



My House is a House of Prayer

425 Years Devoted to the Basilica
of Santa Maria de Montserrat

Pastoral proposals



Montserrat

My House is a House of Prayer

This year, Montserrat celebrates 425 years since the new church was consecrated on 2 February 1592). This anniversary invites us to place the pastoral accent in the central place in religious life as experienced by both the monastic community and the pilgrims and faithful who visit Montserrat every day.

We know that God does not live in churches or houses, and that we can praise Him and pray to Him anywhere, any time. However, due to our human condition, we need events, specific moments in life, physical places, rites and bodily postures to help us and enable us to make a conscious expression of our faith.

The church, the material building, is the house of God and is, therefore, the house of prayer. It is the house of God but, above all, it is the house of the faithful, the house of the Christian community. For, wherever two or three gather together in His name, there is Christ. In fact, however, the house of God is the house of the Christian community, who come together there in prayer and in communion of faith and charity.

The church, the temple, is the usual meeting place of the community, and various elements make this a house of prayer: it is the place where the sacraments are celebrated; the place to hear the Word of God and the

exhortations of His holy ministers; the place where hymns and psalms are sung; the place that reminds us of the communion of the saints through the altars and images often found in it; and the place for meditation and personal prayer. This last quality is not exclusive to the church, however. In the Gospel, to avoid the hypocrisy and vainglory of men, Jesus tells us to go to our room, the most hidden place, so that only God may see us (Mt 6, 6). That is why it is essential to create a space of peace and silence in the church and, also, not to be afraid of adopting the appropriate attitude and posture that can help us to bring prayer to life and take part in the liturgy.

We take as our own the words of Psalm 140: *“Let my prayer come like incense before you; the lifting up of my hands, like the evening sacrifice”*. Prayer, devotion, supplication, contemplation of God’s mystery, praise; these words and ideas express the different forms that the act of prayer may take, always deeply imbued in faith and gratefulness and communion with our brethren.

Pastoral Coordination Centre, 2017

425 Years Devoted to the Basilica
of Santa Maria de Montserrat

Service Schedule

FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY

7:30 am	Lauds
11:00 am	Conventual Mass
12:00 pm	Mass (Holy Sacrament Chapel)
1:00 pm	Salve and Virolai
6:15 pm	Rosary
6:45 pm	Vespers

Confessions

10:40 - 11:40 am / 12:00 - 1:00 pm

SATURDAYS

7:30 am	Lauds
11:00 am	Conventual Mass
12:00 pm	Mass (Holy Sacrament chapel)
1:00 pm	Salve and Virolai (No choir)
6:15 pm	Rosary
6:45 pm	Vespers
7:30 pm	Anticipated Mass

Confessions

10:00 - 11:40 am - 12:00 - 1:00 pm

7:30 - 8:00 pm

SUNDAYS AND RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

7:30 am	Lauds
9:30 am	Mass
11:00 am	Conventual Mass
12:00 pm	Salve and Virolai
1:00 pm	Mass
6:15 pm	Rosary
6:45 pm	Vespers
7:30 pm	Mass

Confessions

9:15 - 11:40 am / 12:00 - 1:00 pm

5:00 - 6:00 pm / 7:30 - 8:00 pm

VIGILS

15th April	10:00 pm	- Easter
26th April	9:00 pm	- Saint Mary
3rd June	10:00 pm	- Pentecost (<i>no mass</i>)
14th August	10:00 pm	- Assumption (<i>no mass</i>)
7th September	10:00 pm	- Nativity (<i>no mass</i>)
24th December	10:30 pm	- Christmas
31st December	10:30 pm	- for Peace

SANCTUARY OF MONTSERRAT

Pastoral Coordination Centre

08199 Montserrat (Barcelona)

Tel. 93 877 77 66

ccpastoral@santuari-montserrat.com

www.abadiamontserrat.net