La Salette reflection for the Fourth Sunday of Lent (March 10th, 2024) Written by the National La Salette Laity Board

As I read this Sunday's Gospel and readings, I was struck by the imagery of light used in the Gospel. St John tells us "The light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light...but whoever lives the truth comes to the light." This brought to mind the globe of light that the Beautiful Lady appeared in when she visited Maximum and Melanie that Saturday morning so long ago. It was the light that caught their attention. It was the light that enveloped them as the Blessed Mother spoke her message of truth.

The truth was that the people at that time had turned away from the light, away from Christ, that is why she was compelled to come.

And her message of truth remains relevant today. As we continue on our Lenten journey we should remember to live in the light by following the fasting and abstinence guidelines of the Church, by praying more: for ourselves, for others and for the world and by sharing our wealth with those in need.

In the second reading St. Paul reminds us, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son". Our God is a God of mercy. He loves us and will not give up on us. Even if he has to send his mother to set us straight.