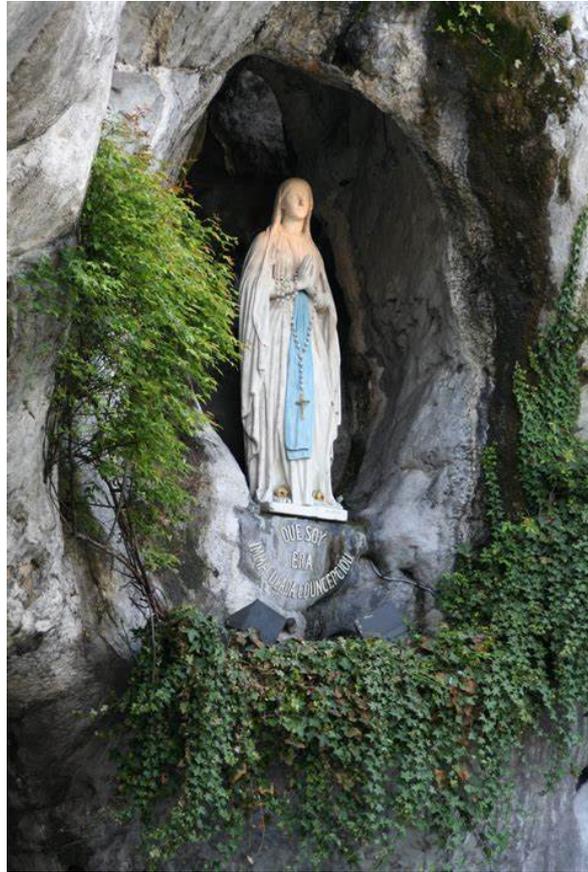


OBLATE LOURDES VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE



LOURDES THEME:
'BRINGING LOURDES HOME'

SEPTEMBER 2020

Sunday, September 20 - OPENING MASS

Entrance Hymn - ALL ARE WELCOME

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions,
*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
*All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

INTRODUCTION

Reader: You are all very welcome to the opening Mass of our virtual pilgrimage. We come together as the Oblate family. Though not in Lourdes this year, still we are united in heart and Spirit and over these days of pilgrimage we will bring Lourdes to our homes and hearts. We come together as missionary disciples of Jesus: each of us has been called by name

We remember in a special way today, those who are currently seriously ill

with Covid-19. We also pray for those people around the world who have lost their lives to the coronavirus.

Penitential Rite

Brothers and sisters let us take a moment to acknowledge the deep love that God has for each one of us. In the light of that love we ask mercy for the times we have not been true to the person God created us to be.

A brief pause for silence follows.

Priest: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 55: 6-9

Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked person abandon his way, and the evil person his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will have mercy on him, and to our God who is rich and forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways are

not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above the earth, as my ways are above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm (SUNG)

Only in God is my soul at rest; in Him comes my salvation.

He only is my rock, my strength, and my salvation.

My stronghold, my Saviour; I shall not be afraid at all;

My stronghold, my Saviour: I shall not be moved

Only in God is found safety when my enemy pursues me

Only in God is found glory, when I am found meek and found lowly.

My stronghold, my Saviour; I shall not be afraid at all;

My stronghold, my Saviour: I shall not be moved

Only in God is my soul at rest: in him comes my salvation.

Gospel Acclamation (SUNG – Celtic Alleluia)

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Matthew.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel: St. Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace and said to them, ‘You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.’ So they went.

At about the sixth hour, and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour, he went out and found more people standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day?’ ‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. He said to them, ‘You go into my vineyard too.’ In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.’

So, those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it but grumbled at the landowner. ‘The men who came last’, they said, ‘have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.’

He answered one of them and said, ‘My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go.

I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?’ Thus, the last will be first, and the first, last.”

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

HOMILY

Prayer of the Faithful

Presider: Let us bring our prayers of intercession to God, in whom alone we dwell in safety.

Reader: Your response is: **Lord graciously hear us.**

People: **Lord graciously hear us.**

Reader: We pray for all who are gravely ill with the coronavirus. May they know your comfort and peace.

Lord hear us.

People: **Lord graciously hear us.**

Reader: We pray for our frontline health workers: Doctors, Nurses, Carers and Medical Researchers that through their skills and insights people may be restored to health.

Lord hear us.

People: **Lord graciously hear us.**

Reader: We pray for all who are bereaved. Help these families and friends as they struggle to come to terms with grief and loss.

We pray with them in a short moment of silence.

(short silent moment)

Lord hear us.

People: **Lord graciously hear us.**

Reader: Mary, our Mother, you stood at the cross of Jesus your Son and endured so much pain, loss, and grief. We ask your intercession as we

pray:

People: Hail Mary....

Presider: Loving God, we bring all these prayers, those spoken and those unspoken in our hearts, through the same Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Instrumental – ‘Ag Críost an Síol’

Invitation to Prayer

PC: Pray my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

PC: Take to yourself, O Lord, the gifts your people offer, that in this holy sacrament we may enter the mystery which we profess with devotion and faith.. Through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

PC: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your Spirit.

PC: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

PC: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

Sanctus (Sung)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The mystery of faith (Sung):

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection
until you come again.

The Communion Rite

PC: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

People: Our Father.... But deliver us from evil.

PC: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil and graciously grant us peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always freed from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

People: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

PC: Lord, Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

PC: The peace of the Lord be with you always

People: And with your Spirit.

Lamb of God (*Sung*)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

PC: Behold the Lamb of God; behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say
the word and my soul shall be healed.

Spiritual Communion (see last page)

Quiet Instrumental - *"Hiding Place"* (Lawton)

COMMUNION HYMN – *'Soul of my Saviour'*

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest
Blood of my Saviour bathe me in thy tide
Wash me ye waters, streaming from his side

Strength and protection may his passion be
O blessed Jesus hear and answer me
Deep in thy wounds Lord, hide and shelter me
So shall I never, ever part from thee

Communion Reflection

Every day I need you Lord, but this day especially.
I need some extra strength to face whatever is to come
This day, more than any other day,
I need to feel you near me.
To fortify my courage, and to overcome my fear.
And so, dear Lord, hold my trembling hand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Reminder for all those joining us to submit prayers/ petitions
- Our virtual pilgrimage continues this evening with Stations of the Cross at 5pm and torchlight procession from Lourdes at 8pm
- Tomorrow morning, we begin our day with a daily reflection at 9.30am
- 12 noon tomorrow will be Mass of the Immaculate Conception

Prayer after Communion

Priest:

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we **may feel** the power of your redemption in the celebration of the eucharist and in the conduct of our lives.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

BLESSING

Priest: Stretch forth your strong right hand, O God, and shield your faithful people, that we may seek you with all our heart and receive those things for which we rightly pray. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Concluding Rite

PC: The Lord be with you

People: And with your spirit.

PC: May almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son + and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PC: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life

People: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn: Holy Virgin by God's decree

Holy Virgin, by God's decree,
You were called eternally;
That he could give his Son to our race.
Mary, we praise you, hail, full of grace.
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.

By your faith and loving accord,
As the handmaid of the Lord,
You undertook God's plan to embrace.
Mary, we thank you, hail, full of grace.
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria.