

Bethlehem

Carmelite Monastery



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Note :

- For more information see <http://www.thelittlearab.org/home/>
- All Biblical quotes are based on the New Revised Standard Version
- The following abbreviations are used :
 - B. – Blessed
 - Fr. - Friar
 - St. – Saint
 - V. - Venerable

Entrance Plaza

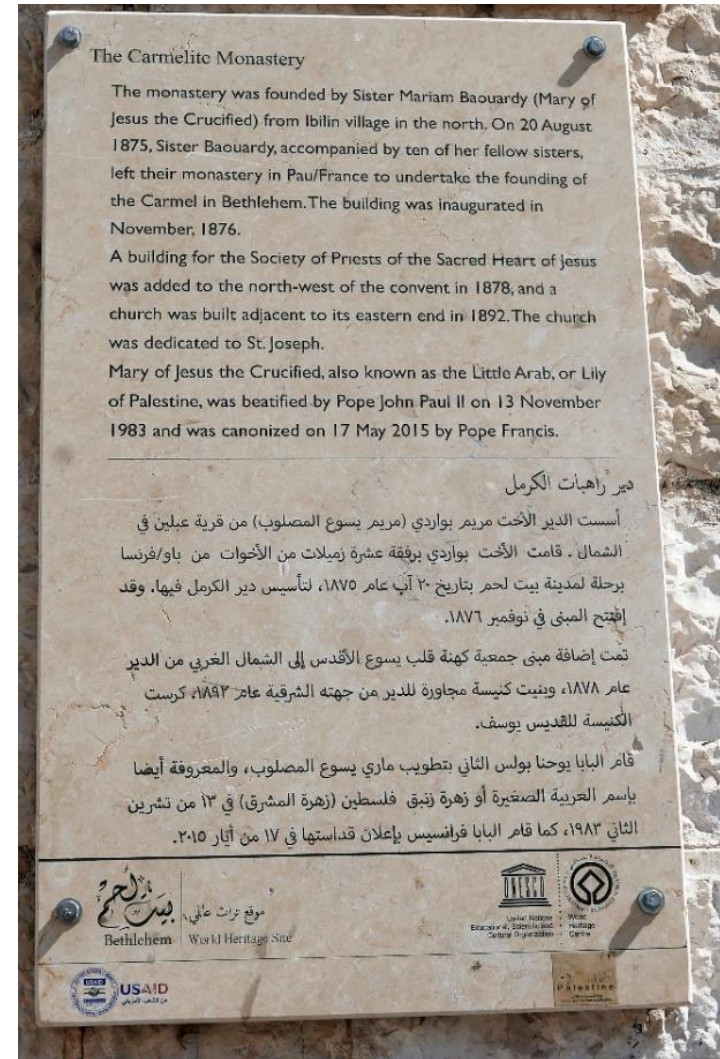
Main Entrance to the Compound*

* The main entrance is from Jamal Abdul Nasser Street



Jamal Abdul Nasser Street**

- ** Jamal Abdul Nasser was one of the most influential leaders of the Arab world in the 20th century. Nasser led the 1952 overthrow of the Egyptian monarchy and served as the President of Egypt between 1954 and 1970
- *** Following the 2012 announcement of the Church of Nativity and the Pilgrimage Route as an UNESCO World Heritage site, the Palestinian Authority installed many information plaques around the Old City and the Pilgrimage Route



Historical summary***

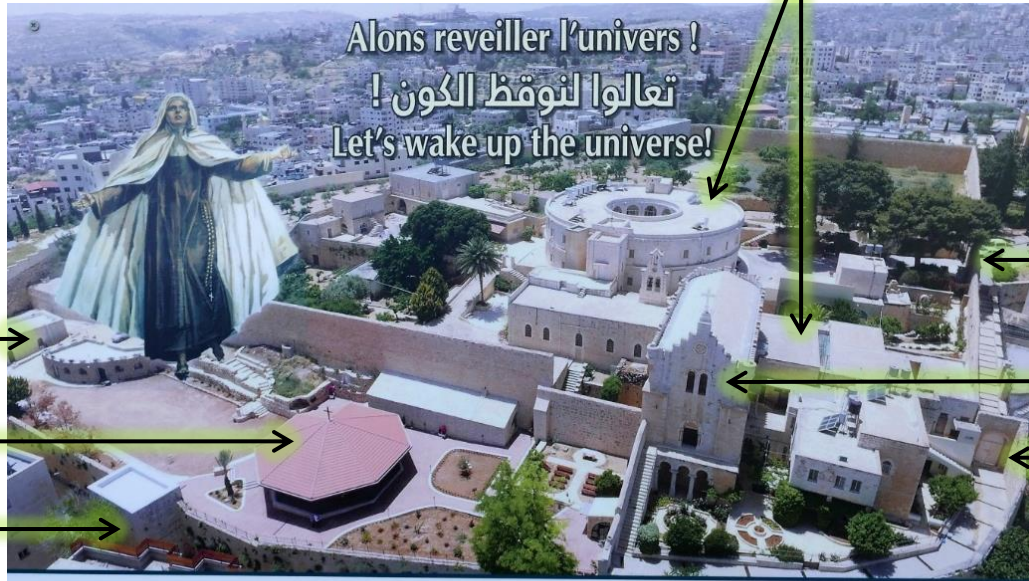
Main Entrance to the Compound



To the venerated memory of
Sister Mary of Jesus Crucified
Mariam Baouardy*
(1846 – 1878)
Foundress of this Carmel
On the occasion of her beatification
13 November 1983
Bethlehem Municipality

* Mariam Baouardy was born in 1846 to a Greek-Catholic family in the Galilean village of I'billin. She joined the Carmelite order in France in 1865 and was later involved in establishing Carmelite presence in India (1870) and Bethlehem (1876). Mariam Baouardy was canonized in 2015 by Pope Francis as one of the first two Palestine-born saints (the other is Marie-Alphonsine Danil Ghattas, foundress of the Rosary Sisters). St. Mariam Baouardy is AKA Mary of Jesus Crucified, The Little Arab, Lily of Palestine and Flower of the Orient (her biography)

The Compound – Aerial view



Alons reveiller l'univers !
 تعالوا لنوقظ الكون !
 Let's wake up the universe!

Carmelite convent

Betharram Monastery

Entrance to convent

Church


Entrance for visitors

Museum

Spiritual center

Contemplation chapel



 Church
 Mariam Center
 Bathrooms

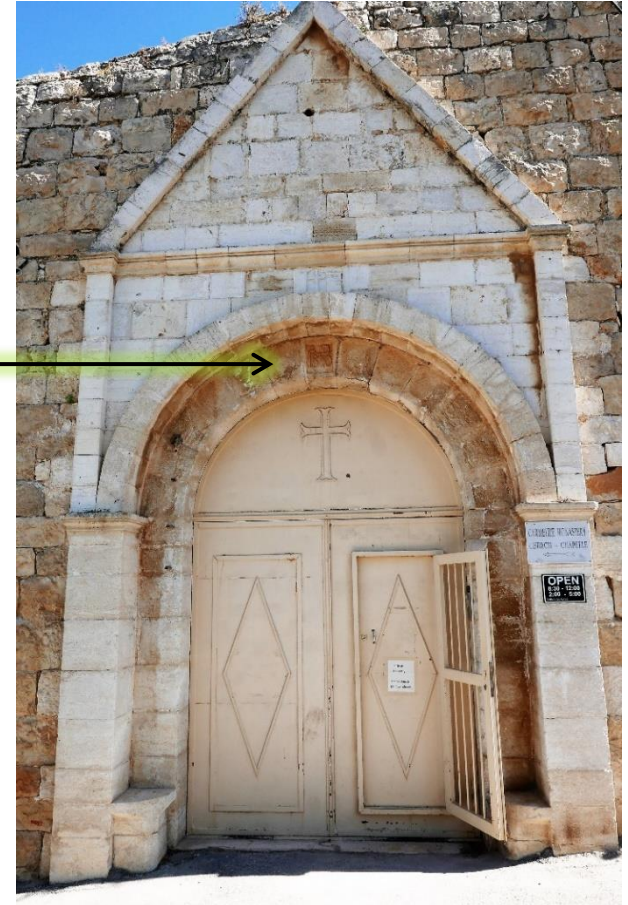
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 Sunday: **CLOSED**

Center of St. Mary of Jesus Crucified
f The Little Arab
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Entrance to the Convent



The convent was inaugurated in 1876



Cornerstone*

* Cornerstone for what ??



**If you are thirsty and you are given water
give this glass to your thirsty brother**

Blessed Mary of Jesus Crucified*

Intercontinental University Project
Francis and Claire of Assisi

Artisans of all peace
27 October 1986 27 October 1996

Cornerstone

Eastward view – The Lutheran Christmas Church*

* The church is located inside the Old City



Northern Entrance to the Compound*

* Not in use



Fiat Voluntas Dei**
May God's will be done

Behold the handmaid (Luke 1, 38)

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Behold I come (Psalm 36, 9)

Sacred Heart of Jesus
Coat of Arms of the Society of the
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Betharram

Entrance for Visitors



Opening hours

Church*

* The church is dedicated to St. Joseph and was inaugurated in 1892. The church was designed by the French architect **Gustav Boutaud**, who also designed the St. Etienne monastery and the Ecole Biblique in Jerusalem

Church – Eastern Façade



Bell tower
Located on the convent's roof

Church – Westward View*

* The apse is in the western wall



Altar

Altar



The altar was designed by Gustav Boutau, the architect of the church

Altar



The Holy Family in the carpentry



St. Joseph

Tabernacle

Apse*

* The gravestone and plaque are located behind the altar



Gravestone of Fr. Pierre Estrate

Superior General

Founder of the Betharram monasteries in Bethlehem and Nazareth
Spiritual father of St. Mariam Baouardy



Recognition to St. Joseph

J.K. Nasser**

May 21 1947 June 1

Northern Wall – Reliquary of St. Mariam Baouardy*

* There are several reliquaries in the monastery



Born in 1846
in Abellin



Blessed**
Sister Mary of Jesus Crucified
Baouardy



Died in 1878
in Bethlehem



Carmelite Coat of Arms

** The reliquary was built in 1983, while she was canonized as Saint in 2015

Reliquary of St. Mariam Baouardy*



Floral-decorated stained-glass window



Relics of St. Mariam Baouardy
can be seen through the crystal window

* The reliquary was designed by friar-artist **Francesco Radaelli** (a Betharramite religious) and installed in 1985. More information on his work in the Holy Land can be found in : *Carlo Maria Martini, Francesco Radaelli : The Holy Land - colors and symbols of reconciliation. Ancora, Milan 2004.*

Northern Wall

Christogram (Chi + Rho)
Symbol of Christ



Alpha & Omega
Symbol of Divinity
*I am the Alpha
and the Omega*
(Revelation 1, 8)

Lectern



St. Mariam Baouardy

Southern Wall – Private Chapel



Door for the Sacramental Bread



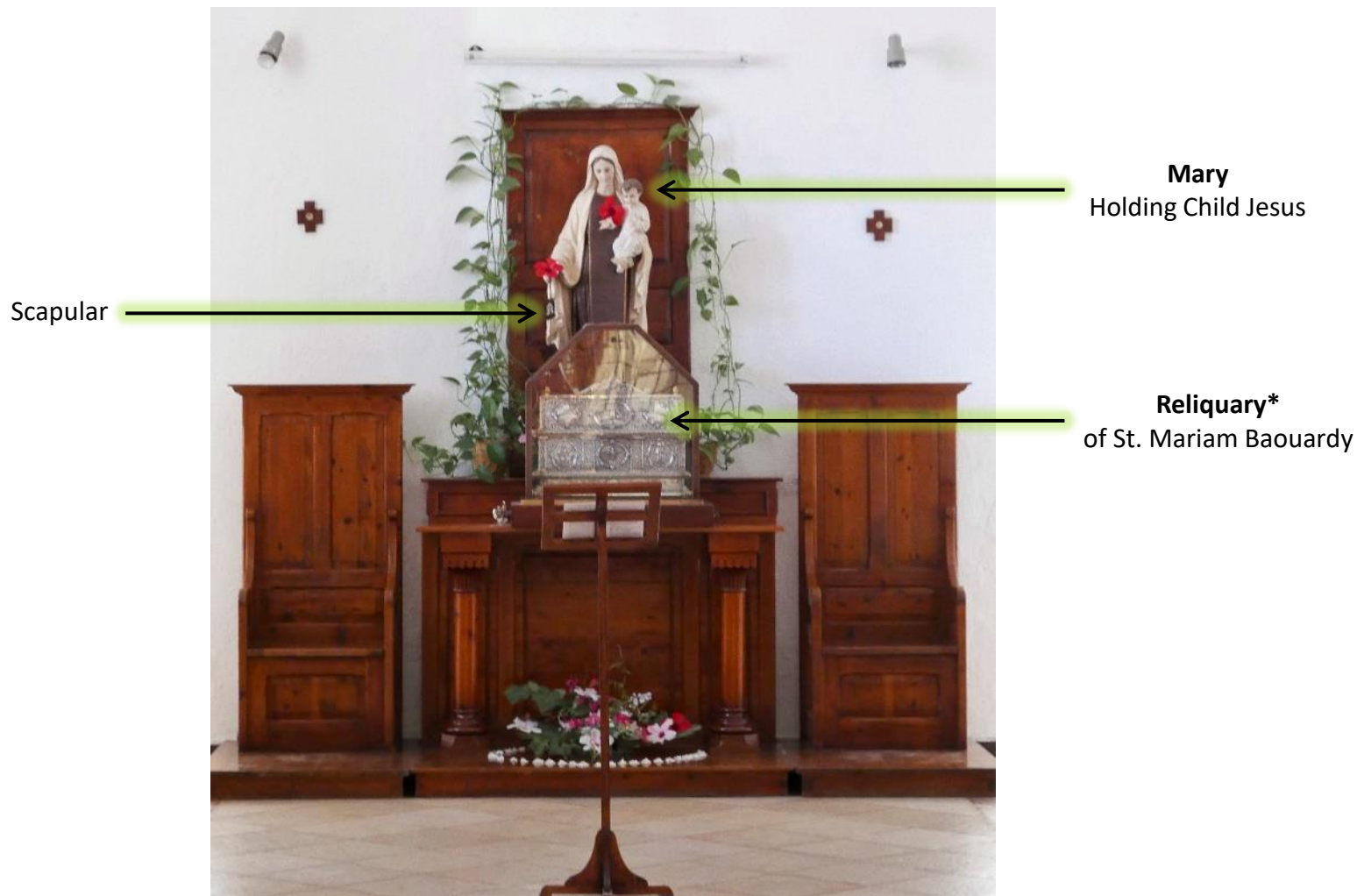
Barred window*

* The barred window separates between the church and the private chapel. That allows the nuns, sitting in the private chapel, to participate in a service conducted in the church and receive the Sacramental Bread through the nearby door

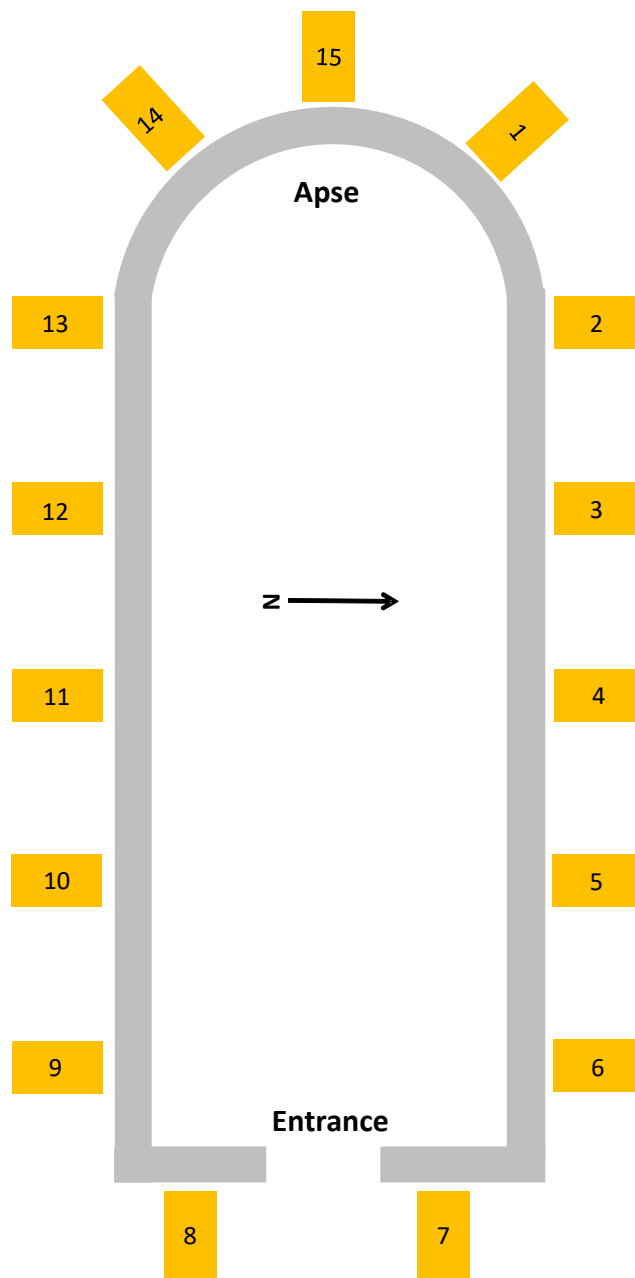
Southern Wall – Private Chapel



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Stained-Glass Windows – General Layout*



- 1 - Joseph is chosen to keep Mary
- 2 – Mary gets engaged to Joseph
- 3 - Annunciation to Joseph
- 4 - Visitation
- 5 - Joseph and Mary register in Bethlehem
- 6 – Nativity of Jesus
- 7 – The Wise Men
- 8 – The Angel tells Joseph to flee to Egypt
- 9 - The Flight to Egypt
- 10 - The Holy Family in Egypt
- 11 - The Holy Family in Nazareth
- 12 - Jesus the Adolescent in the Temple
- 13 - Joseph on his Deathbed
- 14 - Assumption of Joseph
- 15 – Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church

* The stained-glass windows were made in 1890 by G.P Dagrant from Bordeaux. In 1909, Dagrant also made the stained-glass windows for the Carmelite Monastery in Nazareth

Stained-Glass Windows #1

The High Priest



- * According to the Biblical text a dove came out of Joseph's rod. However, the common art depiction shows Joseph's rod blossoming (maybe referring to Aaron's rod)
- ** *The Gospel of James* is an apocryphal gospel not included in the canonized Bible



A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse and a branch shall grow... (Isaiah 11, 1)



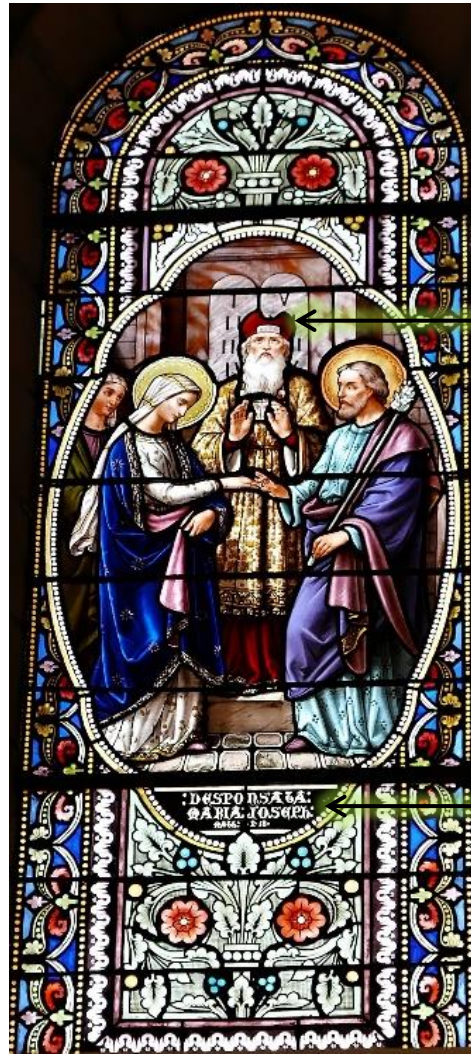
Coat of Arms of Pope Leo XIII

The church was built during his Pontificate

Stained-Glass Window #2



Mary gets engaged to Joseph



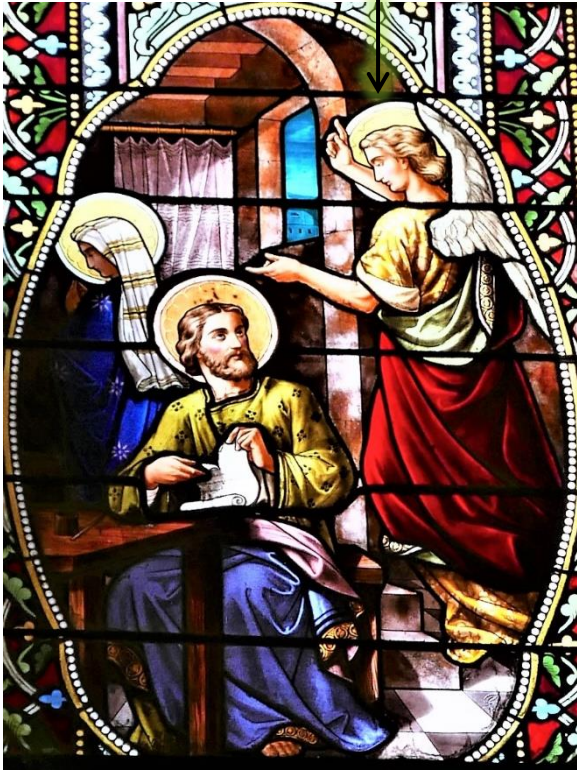
Tablets of the Law



...Mary had been engaged to Joseph
(Matthew 1, 18)

Stained-Glass Window #3

Angel



Annunciation to Joseph



Floral decoration



...do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife
(Matthew 1, 20)

Stained-Glass Window #4

Zachariah Elizabeth



Visitation



G.P.D 1890

Artist's initials and year of manufacture



...she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth (Luke 1, 40)

Stained-Glass Window #5



Joseph and Mary register in Bethlehem



*Joseph also went...to...Bethlehem...
to be registered with Mary (Luke 2, 4-5)*

Stained-Glass Window #6

Ox and Ass



Nativity of Jesus



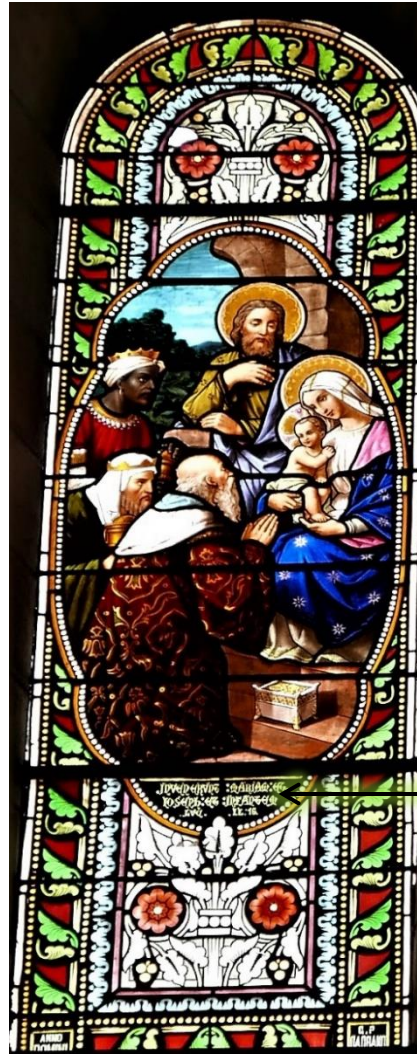
*...born...a Savior, who is the Messiah
(Luke 2, 11)*

Stained-Glass Window #7



The Wise Men

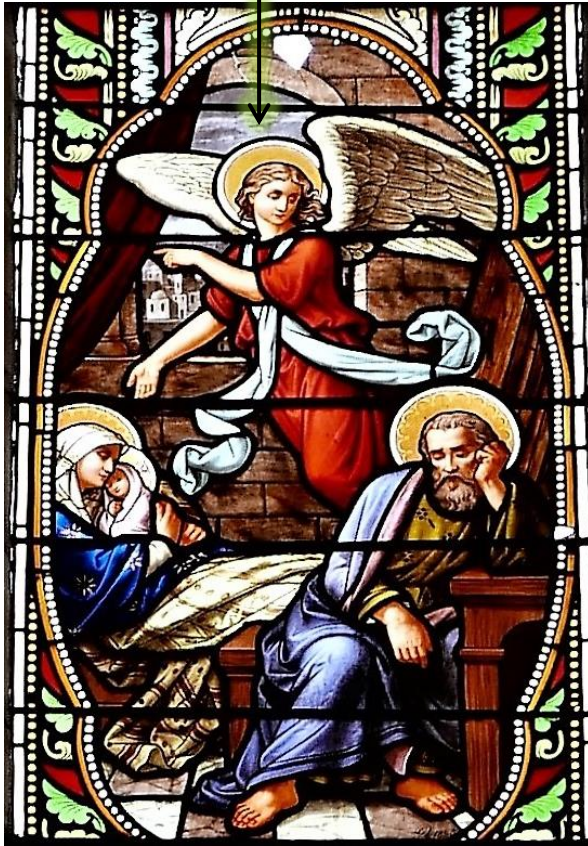
*...wise men from the East came to Jerusalem
...On entering the house, they saw the child
with Mary his mother; and they knelt down
and paid him homage (Matthew 2, 1-11)*



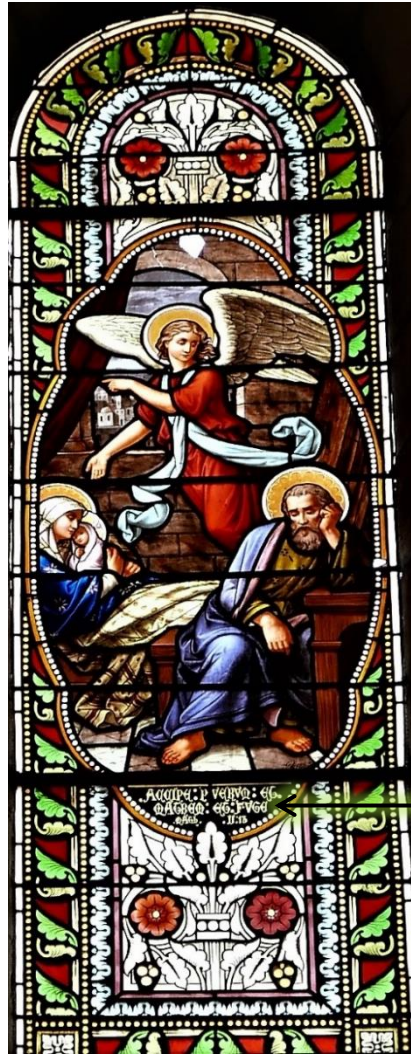
*...and they found Mary and Joseph and
the child (Luke 2, 16)**

Stained-Glass Window #8

Angel



The Angel tells Joseph to flee to Egypt



*...take the child and his mother and flee
(Matthew 2, 13)*

Stained-Glass Window #9



The Flight to Egypt



Joseph...took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt (Matthew 2, 14)

Stained-Glass Window #10



The Holy Family in Egypt



*...foreigners...on the earth
(Hebrews 11, 13)*

Stained-Glass Window #11



The Holy Family in Nazareth



...was obedient to them (Luke 2, 51)

Stained-Glass Window #12



Jesus the Adolescent in the Temple



...in great anxiety (Luke 2, 48)

Stained-Glass Window #13



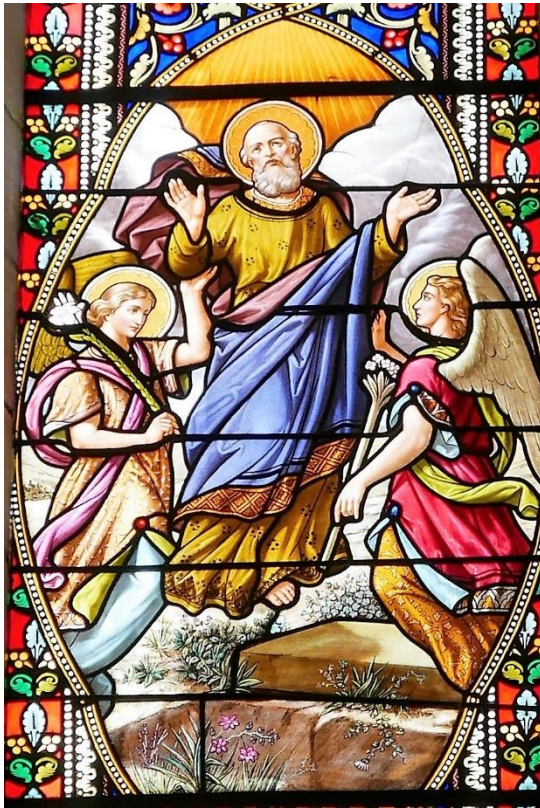
Joseph on his Deathbed

*And I saw that death now had dominion
over him. And my mother, virgin undefiled,
rose and came to me
(The History of Joseph the Carpenter 18)**



*Let me die the death of the upright
(Numbers 23, 10)*

Stained-Glass Window #14



Assumption of Joseph

...Michael and Gabriel came to the soul of my father Joseph, and took it, and wrapped it in a shining wrapper (The History of Joseph the Carpenter 23)*

* The History of Joseph the Carpenter is an apocryphal gospel not included in the canonized Bible



Dove
Holy Spirit



Joseph is a fruitful bough
(Genesis 49, 22)



I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts (I Kings 19, 10)

Carmelite Coat of Arms

G.P
Dagrant
Bordeaux



Artist's signature



1890
Year of manufacture

Stained-Glass Windows # 15

Joseph
Holding Child Jesus



Joseph
Patron of the Universal Church



G.P Dagrant, Bordeaux
Artist's signature



Pope Leo XIII
The church was built during his Pontificate

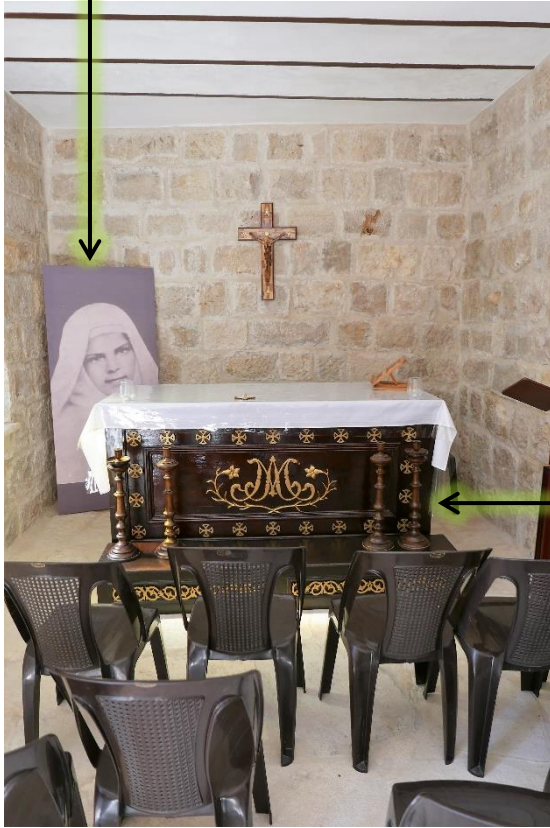


FECIT PROPOSITO UNIVERSE TERRE
(He) did it for the whole earth

Garden

Contemplation Chapel

St. Mariam Baouardy



Ave Maria



Decorated altar

Contemplation Chapel



Relic of St. Mariam Baouardy



Dove
Holy Spirit

Immaculata Heart
of Mary

Vine
I am the true vine
(John 15, 1)

Wheat
I am the bread of life
(John 6, 48)

Stained-glass window

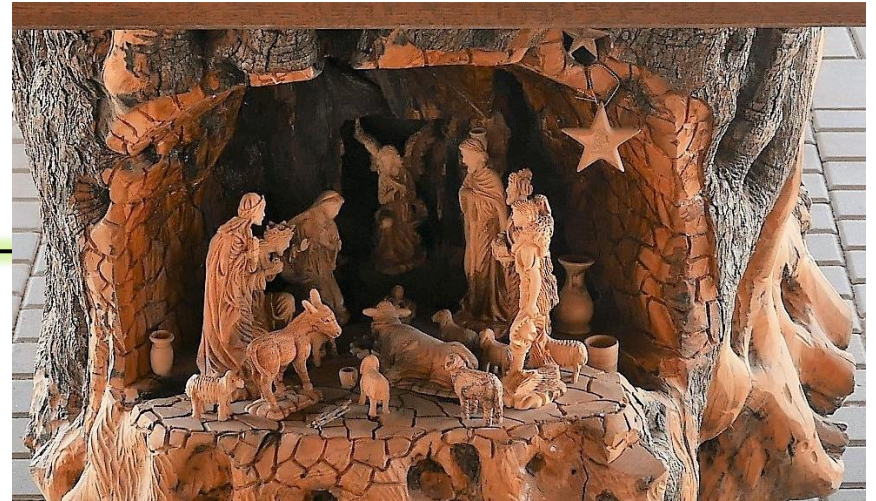
Spiritual Center – Altar



Olive wood altar



Olive wood cross



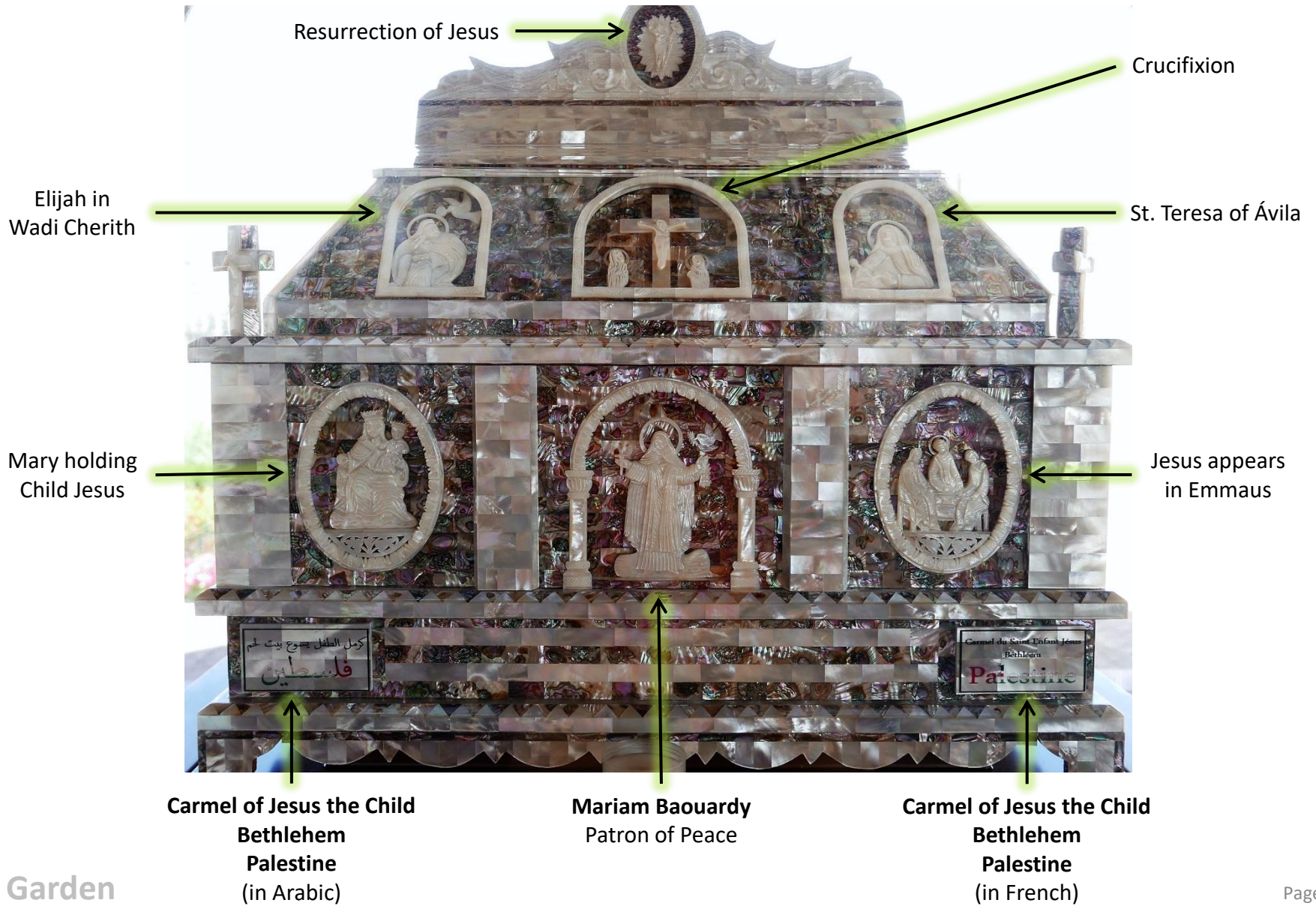
Nativity of Jesus

Spiritual Center – Reliquary Case*

* The reliquary case was made in 2016 and travelled to various Christian communities around the world



Reliquary Case – Side A



Reliquary Case – Side B



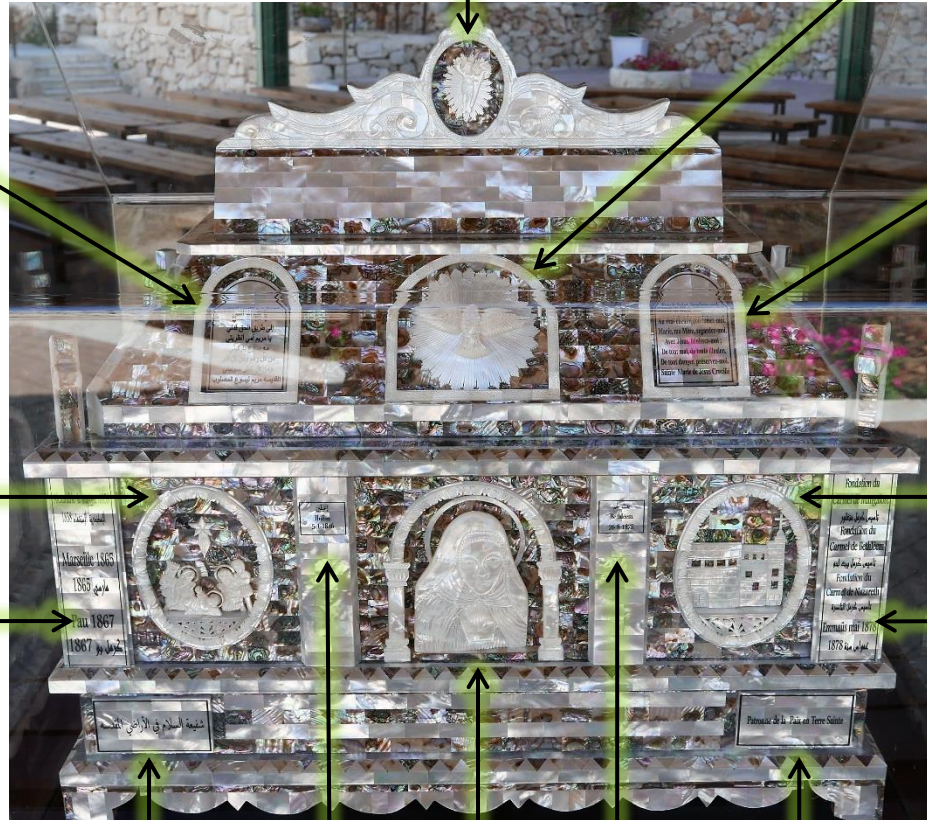
Beatified in 1983

Mariam Baouardy

Reliquary Case – Side C

Holy Spirit, Inspire me.
 Love of God, Consume me.
 On the real path lead me.
 Mary my Mother, look at me.
 With Jesus, bless me;
 Of all evil, from any illusion,
 From all danger, preserve me.
 (Prayer by Mariam Baouardy,
 in Arabic)

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Resurrection of Jesus

Dove
 Holy Spirit

Nativity of Jesus

Milestones in her life :
 Alexandria 1858
 Marseille 1865
 Pau 1867

Carmelite Monastery
 In Mangalore

Foundress of :
 Carmel in Mangalore
 Carmel in Bethlehem
 Carmel in Nazareth
 Emmaus May 1878

Patron of Peace
 in the Holy Land
 (In Arabic)

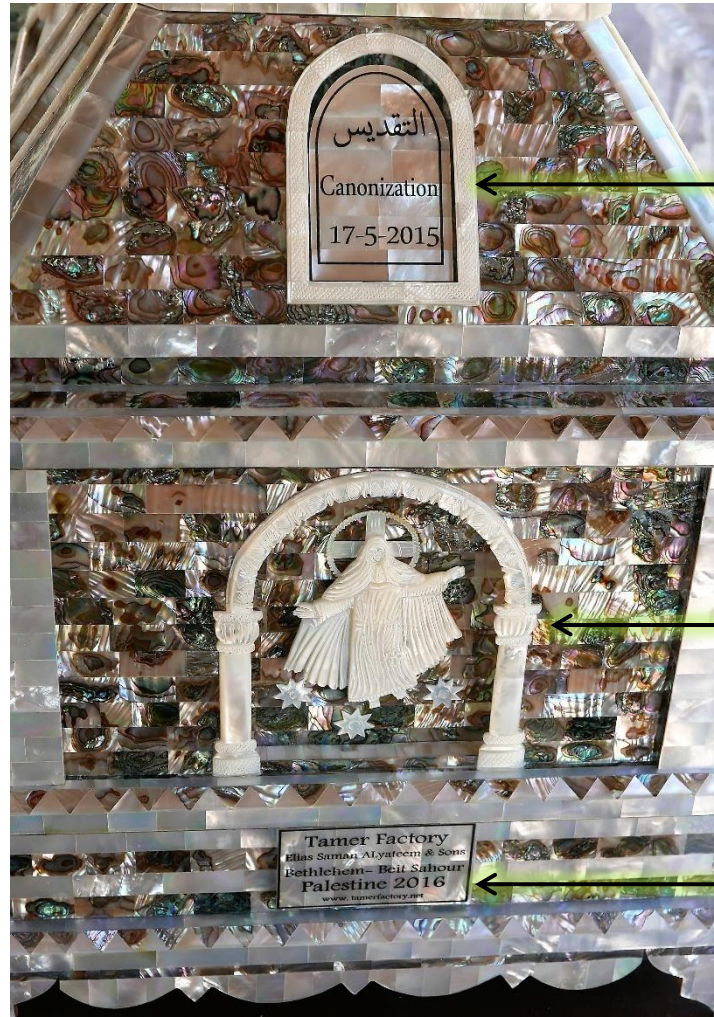
5-1-1846
 Abellin
 (Birth)

Mariam Baouardy

26-8-1878
 Bethlehem
 (Death)

Patron of Peace
 in the Holy Land
 (in French)

Reliquary Case – Side D



Canonized in 2015

Mariam Baouardy

Artist's details*
Made in 2016

Garden corner – Abraham



A Son Promised to Abraham and Sarah

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him.....“Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.” (Genesis 18, 1-15)

Garden corner – Moses



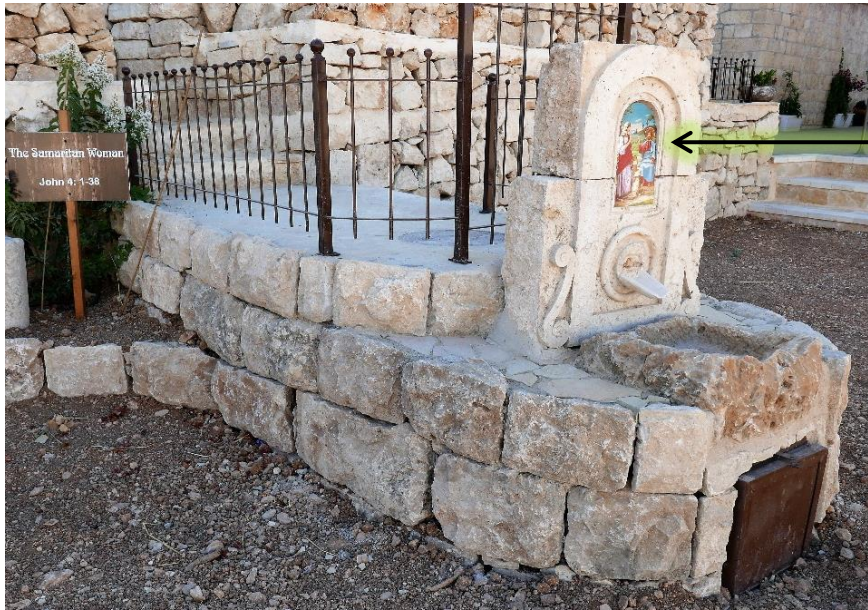
Water from the Rock

....They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink."But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?".... The LORD said to Moses, "... I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.".... (Exodus 17, 1-7)

Garden corner – Nativity of Jesus



Garden corner – The Water Well



Jesus and the Samaritan woman

.... So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)...Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?".... I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." (John 4, 1-38)



Garden corner – Jesus the King



The Judgment of the Nations

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats...Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world....but the righteous into eternal life.'" (Matthew 25, 31-46)

Garden corner – Mariam Baouardy



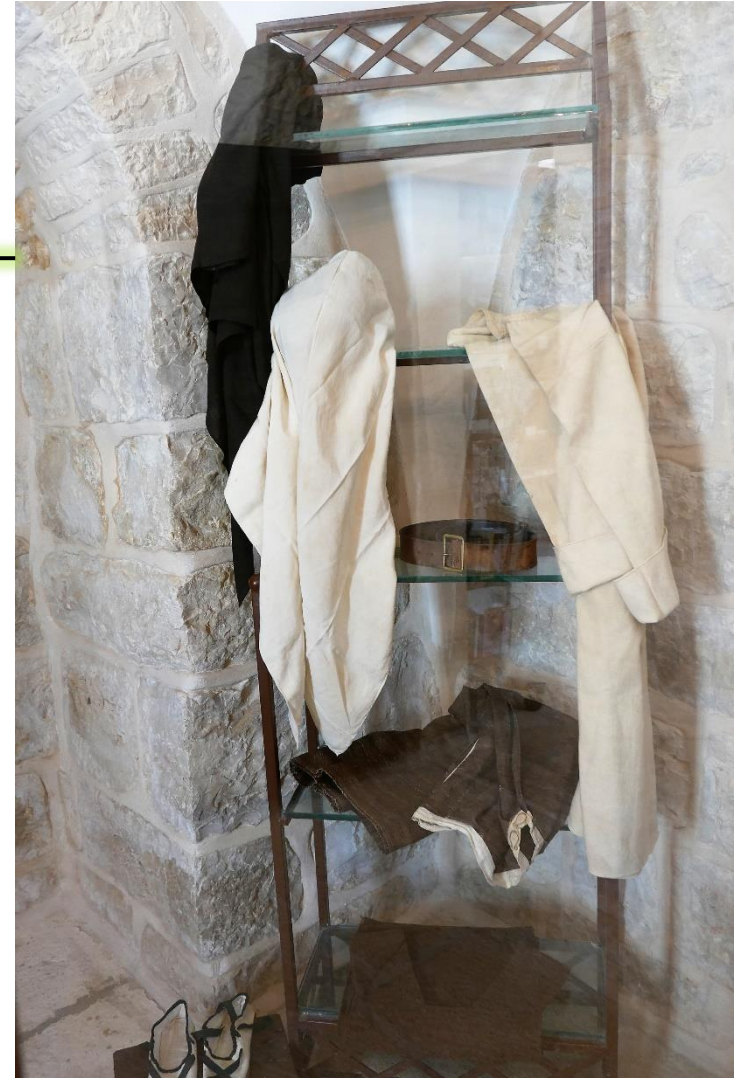
Museum

Dedicated to the life of St. Mariam Baouardy*

St. Mariam Baouardy's Cell



Bed



Habit and clothes

St. Mariam Baouardy – Various Belongings



St. Mariam Baouardy – Important Characters and Events

**Important Characters and Events in
St. Mary's of Jesus Crucified Life**

St. Mary's of Jesus Crucified Bed

Mother Elie – St. Mary's of Jesus Crucified spiritual mother

Mathilde De Nedonchelle

Father Pierre Estrate – St. Mary's of Jesus Crucified spiritual father.

Father Lazare – St. Mary's of Jesus Crucified confessor

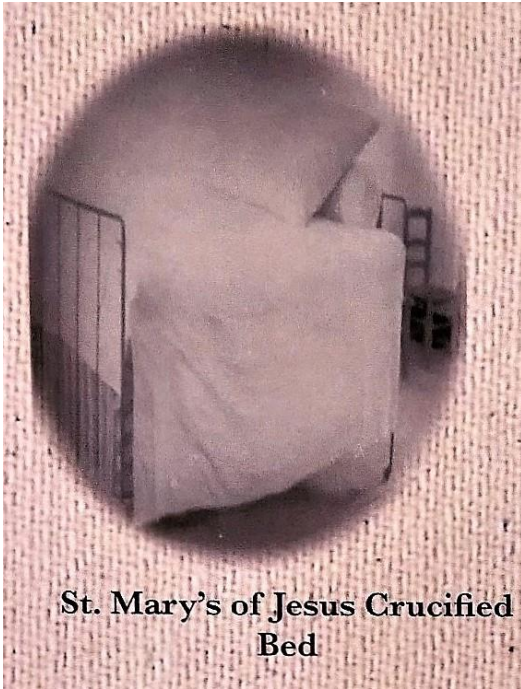
Transverberation of Heart – 24 May, 1868

St. Mary's of Jesus Crucified tomb

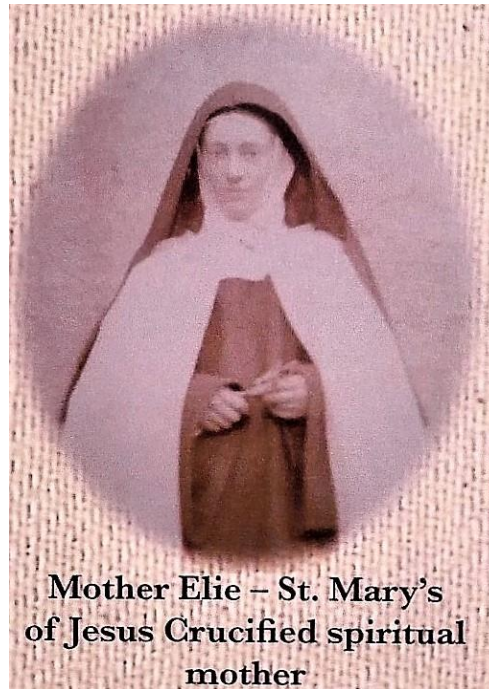
Miss Berthe Dartigeaux – the founder of Carmel Monastery in Bethlehem.

The stairs on which St. Mary of Jesus Crucified has fallen off

St. Mariam Baouardy – Important Characters and Events



**St. Mary's of Jesus Crucified
Bed**

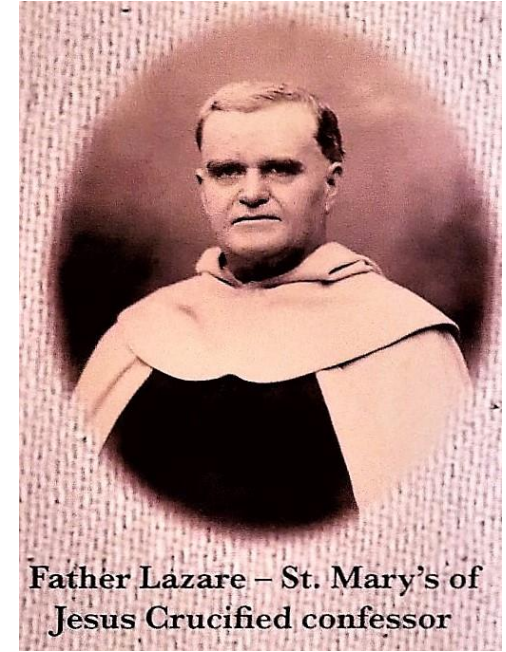
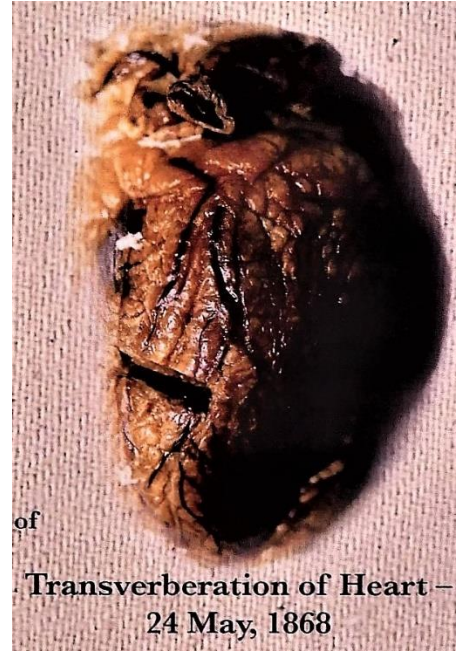
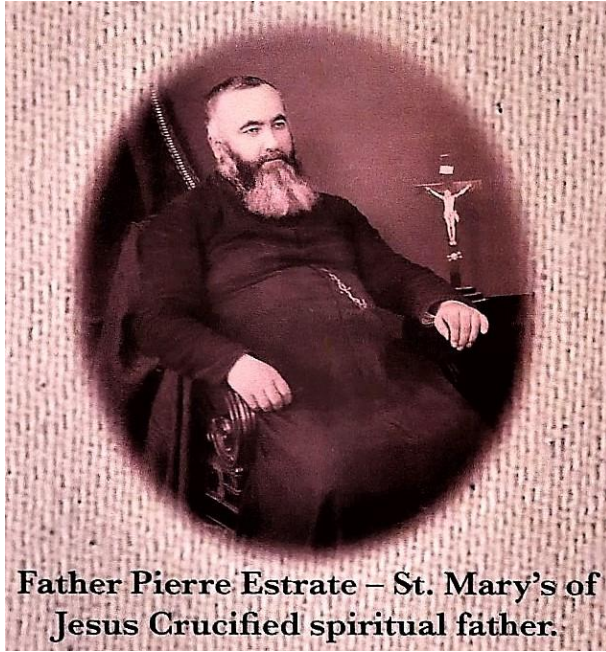


**Mother Elie – St. Mary's
of Jesus Crucified spiritual
mother**



Mathilde De Nedonchelle

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