

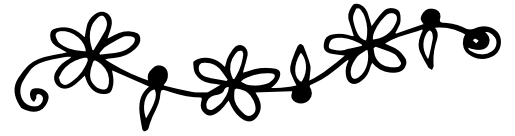


SAINT BERNADETTE

Soubirous

From this moment on, anything concerning me is no longer of any interest to me. I must belong entirely to God and God alone. Never to myself.

- Saint Bernadette



Feast: 16 April

Born: Born: January 7, 1844, Lourdes, France

Patronage: bodily illness, Lourdes, against poverty, shepherds and shepherdesses, and people ridiculed for their faith



Bernadette Soubirous was born in 1844, in a town called Lourdes in France. She was the oldest child in a family that didn't have much money. They lived in a basement of a very old building. When Bernadette was 14 years old, she saw the Blessed Virgin Mary in a cave near her town. Bernadette wasn't very good at school, but she was a very nice girl. She also had asthma, which made it hard for her to breathe sometimes.

