

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Our Lady of Lourdes appeared to 14 year old Bernadette Soubirous on February 11, 1858 in Lourdes, France.

(See story on Pg. 5.)

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Sunday: 10:30 AM Holy Days: 6:00PM
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February 5, 2017



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10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon
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12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday : 8:00 AM
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OUR LADY OF LOURDES.....Cont'd from page 5...

The 4th appearance (19 February)



Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes

Armed with a lighted candle for protection, Soubirous came to the grotto. This originated the custom of carrying lighted candles to the grotto. Eight people were present including Soubirous's mother and two of her aunts, one of whom, Aunt Bernarde, was her godmother and the most influential member of her mother's family.

Soubirous's story caused a sensation with the townspeople, who were divided in their opinions on whether or not Soubirous was telling the truth. Soon a large number of people followed her on her daily journey, some out of curiosity and others who firmly believed that they were witnessing a miracle.

The 5th appearance (20 February)

Thirty people were present. Soubirous reported later that the lady had taught her a prayer, which she said every day of her life, but never wrote down or repeated to anyone. By this time, the news was spreading to other towns, and many people assumed that Soubirous's lady was the Virgin Mary.

The 6th appearance (21 February)

Over 100 people were present, and the apparition said to her: "You will pray to God for sinners." Afterwards Soubirous was interrogated by Dominique Jacomet, the police commissioner. Her father, François Soubirous, eventually assured the commissioner that the affair would cease.

The 7th appearance (23 February)



Lourdes Basilica of the Apparitions

About 150 people were present. Jean-Baptiste Estrade (a tax inspector), Duffo (a court official), and the officers from the garrison were present. Soubirous said later that the lady had told her a secret, which was for her alone; this secret was never revealed to anyone.

The 8th appearance (24 February)

About 250 people were present. The message of the lady was: "Penance! Penance! Penance! Pray to God for sinners. Kiss the ground as an act of penance for sinners!"

The 9th appearance (25 February)

[The Lady] told me that I should go and drink at the fountain and wash myself. Seeing no fountain I went to drink at the Gave. She said it was not there; she pointed with her finger that I was to go in under the rock. I went, and I found a puddle of water which was more like mud, and the quantity was so small that I could hardly gather a little in the hollow of my hand. Nevertheless I obeyed, and started scratching the ground; after doing that I was able to take some. The water was so dirty that three times I threw it away. The fourth time I was able to drink it. She made me eat grass growing in the same place where I had drunk; once only; I do not know why. Then the Vision disappeared and I went home. Soubirous was interrogated again. The spring reportedly began to flow a day later.

The 10th appearance (27 February)

About 800 people were present.

The 11th appearance (28 February)

Over 1,000 people were present. Soubirous was questioned by Judge Ribes afterwards.

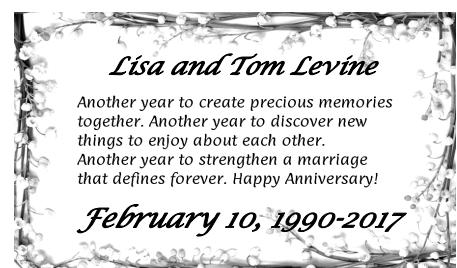
March 1858...

The 12th appearance (1 March)

There were almost 1,500 people present. Local housewife Catherine Latapie, nine months pregnant, who had a paralysis of the ulnar nerve in one arm following an accident, reported regaining full movement after bathing her arm in the spring. Simultaneously, she went into labor and had to leave almost immediately to give birth. She gave an account of these events to local physician Dr. Pierre Romaine Dozous, who began to collect information on healings at the spring. (Apparitions 13-18 (Continued next week)



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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 5, 2017
10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Today's Intention - Catherine Burr

February 12, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

*10:30 AM Genevieve Musto, (J. and M. Ianniello)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

February 6, Monday: Saint Paul Miki and Companions

Readings: Gn 1:1-19; Mk 6:53-56

6:45 AM Helen Zurilla, Anniversary (Family)

8:00 AM Altoona Catholic H.S. Class of 1947

12:00 PM Pat Rabine (Tim and April Lloyd)

February 7, Tuesday: Weekday

Readings: Gn 1:20--2:4; Mk 7:1-13

6:45 AM In Thanks. & Remem. (Kling/Weaver Fam.)

*8:00 AM David Conrad (Erna Hocherl)

12:00 PM Julia Febbo (Febbo Family)

February 8, Wednesday: Saint Josephine Bakhita

Readings: Gn 2:4-9,15-17; Mk 7:14-23

6:45 AM Msgr. Thomas Madden (Estate)

*8:00 AM Jerry Smith (Tomassetti Family)

12:00 PM James Davidson (Lil, Tim, Luan & Joyce)

February 9, Thursday: Weekday

Readings: Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

6:45 AM Andrea Crum (Dave & Jeanne Thompson)

8:00 AM Catherine 'Kay' Burr (Jim & Steph Kilcoyne)

12:00 PM Thomas A. and Mary E. Irwin (Children)

February 10, Friday: Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Readings: Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

6:45 AM Madeline Seidel, Anniv. (Jim, Elaine & Fam.)

*8:00 AM Joan Heverly (Carol Smith)

12:00 PM Danyll Rougeux (Robine Family)

February 11, Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes

Readings: Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

8:00 AM Herbert J. Kutruff (Russ & M.A. Pleva Fam.)

12:00 PM Nancy Geis, Birthday (Family)

Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

5:00 PM Joe Tomlinson, Ann. (Dana, Justin, Danielle)

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father Have
Mercy on Me, A Sinner*

FEBRUARY 5, 2017
Scripture Reflection

Today's Gospel reading immediately follows the Beatitudes. The first eight address an unidentified "they." In verse 11 Jesus now speaks to his disciples: "Blessed are you." The metaphors of salt and light in the Gospel reading remind the disciples that they are a visible witness to the gospel that Jesus proclaims. As disciples, they can no more deny their responsibilities than salt can exist without taste. The purpose of salt is to add flavor, the purpose of light is to shine. Jesus reminds the disciples that their purpose is to allow others to see their good deeds and glorify their heavenly Father in response.

Salt and light characterize the essence of discipleship. First, salt is both essential for life itself and valuable for preserving, seasoning, and purifying food. Its value is in its effect on something else. Applied to disciples, they too are valuable to the extent that they influence others. Second, the disciples are a light that shines forth in the darkness of ignorance or faithlessness, like a city on a mountain or a lamp on a stand in a house. They enlighten others not by words but by their manner of living, a manner of living that declared to the world that the reign of God has indeed been established in their midst.

Salt was important in Jesus' time for preserving meat and for bringing out the taste of food. Its usefulness depends on its interacting with something else. When it doesn't interact, it is useless. So, too, if a follower does not live in the world as a child of the kingdom, the world will be bland. True disciples give our world its flavor. The disciples must show themselves to the world as followers of Jesus, rooted like him in the law and the prophets. With so much darkness due to oppression, false accusations and malicious speech, the disciple who shares bread with the hungry, helps shelter the homeless, clothes the naked, and does not live indifferent to the needs of others, will truly be salt and light.

• How am I salt? Which of the traditional uses of salt---as a flavoring, a preservative, an offering---best describes how I see my role as a follower of Jesus?

How do I let my light shine? Which of the scriptural descriptions---as a city on a mountain top or as a light on a lampstand---better describes how I see my role as a disciple of Christ?

Living the Word, Laurie Brunk and Frederick Bauerschmidt, World Library Publications, 2013, pages 54-55.

Living the Word, Dianne Bergaut and James A. Wallace, World Library Publications, 2010, pages 52-53.

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Liturgical Reflection...

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The BGHS will perform Guys & Dolls on Friday and Saturday evenings, March 3 & 4, 2017 at the historic Mishler Theatre. Tickets to the musical are on sale now at Mishler theatre.org or by calling the box office @ 814 944-9434. For more info , contact Mr. Brett Kieth, bkeith@guilfoyle.org

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Fuel	5.00
Catholic Reg.	8.00
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St. Leonard's Home...

St. Leonard's Home will host its 2nd annual celebration of St. Joseph's Table on Saturday, March 18 from 5PM-8PM at the American Legion Post 516 Social Hall at Legion Park in Hollidaysburg. The event includes a meal, Cheese bar, desserts, wine tasting, auction, prizes for bidding and entertainment. Tickets are \$30, and are available at St. Leonard's Home or by calling 695-9581 during business hours.

A Bingo will be held on Sun., Feb. 12 at Holy Family Parish at 509 Caldwell Ave., Portage, PA. Admission is \$20 for a complete package, extra specials may be purchased and extra jackpots may be purchased. Early Birds will start at 6 PM. Regular games will begin at 7 PM. Food and refreshments will be available. Full Prizes Paid on 90+ Admissions.

Encourage Student Offertory Giving...

All Parish student parishioners in parochial schools and religious education classes were given envelopes for gifting the Parish in 2017. Parents are asked to provide good example and to encourage regular giving from our young parishioners. Please have the children write their names on the envelopes and amount enclosed.

Presentation of the Lord, Thursday, Feb. 2nd...

Every year the Church blesses candles to be used at Liturgy, devotions, and in our homes on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Forty days have passed since the celebration of Christmas.

This is the blessed day when Jesus was presented in the Temple. The candles blessed are symbols of Christ as the light of the nations. Blessed 7 day candles are available in back of the Church for purchase at \$3.00 each. Use throughout the year on special occasions such as holidays, anniversaries, birthdays, especially during storms.

Lourdes Apparitions

The Marian Apparitions at Lourdes were reported in 1858 by Bernadette Soubirous, a 14-year-old miller's daughter from the town of Lourdes in southern France. From 11 February to 16 July 1858, she reported 18 apparitions of "a Lady". Soubirous described the lady as wearing a white veil and a blue girdle; she had a golden rose on each foot and held a rosary of pearls. Despite initial skepticism from the Roman Catholic Church, these claims were eventually declared to be worthy of belief after a canonical investigation, and the apparition is known as Our Lady of Lourdes.

According to Soubirous, her visions occurred at the grotto of Massabielle, just outside Lourdes. On 16 July 1858, Soubirous visited the grotto for the last time and said: "I have never seen her so beautiful before." On 18 January 1860, the local bishop declared: "The Virgin Mary did appear indeed to Bernadette Soubirous." In 1958, Pope Pius XII issued the encyclical *Le pèlerinage de Lourdes* ("The pilgrimage to Lourdes") on the 100th anniversary of the apparitions. Pope John Paul II visited Lourdes three times; Pope Benedict XVI visited Lourdes on 15 September 2008 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the apparitions.

Soubirous was canonized a saint in 1933 by Pope Pius XI.

February 1858

The 1st appearance (11 February)

On Thursday, 11 February 1858, a week before Lent would begin on Ash Wednesday, 17 February, a 14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous was out gathering firewood with her sister and a friend at the grotto of Massabielle outside Lourdes, when she reportedly had the first of 18 visions of what she termed "a small young lady" (French: *uo petitio damizelo*) standing in a niche in the rock. Her sister and her friend stated that they had seen nothing. On realising that she alone, and not her companions, had seen the apparition, Soubirous asked her sister Toinette not to tell anyone what had happened. Toinette, however, was unable to keep silent, and told their mother, Louise Soubirous. Because their mother had suspected the children were lying, both girls received a beating, and Soubirous was forbidden to return to the grotto again. A few days passed and Soubirous asked for permission to go again with her siblings and the permission was granted.

The 2nd appearance (14 February)

The second time was the following Sunday. I went back because I felt myself interiorly impelled. My mother had forbidden me to go. After High Mass, the two other girls and myself went to ask my mother again. She did not want to let us go, she said that she was afraid that I should fall in the water; she was afraid that I would not be back for Vespers. I promised that I would. Then she gave me permission to go. I went to the Parish Church to get a little bottle of holy water, to throw over the Vision, if I were to see her at the grotto. When we arrived, we all took our rosaries and we knelt down to say them. I had hardly finished the first decade when I saw the same Lady. 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; and the more I sprinkled her with holy water, the more she smiled and bowed her head and the more I saw her make signs. ... Then I went on saying my rosary. When I had finished it she disappeared and we came back to Vespers. Troubled by the notion that the apparition might represent an evil spirit, Soubirous used the holy water as a test. A further reassuring sign was the apparition's beautiful bare feet; demonic apparitions (even while in human form) were believed to have cloven hooves or animal paws.

The 3rd appearance (18 February)

The Apparition did not speak until the third appearance, and therefore its identity was a matter of considerable speculation. Pious villagers Jeanne-Marie Milhet and Antoinette Peyret, on hearing Soubirous's description of the apparition, thought it was the returning spirit of one of their friends, who had died a few months before. Although not part of Catholic doctrine, the concept of the revenant was deeply rooted in Pyrenean superstition. According to tradition, revenants rarely spoke, but communicated their messages in writing, and so Milhet and Peyret furnished Soubirous with paper, a pen, and an inkpot to take with her, in case the apparition should make use of them. On her third visit, she said that the "beautiful lady" asked her to return to the grotto every day for 15 days. At first her mother had forbidden her to go, but Soubirous persuaded her mother to allow her. Soubirous said that the lady told her that she did not promise to make her happy in this world, but in the next. Although she spoke in Occitan, the regional language that Soubirous (whose French was poor) used, the apparition used remarkably formal language in her request: "Would you have the goodness to come here for fifteen days?" (Occitan: *Boulet aoue ra gracia de bié aci penden quinze dias?*; French: *Voulez-vous me faire la grâce de venir ici pendant quinze jours?*). The significance of this politeness was not lost on the observers. It would be very unusual for anyone to adopt this formal form of address when speaking to a penniless, working-class peasant girl such as Soubirous.

(Apparition 4...) is continued on page 2.

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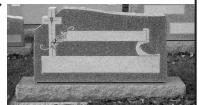
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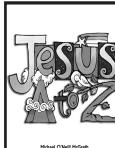
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