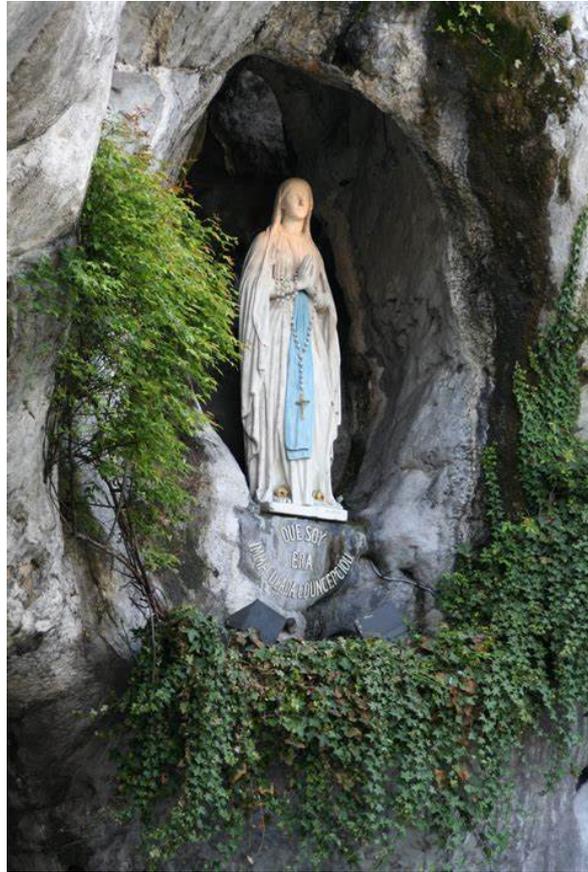


# OBLATE LOURDES VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE



**LOURDES THEME:**  
**'BRINGING LOURDES HOME'**

SEPTEMBER 2020

## Tuesday, September 22 - THANKSGIVING AND MISSIONING SERVICE

**Presider:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People.** Amen.

**Presider:** The Lord be with you.

**People.** And with your spirit.

### Opening Hymn:

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,

Give me joy in my heart, I pray.

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,

Keep me praising till the break of day.

*Sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna to the King of Kings.*

*Sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna, Sing Hosanna to the King.*

Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting, etc. *(Repeat Chorus)*

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving, etc. *(Repeat Chorus)*

### INTRODUCTION

**Reader:** Welcome to the final liturgy of the Oblate virtual pilgrimage, a service of Thanksgiving and Missioning.

In these unusual times, when we are unable to physically meet in large numbers, we give thanks to God for all the various hidden blessings received over the days of this virtual pilgrimage.

We have a second large candle present in our gathering – both online and present here with us. This candle is our missioning candle and it represents the light of Christ, which was first lit and held up at our baptism by our parents and godparents. As this candle is lit, we call to mind how Mary, our Mother, showed us the pathway to being a **missionary disciple**.

*We invite all those who are joining us on-line to light a candle during this our final time of time of prayer together.*

Let us ponder for a few quiet moments:

- \* What is Mary, our Mother, asking of us today?
- \* In what way is Mary, our Mother, asking us to build and strengthen our families and our communities during these 'new normal times'?

**(A few moments of SILENCE)**

### **LIGHTING OF OUR MISSIONING CANDLE**

**Presider:** Lord, our God, we thank you for the Good News which has freshly entered our lives during these past few days. We praise and thank you for sending us out as your missionary disciples and we ask that as we light this candle, this same missionary spirit may touch and heal broken hearts. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

### **Proclamation of our SCRIPTURE READING**

**PC.** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with your spirit.

**PC.** A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Matthew.

**People:** Glory to you, O Lord.

### **A reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew 28: 16-20**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him, they worshiped him; though some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them:

*"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of time.”*

The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## HOMILY

### Concluding Prayer

**Presider:** Once again we remember those who asked us to pray for them during these days of our Oblate virtual pilgrimage.

*(Short moment of silent prayer)*

**Presider:** O Mary conceived without sin.

**People:** Pray for us who have recourse to thee.

**Presider:** We pray the Memorare prayer together

### The Memorare (said by all the People)

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

**Presider:** As our pilgrimage ends, we take a few quiet moments to thank God for all the blessings and graces we have received from Him.

*(a few quiet moments of thanksgiving)*

We pray that God may very soon bring us back together as the Oblate family. We

make this our prayer through Christ our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

**Presider:** Our Lady of Lourdes

**People.** Pray for us

**Presider:** St. Bernadette

**People.** Pray for us

**Presider:** St. Eugene de Mazenod

**People.** Pray for us

**Presider:** We ask God's blessing:

**People.** In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **HYMN sung at end "As I kneel before you"**

As I kneel before you, as I bow my head in prayer  
Take this day, make it yours,  
And fill me with your love  
**Ave Maria, gratia plena**  
**Dominus tecum benedicta tu**

All I have I give you, ev'ry dream and wish are yours  
Mother of Christ, mother of mind  
Present them to my Lord  
**Ave Maria, gratia plena**  
**Dominus tecum benedicta tu**