

INFORMATION FROM THE LITURGY SERVICE FOR THE 2024 SEASON

The Sanctuary's international liturgies (Eucharistic processions, Marian processions and international Masses) are at the heart of the Lourdes pilgrimage experience.

The Liturgy Service's mission is to help you prepare for these celebrations in the best possible way. Here are a few points to help you prepare.

Father Baptiste Pochulu is the new "chapelain" in charge of the liturgy and chapel master at the Sanctuary.

The liturgy service is under the operational responsibility of Pierre Adias, who is assisted by David Ricaud.

For any requests relating to liturgical celebrations, please write to the following address: liturgie@lourdes-france.com

10am mass at the Grotto

Since 2020, this mass has been broadcast live by the French-language television channel KTO (except on Wednesdays and Sundays).

Practical details:

- **The celebration must not exceed 50 minutes, so that the blessing has been given and the dismissal pronounced when KTO goes off the air.**
- **As usual, when several pilgrimages are registered on the same day, you should coordinate among yourselves to decide who will preside and lead the music, without the Sanctuary intervening.**
- A Master of Ceremonies from the Sanctuary is at your service to help you to welcome the celebrants and ensure that the celebration runs smoothly.
- You should preferably celebrate the Mass of the day, reserving votive Masses for another time during your pilgrimage.
 - With regard to the viewers of KTO and TV-Lourdes, and in particular those who live on their own, please take care to avoid anything likely to offend or shock: choose hymns that are familiar and popular;
 - During the sermon, address everyone and avoid subjects that are too specific to your group;
 - Observe the liturgical norms given in the Roman Missal;
 - Postpone any special rites (sending on mission, presentation of insignia or medals, etc.) until a more appropriate time during your pilgrimage.
- **For non-French-speaking pilgrimages, pilgrimage directors or liturgical leaders are asked to provide the homily and chosen texts 15 days prior to the celebration.**

- They should be sent to the following two addresses
- liturgie@lourdes-france.com
- communication@lourdes-france.com

The 1.30pm meeting

Every day (except Sundays and Wednesdays), the 1.30pm meeting brings together pilgrimage directors and hospitality presidents in the meeting room on the 2nd floor of the Centre d'Animation Pastorale (CAP).

We'd like to stress the importance of attending this meeting: it's an important opportunity for those in charge of the Sanctuary, pilgrimage directors, hospitality presidents and representatives of the HNDL to get together. It's also a meeting where we can share information about the Sanctuary's liturgies and distribute the various liturgical roles.

Bishops

Pilgrimage directors are requested to use the digital platform to register the bishops taking part in the various international liturgies.

Priests and deacons

Priests and deacons are requested please to bring their alb to take part in the celebrations at the Sanctuary. We will not be able to provide an alb for everyone. Thank you for your understanding.

Use of the organs

Isaia Ravelli is the new principal organist at the Sanctuary. If you would like to use the organs, please send your requests to the following two addresses:

- liturgie@lourdes-france.com
- isaia.ravelli@lourdes-france.com