



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

## THE MESSAGES

- During her sixteenth vision, Bernadette asked the woman her name, but her question was only met with a smile. Bernadette asked three more times and finally the woman said, “I am the Immaculate Conception.”
- "She said to me, ‘I do not promise to make you happy in this world, but in the next’."
- “Go, kiss the ground for the conversion of sinners."
- "Go and tell the priests to have a chapel built here."

Feast Day	February 11
Location:	Lourdes, France
Number of Apparitions:	18
Witness:	Saint Bernadette
First Apparition:	February 16, 1858
Last Apparition:	July 16, 1858
Approved:	in 1862 by the Bishop of Tarbes

## THE MIRACLE

At age 14, Bernadette was in a grotto when a beautiful lady appeared above a rose bush. She sank to her knees in prayer and promised to return to the grotto at the Lady’s request. Despite opposition and interrogations, she kept her promise and many people began to join her, although no one else could see the apparition. One day, the vision told her "to drink of the water of the spring, to wash in it and to eat the herb that grew there" as an act of penance. The next day, the grotto's muddy waters had been cleared and fresh, healing water flowed.

