

Some of the cures at Lourdes recognized as miraculous

MISS VIRGINIE HAUDEBOURG OF LONS-LE SAULNIER

Illness: Tuberculosis Nephritis and Cystitis
Age at, and date of cure: 22 / May 17, 1908

MRS. MARIE BIRE (Nee LUCAS) OF STE-GEMME-LA-PLAINE

Illness: Blindness of Cerebral Origin, Bilateral Optic Atrophy
Age at, and date of cure: 41 / August 5, 1908

MISS AIMEE ALLOPE OF VERN

Illness: Chronic Abdominal Fistulous Tuberculosis
Age at, and date of cure: 37 / May 28, 1909

MISS JULIETTE ORION OF ST-HILAIRE-DE-VOUST

Illness: Pulmonary and Laryngeal TB, suppurating L. Mastoiditis
Age at, and date of cure: 24 / July 22, 1910

MRS. MARIE FABRE OF MONTREDON

Illness: Chronic Inflammatory Bowel Disease, Uterine Prolapse
Age at, and date of cure: 32 / September 26, 1911

MISS HENRIETTE BRESSOLLES OF NICE

Illness: Pott's Disease with Paraplegia
Age at, and date of cure: 30 / July 3, 1924

MISS LYDIA BROSSE OF ST-RAPHAEL

Illness: Chronic TB abscesses with fistulae in buttocks, perineum, bones
Age at, and date of cure: 41 / October 10, 1930

SR. MARIE-MARGUERITE (FRANCOISE CAPITAINE) OF RENNES

Illness: Chronic L. Renal Abscess with Cardiac Crises
Age at, and date of cure: 64 / January 22, 1937

MISS YVONNE FOURNIER OF LIMOGES

Illness: Leriche's Syndrome (traumatic)
Age at, and date of cure: 22 / August 19, 1945

MRS. ROSE MARTIN (nee PERONA) OF NICE

Illness: Carcinoma of the Cervix
Age at, and date of cure: 45 / July 3, 1947

MRS. JEANNE GESTAS OF BEGLES

Illness: Adhesive Peritonitis
Age at, and date of cure: 50 / August 22, 1947

MISS MARIE-THERESE CANIN OF MARSEILLE

Illness: Pott's Disease of the Spine, TB Peritonitis w/Fistulae
Age at, and date of cure: 37 / October 9, 1947

MISS MADDALENA CARINI OF SAN REMO, ITALY

Illness: Peritoncal/Pleuro-Pulmonary/Bone TB, Coronary Disease
Age at, and date of cure: 31 / August 15, 1948

MISS JEANNE FRETTEL OF RENNES

Illness: Tuberculous Peritonitis
Age at, and date of cure: 34 / October 8, 1948

MISS THEA ANGELE (SR. MARIE-MERCEDES) OF TETTANG, GERMANY

Illness: Multiple Sclerosis
Age at, and date of cure: 29 / May 20, 1950

MR. EVASIO GANORA OF CASALE

Illness: Hodgkin's Disease
Age at, and date of cure: 37 / June 2, 1950



Pilgrims Waiting to Enter Baths at Lourdes

MISS LOUISE JAMAIN (MRS. MAITRE) OF PARIS

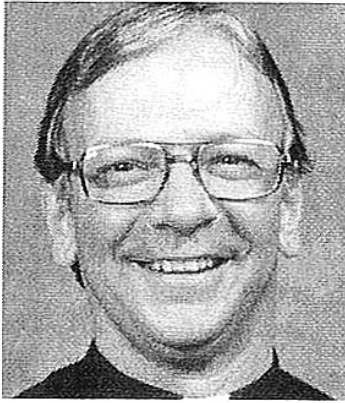
Illness: Pulmonary, Intestinal, and Peritoncal Tuberculosis
Age at, and date of cure: 22 / April 1, 1937

MR. FRANCIS PASCAL OF BEUCAIRE

Illness: Blindness and Paralysis of the Lower Limbs
Age at, and date of cure: 3 years 10 months / August 28, 1938

MISS GABRIELLE CLAUZEL OF ORAN

Illness: Rheumatic Spondylosis
Age at, and date of cure: 49 / August 15, 1943



REV. ANDREW ALBERT, S.M.

Dear Friends of the Lourdes Center,

I am sure you have heard people say, “Oh I don’t believe in miracles.” I have heard many people say that. I can’t understand how any believing Catholic could say that. The gospels are full of miracles. Jesus healing the paralyzed man. Curing the ten lepers. Giving sight to the blind. And the miracle that gives meaning to all miracles, Jesus’ own resurrection from the dead. Jesus who was seen dying on a cross – buried in a tomb and then came back to see Mary Magdalen and the apostles.

On the cover page is a partial list of miracles that occurred at the shrine of Lourdes or as the result of people using Lourdes water with faith or people praying to Our Lady of Lourdes. These cures went through a rigorous examination by doctors, bishops, and those who are charged with proving beyond any doubt that these cures were indeed miraculous. These cures are only a few of the officially declared miraculous cures. The people involved run from the age of 3 to 64. The list gives you the city or town where the pilgrims were from and the disease that they were cured of.

We all know that there are also many “cures of conversion”, of restoration of

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faith. Miracles are real and they happen.

But to me one of the biggest miracles is the reality of the Shrine of Lourdes itself! Think of it. On a cold February day in 1858 a 14 year old girl from the little town of Lourdes in the southern part of France went out with two friends to get firewood for her father. At one point she sat down on a log to remove her shoes so she could wade across a small brook. At that point she heard a rustling sound at the base of a grotto not far from her. She looked up and saw a beautiful lady in the grotto. The lady was dressed in white with a blue sash, and rosary beads in her hands. Bernadette was naturally frightened but she did not run away. She was totally focused on the lady. This happened 18 times. Eventually Bernadette was told by the lady to go tell the priest, “I want a church built here and you are to pray for the conversion of sinners.” And what do we have today? The beautiful Holy Rosary Basilica, the giant underground church of St. Pius X, housing for the sick who come to Lourdes every year from all over the world. There are over 6 million people that go to Lourdes every year. And that all happened because a little girl of 14 did what the beautiful lady in white asked her to do. It almost sounds like a fairy tale. But it wasn’t a fairy tale. It all happened. That in itself is a miracle in my book.

My own little miracle is that the Blessed Mother answered our prayers to have her wall fixed. You, our generous readers and supporters sent in \$51,050.00, enough to fix Mary’s wall. A local Catholic company has been secured to do the work. It will be done in May, the month dedicated to Mary. I thank all of you who gave small or big donations, and all of you who prayed to the Blessed Mother so that this would happen.

So many of you write to me to say how Mary has helped you in your life. How she provided cures for you. How fortunate we Catholics are to have such a loving mother.

May you do everything you can to share the GOOD NEWS of such a loving mother. Do something special on February 11th, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

God bless you all,

Fr. Albert



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Who's Number One in Our Lives?

By Rev. Roland Lacasse, s.m.



REV. ROLAND LACASSE, S.M.

When St. Bernadette was alive, it was obvious to anyone who observed her that she was not the most important person in her life. Psychologists are quick to point out that true greatness lies in living for something greater than oneself. St. Bernadette grew to live for God and doing God's will, not her own.

Some time ago, I had an interesting experience. I love history, and the History Channel on television had a "Special" on at a time when I was being called to prayer with my Community. I was tempted to pass up this call to prayer when I recalled to mind a prayer I often repeat while saying a private Mass – "Lord, you have always been #1 in my life, and I pray that You will always be #1." So I decided to follow my own advice, leave the program and join my confrères at prayer. Be careful what you pray for, because God may

call your bluff.

One day when I was preaching at a weekend Mass in our Lourdes Center Chapel, I asked the congregation "How many of you, when you got up this morning, asked God 'What can I do for you today?'" I was quick to confess, "I didn't." No preacher lives what he preaches 100%. We preach what we aspire to be. In doing so, we are preaching to ourselves, as well as to the congregation.

St. Bernadette was not canonized because the Blessed Virgin appeared to her, but because she lived to do God's will, not her own. She wasn't born with a halo. She learned to live, not for herself, but for God. It didn't take her long to do so, because she died at the young age of 35. Most of us will need much longer than that. I suppose that's why they say that only the good die young. The Apostles also needed time to become the kind of people they eventually became. At one point in their lives, the Bible quotes them as saying to Jesus, "We have come to believe

that You are the Messiah." It took them a while, but eventually they got there.

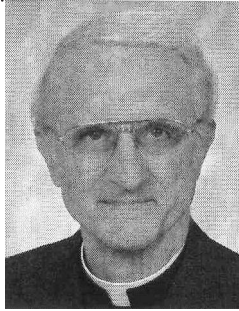
When I was a pastor in various cities, I used to publish in my bulletin a "Thought for the Week." One of them read: "Be patient with me. God isn't finished with me yet." Anyone of us could say the same thing. And just as we would like others to be patient with us, we must try to be patient with them. Sometimes we are tempted to say to others, "Why can't you be more like me?" Maybe, in time, they will be, but only in God's good time, not ours. As Pope Francis once said, "Who am I to judge others?"

The Saints have so much to teach us. Yet, we refuse to turn to them for inspiration. Our young people have been sold "a bill of goods" as to whom they should look up to as heroes. They need to learn the difference between a hero and a celebrity. Hopefully, in God's good time, they will.

By Fr. Frank Grispingo, S.M.

THE THIRD GLORIOUS MYSTERY

Holy Spirit Descends on the Apostles



Acts 2, 1-4

When Jesus was about to depart from this world to be with his Father in Heaven he promised to send us the Holy Spirit: "...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you." Acts 1,8 This promise was fulfilled on Pentecost Sunday.

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Matrimony

Jesus repeated the command given at the dawn of human creation to Adam and Eve when he said, "...God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and the two shall become one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." Mark 10, 6-9. Moreover, Jesus blessed the marriage at the feast of Cana by his divine presence. Marriage today is sanctified by the Spirit of Christ in the Sacrament of Matrimony. The grace of this sacrament is the fostering of union through love. Love is directly associated with the Spirit, "The love of God has been poured into our hearts

by the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Romans 5, 5.

Eucharist

This sacrament was instituted by Christ at the last supper – the sacrifice of his Body and Blood that perpetuates the one sacrifice of the cross for us and our salvation. Holy Communion is part of the sacrifice because it unites us with the sacrifice of Christ. By sharing in the Body and Blood we form one Body with him. The Holy Spirit is the Sanctifier. He is invoked over the bread and wine at Mass, "Make holy, therefore, these gifts, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ." The priest says these words while hands are extended over the offerings, demonstrating the immediate source of the Spirit.

Holy Orders/Priesthood

When Christ instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper he commanded it be done as a memorial of his death and resurrection.

The power to do what he did inaugurated the priesthood of the New Testament. The old form of worship, animal sacrifice, is rendered obsolete. The new has come. See Luke 22, 19. An essential part of the ceremony of ordination is the imposition of hands and prayer of the bishop invoking the Holy Spirit for the gifts proper to the ministry of priesthood.

Conclusion

We thank God that the life of Jesus lived in the flesh continues his ministry in the Church through the power of his Holy Spirit especially through the celebration of the seven sacraments. On a more personal note, St. Paul gives us a sure sign that we possess the Holy Spirit when he states that, "No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12,3.

The same Spirit is active in the members of the Body of Christ in various gifts of service. See 1 Corinthians 12, 4-8; Romans 12, 4-8. Ask yourself what gift do I

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have that is meant to benefit others? Think again, you may have more than one! Oh, by the way, there are nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: “Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-control.” Galatians 5, 22-23. Do you see yourself reflected in any of these?

*God bless you:
The Father, Son and the
Holy Spirit.*

Miracles

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**MISS EDELTRAUT FULDA (MRS. HAIDINGER)
OF VIENNA, AUSTRIA**
Illness: Addison's Disease
Age at, and date of cure: 34 / August 12, 1950

**MR. PAUL PELLEGRIN
OF TOULON**
Illness: Post-Operative Fistulae Following a Liver Abscess
Age at, and date of cure: 52 / October 3, 1950

**BROTHER LEO SCHWAGER
OF FRIBOURG, SWITZERLAND**
Illness: Multiple Sclerosis
Age at, and date of cure: 28 / April 30, 1952

**MRS. ALICE COUTEAULT (nee GOURDON)
OF BOUILLE-LORETZ**
Illness: Multiple Sclerosis
Age at, and date of cure: 34 / May 15, 1952

**MISS MARIE BIGOT
OF LA RICHARDAIS**
Illness: Arachnoiditis of Posterior Foss (Blind, Deaf, Hemiplegic)
Age at, and date of cure: 31 / October 8, 1953 and October 10, 1954

**MISS GINETTE NOUVEL (nee FABRE)
OF CARMAUX**
Illness: Budd-Chiari Disease (hepatic Vein Thrombosis)
Age at, and date of cure: 26 / September 21, 1954

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Lourdes Center Chapel, Boston

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Readers Write

M.E. I am writing to request prayer for my daughter who has a stubborn infection on one of her feet. She was diagnosed with Diabetes Type II last year and this makes it difficult for her body to fight off infection. She was wearing sandals that did not fit properly so they were slapping against the bottom of her foot, where there was a deep callous. One day she was doing a lot more walking than usual and she didn't notice that the bottom of her foot had cracked open and was bleeding. She hadn't kept up with the creme her dermatologist told her to use so the feet, including the callous, were dry and susceptible to cracking. She is very discouraged and I am worried that on top of all of this, she will lose faith in Christ's healing. Please pray that she will allow us to pour the Lourdes Water on her injured foot. **IL**

R.O. I want to thank Our Lady for her intervention in my life and also acknowledge the work you do at the Lourdes Center in helping people receive blessings from the Lourdes Water and from realizing the powerful intercession of Our Mother in Heaven and her help with all of our problems. **TX**

Our Deceased

We have been notified that the following friends of the Lourdes Center have passed away. Please join us in remembering them in your prayers.

JOSEPH BERNING, MN
GENEVIEVE BERNING, MN
EILEEN HEIMANN, NE
SR. CONNIE SONNEN, ID
CARMELLA COGGIANO, LA
DENNIS ROGERS
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Miracles

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**MISS ELISA ALOI (nee VARACALLI)
OF PATTI, ITALY**

Illness: TB, Arthritis with Multiple Fistulae Right Lower Limb
Age at, and date of cure: 27 / June 5, 1958

**MISS JULIETTE TAMBURINI
OF MARSEILLES**

Illness: Femoral Osteomyelitis with Fistulae and Epistaxes
Age at, and date of cure: 22 / July 17, 1959

**MR. VITTORIO MICHELI
OF SCURELLE, ITALY**

Illness: Sarcoma of Pelvis
Age at, and date of cure: 23 / June 1, 1963

**MR. SERGE PERRIN
OF LION D'ANGERS**

Illness: Multiple Stroke Syndrome
Age at, and date of cure: 41 / May 1, 1970

**MISS DELIZIA CIROLLI
OF PATERNO, ITALY**

Illness: Ewing's Sarcoma of Right Knee
Age at, and date of cure: 12 / December 24, 1976



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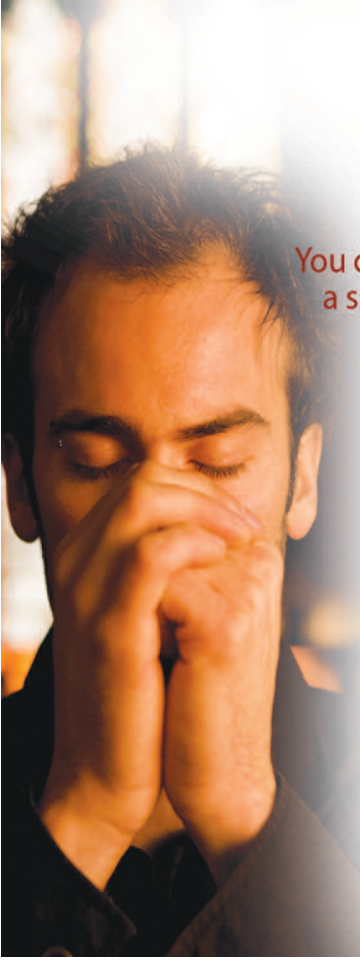
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