

# NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES



The National Shrine Grotto follows the directives and guidelines set forth by the State of Maryland, Frederick County and the University. Visitors to the Grotto are welcome during operating hours.

## DETAILS

- The National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes is limiting visitors to 500 people to facilitate physical distancing.
- Following 6-foot physical distancing requirements, the Grotto Amphitheater can hold 350 people, and an additional 150 people are permitted on the Grotto grounds.
- St. Mary's Chapel is open for private prayer and Mass, and can hold 58 people individually seated following 6-foot physical distancing requirements.
- Visitors are required to wear face masks/coverings while on the property and to observe 6-foot physical distancing protocols (except within family units).
- There is one entrance to the National Shrine Grotto via Grotto Road. All other entrances are closed.
- Visitors to St. Bernadette's Shoppe are limited to 10 at a time, and face masks/coverings and physical distancing are required consistent with State mandates.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers have been installed in St. Bernadette's Shoppe.
- Restrooms are unavailable in the buildings. However, portable restrooms are located outside, down the lane to the left of St. Mary's Chapel.
- Plexiglass shields are in place (such as the Welcome Desk) where physical distancing is not possible.
- Signage is posted requesting visitors not to enter the grounds if they have COVID-19 symptoms or are COVID-19 positive and to observe physical distancing (except within families).

## HOURS OF OPERATION

Daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

St. Bernadette's Shoppe: Daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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*Please be considerate of your fellow Mounties by complying with these policies.*