

## Marian Apparitions and Eucharistic Miracles of France, Spain and Portugal with

Father Michael Lampe October 11 - 24, 2026 The journey begins with a departure from St. Louis, boarding an overnight flight to Lisbon, Portugal. As pilgrims prepare for this sacred Pilgrimage **led by Father Michael Lampe**, the anticipation of walking in the footsteps of saints and visionaries fosters a spirit of prayer, recalling the Church's call to seek God's grace through pilgrimage.





#### October 12, 2026: Lisbon's Catholic Heritage and Fatima's Welcome

Arriving in Lisbon, Portugal, the group is greeted by a panoramic motorcoach tour, where the city's seven hills, crowned with churches, reflect its deep Catholic roots as a center of faith since the early Christian era. Prayer and devotions fill the morning at the Lisbon Cathedral (Sé de Lisboa), a 12th-century Romanesque monument dedicated to the Virgin Mary, where centuries of worship have sanctified its ancient stones. The group then visits the Church of St. Anthony, built on the birthplace of St. Anthony of Padua, the 13th-century Franciscan known for his preaching and miracles, whose intercession remains a beacon for the lost and despairing. The pilgrimage continues to Santarem, where Father Lampe celebrates Mass at Saint Stephen's Church, home to the 13th-century Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem. Here, a consecrated host bled after being stolen, a miracle venerated for centuries as a testament to Christ's Real Presence. The day concludes with a journey to Fatima, one of the most important Marian Shrines, where the group checks into accommodations for a restful night.

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#### October 13, 2026: Fatima's Marian Legacy

The sanctity of Fatima envelops the pilgrims as Father Lampe celebrates Mass at the Main Chapel or the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary, where the Virgin Mary appeared in 1917 to three shepherd children—Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta—calling for prayer, penance, and devotion to her Immaculate Heart. The basilica, with its golden spire and colonnades, enshrines their tombs, a place of pilgrimage for millions. A guided tour explores the Fatima Museum, housing relics like the bullet from the 1981 assassination attempt on St. John Paul II, linked to the Fatima prophecies, and visits Aljustrel, the children's humble village, where their simple faith blossomed. The group walks the Stations of the Cross along the Via Sacra, a serene path through olive groves, meditating on Christ's Passion as the children did. And today will be the 109th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun. The Miracle of the Sun at Fatima, witnessed by thousands on October 13, 1917, was a spectacular event where the sun appeared to dance, spin, and emit colorful lights, confirming the Virgin Mary's apparitions to three Portuguese children. The evening culminates in the candlelight procession, where thousands of pilgrims, holding glowing candles, recite the Rosary, honoring Our Lady of Fatima's call to conversion.

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#### October 14, 2026: Fatima's Enduring Grace to Santiago de Compostela



The day begins with a private Mass in a Small Chapel in Fatima, an intimate setting where pilgrims can contemplate the Eucharist in the presence of Our Lady's message of repentance and prayer. This moment recalls the Fatima apparitions' emphasis on the Eucharistic sacrifice as the heart of Christian life, uniting the faithful with Christ's redemptive love. The group then crosses into Spain, visiting Tui, where Sister Lucia, one of the Fatima visionaries, lived as a Carmelite nun and received further revelations about the Immaculate Heart. In Pontevedra, pilgrims explore the site of the 1925 apparition, where the Virgin Mary and the Child Jesus appeared to Lucia, instituting the First Saturday devotion to repair offenses against Mary's Immaculate Heart, a practice approved by the Church to foster reparation and grace. These sites, less traveled than Fatima, offer a deeper understanding of the ongoing mission of the Fatima message in Catholic spirituality. The day concludes in Santiago de Compostela, a city venerated since the 9th century as the resting place of St. James the Apostle, whose apostolic ministry and martyrdom strengthened the early Church. Settling into a hotel, the group prepares for a day steeped in the traditions of the Camino de Santiago, a pilgrimage route that has drawn the faithful for over a millennium. (B & D)

October 15, 2026: Santiago's Apostolic Roots and Covadonga's Marian Call Father Lampe concelebrates the Pilgrim Mass at the Catedral de Santiago, a Romanesque-Gothic masterpiece where the relics of St. James, one of Christ's first apostles, are enshrined beneath the high altar. The cathedral, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is the culmination of the Camino de Santiago, where the faithful have sought indulgence and spiritual renewal since the Middle Ages. During the Mass, the **Botafumeiro**, a massive silver thurible, **may** swing through the nave, its incense symbolizing prayers ascending to God, a tradition rooted in medieval liturgy. A tour of Santiago's ancient streets explores the city's role as a pillar of Western Christianity, with visits to the Monastery of San Martiño Pinario and the Plaza del Obradoiro, where pilgrims have wept with joy upon completing their journey. The group then travels to a guest house near Our Lady of Covadonga, a shrine revered as the spiritual cradle of Spain's Christian identity. Here, in the 8th century, the Virgin Mary appeared to Pelayo, inspiring his victory against Muslim forces, marking the start of the Reconquista. The evening's dinner and overnight stay offer a moment to reflect on Mary's role as a protector and guide in Catholic history. (B & D)





#### October 16, 2026: Covadonga's Marian Triumph and Garabandal's Mystical Echoes

The group visits the **Cave of Our Lady of Covadonga**, where Father Lampe celebrates Mass before the revered statue of the Virgin, set in a natural grotto with a cascading waterfall. This shrine, central to Spanish Catholicism, commemorates Mary's 718 apparition, which galvanized the Christian resistance and is celebrated annually on the feast of **Our Lady of Covadonga**. Pilgrims can venerate the small wooden statue, a focal point of devotion, and pray in the adjacent Basilica of Santa María la Real, built to honor this pivotal moment in the Church's history. The pilgrimage then journeys to **Garabandal**, a remote Cantabrian village where four young girls reported Marian apparitions from 1961 to 1965. Though not yet officially approved by the Church, the apparitions emphasized the importance of the Eucharist, penance, and the Rosary, resonating with Fatima's message. Pilgrims walk the rocky paths where the visionaries experienced ecstasies, offering a space for quiet contemplation of Mary's call to holiness. The night is spent in **Santander**, resting in a hotel as the group reflects on the day's profound encounters with Marian spirituality.

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#### October 17, 2026: Santander's Patroness to Bilbao's Basque Devotion

The day begins at the **Sanctuary of La Bien Aparecida**, where pilgrims venerate Cantabria's patroness, a 15th-century statue of the Virgin Mary discovered miraculously by shepherds. This shrine, a gem of regional Catholicism, reflects the Church's tradition of honoring Mary as a source of grace and protection, with its ornate altarpiece inspiring awe. The group then travels to Bilbao for **Mass at the Basilica of Begoña**, **dedicated to Our Lady of Begoña**, a 16th-century devotion central to Basque Catholic identity. The basilica's Gothic architecture and the revered statue of the Virgin, crowned as patroness of Biscay, draw pilgrims seeking her maternal intercession. A walk through **Bilbao's Old Quarter**, known as the Casco Viejo, includes a visit to **San Antonio Church**, a Franciscan foundation tied to the city's medieval Christian heritage. This church, dedicated to St. Anthony of Padua, offers a moment to reflect on his legacy of charity and preaching, which continues to inspire Franciscan spirituality. The group spends the night in a Bilbao hotel, immersed in the Basque region's vibrant Catholic culture. **(B & D)** 

#### October 18, 2026: Arantzazu's Marian Sanctuary to Lourdes' Healing Grace

Mass at the **Sanctuary of Our Lady of Arantzazu**, a 15th-century Marian shrine in a dramatic Basque valley, celebrates the Virgin's role as a protector of the faithful. The modern basilica, rebuilt in the 1950s with striking sculptures and frescoes, reflects the Church's integration of art and faith, with the statue of **Our Lady of Arantzazu**, discovered by a shepherd, remaining a focal point of Basque devotion. The group then journeys to Lourdes, France, where **St. Bernadette Soubirous**, a humble 14-year-old, witnessed 18 apparitions of the Virgin Mary in 1858, identifying herself as the Immaculate Conception—a title affirmed by the Church four years earlier in Pius IX's dogmatic declaration. After checking into a hotel for dinner, the evening concludes with the **Lourdes candlelight procession**, a nightly tradition since the apparitions, where **pilgrims recite the Rosary and carry candles**, creating a river of light that symbolizes Mary's call to prayer and trust in her Son. This procession, rooted in Lourdes' history as a global pilgrimage site, draws millions annually to seek spiritual and physical healing. **(B, D)** 



#### October 19, 2026: Lourdes' Spiritual Heart

The day begins with Mass at the Grotto of Massabielle, the very site where the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette, instructing her to dig a spring whose miraculous waters have been associated with countless healings, documented by the Church's rigorous medical bureau. The grotto, adorned with roses and candles, is a living testament to Mary's role as Mediatrix of Grace. A walking tour of Lourdes visits key sites, including the Cachot, the cramped cell where Bernadette's impoverished family lived during the apparitions, and the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, built above the grotto to honor Mary's apparitions. The group prays the Stations of the Cross on the hillside, a life-sized depiction of Christ's Passion that invites meditation on His sacrifice, a cornerstone of Catholic spirituality. Time for personal prayer and reflection follows, perhaps at the baths where pilgrims immerse themselves in the healing waters, a practice rooted in obedience to Mary's instructions to Bernadette. After dinner, another candlelight procession (optional) deepens the group's devotion, uniting them with pilgrims worldwide in this powerful expression of faith.

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#### October 20, 2026: Lourdes to Zaragoza's Marian Pillar

A final **Mass at Lourdes** anchors the morning, offering a last opportunity to pray at the Grotto and seek Mary's intercession, a practice that has sustained Catholics since the 19th century when Lourdes became a global pilgrimage destination. The group then travels to **Zaragoza**, **Spain**, settling into a guest house for the night. The journey to Zaragoza connects pilgrims to one of the oldest Marian devotions in the Church, preparing them for the next day's encounter with Spain's spiritual heart. **(B & D)** 

#### October 21, 2026: Zaragoza's Ancient Devotion to Avila's Mystical Heritage

The day begins with a tour of **Zaragoza's Old Quarter**, where Roman and medieval history intertwine with Catholic tradition, evident in the city's churches and plazas. **Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of El Pilar honors the Virgin Mary's apparition to St. James the Apostle in 40 AD**, the first recorded Marian apparition in Church history. According to tradition, Mary, still living in Jerusalem, bilocated to Zaragoza, leaving a jasper pillar as a sign of her presence, which is venerated today in the basilica's Holy Chapel. This shrine, a spiritual cornerstone of Spain, has drawn popes and pilgrims, including St. John Paul II, who called it a "pillar of faith." The basilica's ornate altarpieces and frescoes by **Goya** reflect the Church's rich artistic tradition in service of devotion. **The group then travels to Avila, the walled city of St. Teresa of Avila, a 16th-century Carmelite reformer and Doctor of the Church,** whose writings continue to guide Catholics in contemplative prayer. An overnight stay in Avila sets the stage for a day immersed in her legacy.

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#### October 22, 2026: Avila's Teresian Spirituality

Avila's medieval walls, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, encircle a city steeped in the **legacy** of St. Teresa of Avila, whose reforms revitalized the Carmelite Order and whose mystical theology earned her the title of Doctor of the Church in 1970, the first woman so honored. A visit to the Old Quarter explores churches and convents tied to her life, including the Cathedral of Avila, with its Gothic architecture and relics of St. Teresa's contemporaries. Mass at the Incarnation Monastery, where Teresa lived for over 30 years, offers a profound connection to her spiritual journey, where she experienced visions of Christ and penned works like The Way of Perfection. The monastery's museum displays relics, including her writings and personal effects, illustrating her call to interior prayer and union with God. A tour of the Convent of St. Teresa, built over her birthplace, deepens the experience, with its chapel housing relics like her finger and a cord she wore as a sign of penance. This day invites pilgrims to embrace Teresa's teaching that "prayer is the door to great graces," strengthening their own spiritual lives.

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#### October 23, 2026: Madrid's Catholic Splendor

The pilgrimage culminates in Madrid, where Father Lampe celebrates Mass at the Almudena Cathedral, a neo-Gothic masterpiece consecrated in 1993 by St. John Paul II and dedicated to Our Lady of Almudena, a 9th-century Marian statue discovered miraculously during the Christian reconquest of Madrid. The cathedral's crypt, with its 400 columns and Romanesque style, reflects the city's ancient Catholic roots. A guided tour of Madrid's historic and cultural landmarks includes the Royal Palace, where chapels and religious art highlight the monarchy's ties to the Church, and the Plaza Mayor, a historic center of Catholic festivals like Corpus Christi processions. Nearby we visit The Pontifical Basilica of St. Michael in Madrid, a stunning Baroque church built in the 18th century, serves as a significant religious and cultural landmark, known for its ornate architecture and historical ties to the Order of St. Michael. The afternoon is free for personal exploration, perhaps visiting the Prado Museum to view masterpieces like Velázquez's Crucifixion or praying at the Church of San Jerónimo el Real, a historic site of royal and ecclesiastical significance. After returning to Avila, the group gathers for a heartfelt farewell dinner, sharing reflections on the graces received from Marian apparitions, Eucharistic miracles, and the witness of saints. (B & D)

#### October 24, 2026: Return to St. Louis

The pilgrimage concludes with a return flight to St. Louis, where pilgrims carry the spiritual treasures of these holy sites—Marian apparitions, Eucharistic miracles, and the legacy of saints—forever etched in their hearts.





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