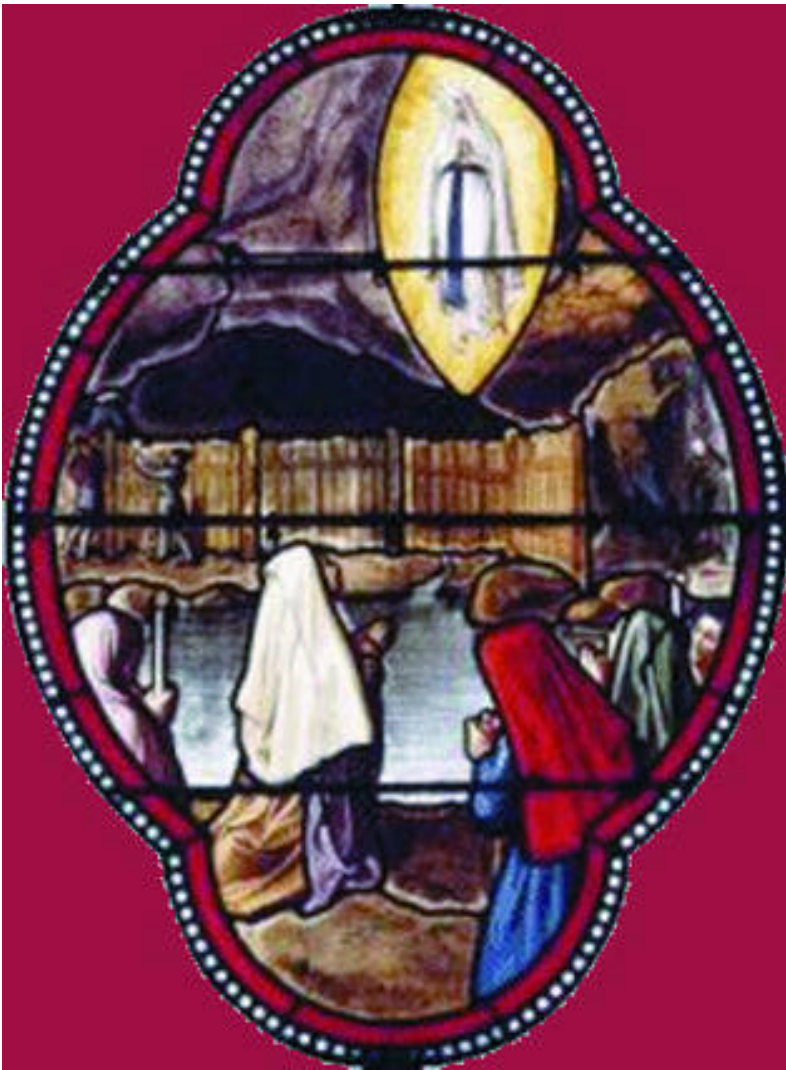


Eucharistic Miracles of Lourdes
FRANCE, 1888



On August 22, 1888, at 4:00 in the afternoon, for the first time, a procession with a final benediction for the sick with the Blessed Sacrament took place. It was a priest who proposed this devotional practice, and from that time, it has never been abandoned. When on that August 22 of 1888, the sick were blessed in front of the grotto of the Apparitions with the Blessed Sacrament, Pierre Delanoy, who had been suffering for many years from ataxia (an illness which impedes the coordination of voluntary motion, and leads to certain death), was instantly cured just as the Monstrance passed him. It was the first miracle ever to take place at Lourdes. From that date onward, the Eucharistic procession for the sick has never been interrupted. Ever since that time, the sick who make their way to Lourdes on pilgrimage are blessed with the Blessed Sacrament, and the miraculous healings which have been confirmed as the Blessed Sacrament passed by have been countless. The Shrine of Lourdes is a shining example of faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.