8:00pm
CHAPEL OF RECONCILIATION

PORTUGUESE HEALING SERVICE

Sunday, Feb. 16th @ 2:30pm – 4:00pm
SHRINE CHURCH

DONUT SUNDAY SOCIAL

Sunday, Feb 16th @ 1:00pm – 2:00pm
CAFETERIA

LENTEN RETREAT IN PORTUGUESE “RENASCER”

Saturday, Feb. 29 @ 10:00am – 4:00pm
WELCOME CENTER

Presenter: Fr. Francisco Tchipindo, m.s.

For more information: 508/222-5410

Sugg. Donation- \$30

RSVP by: February 22

RETREAT CENTER

*To register for any Retreat Center event,
please call 508-222-8530*

“QUENCHING MY THIRST”

Presenter: Dottie Levesque

**Wednesday, February 12 @ 10:00am – 4:00am
(Registration begins at 9:15am)**

Lent is our annual journey that leads us to Easter through the passion of Jesus. Although the 40 day Lenten season is challenging, it leads to the celebration of new life.

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, we are reminded that our God of love took some dust and created a master-piece in the “image and likeness” of Himself – He created me and you. This will be a day spent with others who also treasure Jesus’ earthly pilgrimage. Together, we will drink from the well of wisdom, thus deepening our relationship with our brother, our friend, our lover – Jesus.

Registration Deadline: February 5 Lunch included

Suggested donation: \$45 per person

“COULD WE START AGAIN, PLEASE?”

Presenter: Rev. Rene Butler, M.S.

**Wednesday, Feb. 26 @ 10:00AM – 4:00PM
ASH WEDNESDAY
(Registration begins at 9:30am)**

Apart from the Sunday readings, Lent is the same from year to year. But we are not the same. Lent invites us to review changes that have taken place in us and around us, to shed the light of faith on them, and bathe them in a stream of grace. The program will conclude with Mass and the imposition of ashes.

Registration Deadline: Feb. 19

Lunch included

Suggestion Donation: \$45 per person

LIVING LENT: EXPLORING ST. PAUL IN ROMANS 12

Presenter: Christine Rubinstein

**Saturday, February 29 @ 10:00am – 4:00pm
(Registration begins at 9:30am)**

Lent is not just about abstinence – that it, not just about “giving something up for Lent.” It is meant to be a kind of “reboot” of our spiritual lives each year so that, through almsgiving, intensified prayer and fasting, we might detach from things that weigh us down and distract us from being able to love. We search for God’s love more and more as we come to

know Him better, and love God in return by learning to love others more generously. We will be exploring some of the specific pastoral advice that St. Paul gives us in one specific chapter of his epistle to the Romans. Digging into this Scripture passage, we will consider how we each may derive a clear direction for each of us in our own Lenten practices this year.

Reg. Deadline: Feb.22 Sugg. Donation: \$45 – lunch included.

MEN’S RETREAT: MEN OF HOPE – MEN OF FAITH A CATHOLIC VISION OF MALE SPIRITUALITY

Presenter: Father Flavio Gillio, M.S.

Starts: March 6th @ 7:30pm

(Registration begins at 6:45pm)

Ends: March 8th after lunch

One’s spirituality is always shaped by experience; and first and most of all by our gender. What is male Catholic Spirituality? Is there such a thing as male spirituality? What potential and challenges do men encounter in today’s world? How does masculine spirituality complement feminine spirituality? This retreat, *Men of Hope – Men of Faith*, is a unique exploration of Catholic Spirituality for Men. Through the biblical figures of John the Baptist, Peter, and Paul of Tarsus, and drawing from the realm of both spirituality and psychology, the retreat explores first the roots of Catholic Male Spirituality, and then it will delve into some of the ordinary issues in men’s lives, such as career, failure, pain, retirement, and grief. A retreat for men seeking to deepen their experience of Christ, and to live a masculine life full of integrity, authenticity and freedom. **Registration Deadline: February 29th**

Suggested Donation: \$235

MAGDALENA: THROUGH HER EYES

Presenter: Dottie Levesque

**Wednesday, March 11 @ 10:00am – 4:00pm
(Registration begins at 9:15am)**

The love she experienced changed her life. Deep in hopelessness, this woman found freedom as she was delivered from her past by this man called Jesus. Magdalena reveals what can happen when women refuse to live in defeat and choose to discover their real value. It is the true story of Jesus seen through the eyes of Mary Magdalene: a story of tenderness, freedom & purpose. Journey with women of our past to discover hope for the future. Hers is also my story – and yours! **Suggested Donation: \$45per person**

Reg. Deadline: March 4th – lunch incl.

SUNDAY LITURGY REFLECTIONS

Redeemed - February 1-2

(Presentation of Jesus: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40)

The author of the Letter to the Hebrews writes that Jesus “had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way.” There is a text in Galatians 4:4-5 that points in the same direction: Jesus was “born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law.”

The Gospel account of the presentation of Jesus in the temple refers twice to the Law, at the beginning and near the end. The legal requirement Joseph and Mary were fulfilling is found in Exodus 13: “Consecrate to me every firstborn; whatever opens the womb among the Israelites, whether of human being or beast, belongs to me.” In the case of smaller animals, the firstborn was to be slaughtered as a sacrifice; a donkey could be ransomed with a sheep. The text adds: “Every human firstborn of your sons you must ransom.” Remember that Moses was leading God’s people to Canaan, a land where child sacrifice was not unheard of. Here God expressly forbids that practice. There is a delicate irony here. Jesus, who came to ransom us, first had to be ransomed himself! The Redeemer had to be redeemed—bought and paid for, so to speak— “to ransom those under the law,” as quoted above. This has consequences in our life of faith. La Salette can help us understand them. We have to recognize the gift of redemption that has been won for us. The Beautiful Lady indicates means for achieving that goal: prayer, the Eucharist, penance, respect for the Lord’s Name and the Lord’s Day.

Then we need to recognize our own need of redemption. Mary uses the term “submit.” This will involve purification, a sometimes painful process. In the Letter to the Hebrews we read: “Jesus himself was tested through what he suffered.” And old Simeon told Mary in the temple, “you yourself a sword will pierce.” (“How long a time I have suffered for you,” she said at La Salette.) Finally, like Mary, we must welcome the Redeemer into our life. We can make ours the words of today’s Psalm, expressing the desire “that the king of glory may come in!”

Weakness and Power - February 8-9

(5th Ordinary Sunday: Isaiah 58:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16)

In many cultures, people prefer to shed tears in private than where others can see them. Perhaps this is because tears are sometimes seen as a sign of weakness. From that point of view, Our Lady could say, with St. Paul, “I came to you in weakness.”

In fact, much of what St. Paul says in today’s second reading could be said of Mary at La Salette. This is especially true of her wearing the crucifix: “I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.” We have often noted that, according to Maximin and Mélanie, the light of the Apparition emanated from that crucifix. In John 8:12 Jesus says of himself, “I am the light of the world.”

In this week’s Gospel, he reminds us that we, too, are the light of the world. He also describes us as salt of the earth. It is hard for us to imagine tasteless salt. The Beautiful Lady talks about blighted wheat, literally, but the image could apply figuratively to her people. When put to the test, what was their faith? It crumbled, like the ears of wheat. St. Paul also states, “I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom,” and “My message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power.” At La Salette, Mary went so far as to speak the *patois*, the local dialect, typically associated with uneducated rural classes, in contrast with the French that she used at the beginning. And she spoke of things that her people could understand. Coming in weakness is not the same as being powerless. It means that the power that we might show is not ours, but comes from God. Mary’s simple words had power, which she communicated to the children, empowering them to make her message known. How bright our light could shine, quoting Isaiah now, “If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech; if you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted.” All this and more we may be empowered to do, but, always remember, the glory is God’s.

Fr. René Butler, M.S., and Wayne Vanasse