



**Reliquary of St. Bernadette ~ U.S. Tour 2022**  
**Coming to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish**  
**Wednesday, June 22 ~ Friday, June 24, 2022**  
409 – 13<sup>th</sup> Street South, Great Falls, MT

**Wednesday, June 22**

**8:30am:** Mass of Reception of the Relics with Bishop Warfel  
(including Sprinkling of Lourdes Water & Anointing of the sick)

**10:00am-1:00pm:** Reconciliation, Visitation & Veneration of the Relics

**Thursday, June 23**

**8:00am:** Morning Mass + **9:00am - 4:00pm:** Visitation & Veneration of the Relics

**6:00pm:** Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience

**Friday, June 24**

**8:00am:** Morning Mass + **9:00am - 4:00pm:** Visitation & Veneration of the Relics

**4:00pm - 5:30pm:** Reconciliation + **6:00pm:** Sharing of Testimonies (from those who have visited Lourdes, France)

**6:45pm:** Candlelight Eucharistic Procession (12 city blocks)

**7:30pm:** Rosary in the church

**8:00pm:** Farewell Celebration Prayers

On April 18, 1925, 46 years after her death, the body of Bernadette Soubirous was exhumed so relics could be retrieved. This mission was entrusted to Drs Comte & Talon. Dr Comte took the first samples from the body which “was of a soft and almost normal consistency”, he wrote in 1928 in the Bulletin of the Medical Association at Our Lady of Lourdes. On June 14, 1925, Pius XI proclaimed Bernadette Soubirous “Blessed”. Her body was then transferred to its current shrine in Nevers on July 18, 1925. On December 8, 1933, Pope Pius XI canonized Saint Bernadette. Her feast day is April 16th in the U.S. The “Original Acts”, preserved in the Archives of Nevers and written in Latin, indicate that the relics taken are • *A fragment of the 5th rib* • *A fragment of the 6th rib* • *The kneecaps* • *A sample of muscle from the external part of the right femur* • *Hair* • *And various fragments which came from muscles and skin*. The conservation and attribution of these relics were entrusted to the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of Nevers under the vigilance of the Bishop of Nevers. These relics were given, in the form of ex-carne or ex-ossibus fragments, by the Sisters of Nevers to various houses of their Congregation. The relic in the reliquary travelling through the U.S. is an ex-carne relic given to the Congregation of the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception (Fathers of Garaison). Since 1866, this congregation managed the Sanctuary of Lourdes. In 2018, the relic was entrusted to the Sanctuary of Lourdes. The reliquary, made in Spain by the Maison Granda workshop, was solemnly unveiled in Lourdes on May 30, May 2019.

*Please pray one of the attached Novenas for the nine days prior to the visit of the relics to our parish ~ start Monday, June 13, 2022.*