

DAY 3: RECOURSE

Daily Gospel: John 19:25-34 - Memorial of BVM, Mother of the Church

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdalen. There was also another woman there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple who loved her took her into his home. After this, when Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple who loved her took her into his home. After this, when Scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said to the women, "I thirst." There was a vessel full of wine on a sprig of hyssop fastened to the cross. When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "It is finished." And from that hour the vessel was full of wine. Now since it was the preparation day, in order to bury the bodies, the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken and they be taken down. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, and immediately blood and water flowed out.

**Itinerary highlights:
Chapelle Notre Dame de la Medaille Miraculeuse**

Watch and pray

- Be still in silence and consider your senses as you enter the space:
 - Upon entering, what stands out? Are you drawn to anything particular?
 - What sights do you see?
 - What sounds do you hear?
 - What do you smell?
 - How does the space feel to the touch?
 - What will you remember about this space?
- Where are you headed in life right now? Where do you want to go?
- Who or what makes God believable to you?
- Has Mary impacted your life? How would you like to relate to Mary?

"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother. In trial or difficulty I have recourse to Mother Mary." +St Therese of Lisieux

"Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." +St Catherine Laboure, struck on the Miraculous Medal

"I have a rough and heavy cross to place upon your weak shoulders; but I am powerful enough to sustain it; fear nothing, and let Me do with you and in you whatsoever I will." +Sacred Heart of Jesus to St Marguerite-Marie Alacoque

DAY 8: DREAMS

Daily Gospel: Mark 11:27-33 - Memorial of St Charles Lwanga + Companions

Jesus and his disciples returned once more to Jerusalem. As he was walking in the temple area, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders asked him and said to him, "By what authority are you doing these things, and by what authority do you do them?" Jesus said to them, "I shall ask you one question, and you answer me. Tell me, John's baptism was of heavenly origin? Answer me." They discussed this among themselves and said, "If we say, 'Heavenly origin,' he will say, 'Then why did you not believe him?'" They answered Jesus in reply, "We do not know." Then Jesus said to them, "By what authority I do these things."

**Itinerary highlights:
Convent and grave of St Bernadette Soubirous at**

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- What are the deepest dreams and desires of your heart?
- What do you think God's dreams for you are?
- How do you want to spend your life? At the end of your life, what words do you hope will describe you and how you have lived?
- What prevents you from being wholly yourself as God has made you to be?

"If one dream should fall and break into a thousand pieces... never be afraid to pick one of those pieces up and begin again. That's the beauty of being alive: We can always start all over again. Enjoy God's amazing opportunities bestowed on us. Have faith in Him always." +St Bernadette Soubirous

"You well know that life is not long. You and I will soon be at the end, and we'll be very grateful that we lived in a manner that doesn't make our last hour too bitter." St Zelig Martin +

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