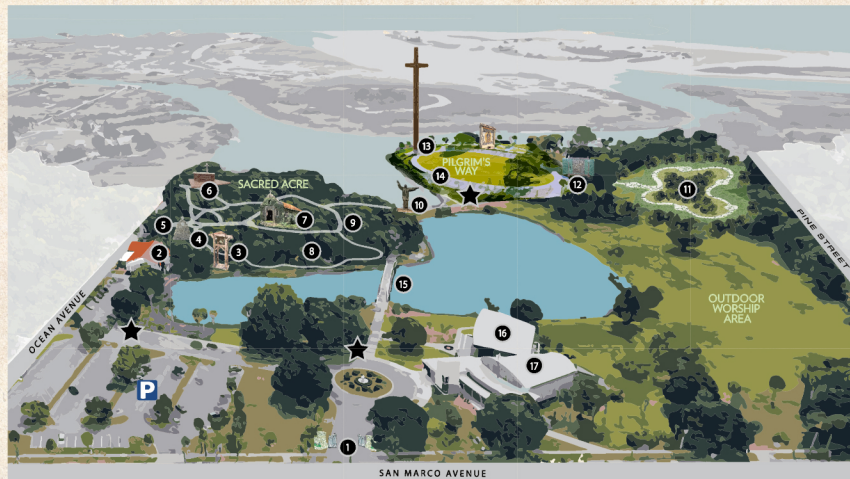


NATIONAL SHRINE OF
OUR LADY of LA LECHE
AT MISSION NOMBRE DE DIOS

WELCOME

Here, on September 8, 1565, 55 years before the pilgrims set foot on Plymouth Rock, Pedro Menéndez de Avilés founded the town of St. Augustine and Nombre de Dios mission. On the same date, Fr. Francisco Lopez de Mendoza Grajales held high the cross and celebrated the first parish Mass. After Mass, the Spanish settlers and the native Tumucuanes celebrated a meal of thanksgiving together.

With the founding of Nombre de Dios, an extensive missionary effort was initiated throughout Spanish "La Florida." Two hundred years before the first Spanish mission in California, Nombre de Dios and over 140 missions stretched from St. Augustine south to the Florida Keys, north to the Chesapeake Bay and west to Pensacola.



In the early 1600's the Spanish settlers established the first shrine to Mary, the Mother of God, in this land under the title Nuestra Señora de la Leche y Buen Parto. The Chapel and beautiful statue are dedicated to motherhood.



*May your visit be a pilgrimage
blessed by God's peace.*

May your journey home be safe.

GATE HOURS

Monday-Saturday » 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday » 12 Noon - 4 p.m.

- 1 Main Entrance
- 2 Pilgrim Center & Pavilion
- 3 Bell Tower
- 4 Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 5 Welcoming Jesus
- 6 The Rustic Altar
- 7 Our Lady of La Leche Historic Chapel
- 8 Burial grounds for the Sisters of St. Joseph
- 9 Archaeological Site (1678 stone church foundation)
- 10 Father Francisco López de Mendoza Grajales Statue
- 11 Rosary Garden
- 12 Memorial Pathway » Florida Missions Plaque, Irish Memorial, Argentine Shrine, Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 13 The Great Cross
- 14 Stations of the Cross
- 15 Dr. Michael Gannon Bridge
- 16 Museum (Menéndez Coffin) & Gift Shop
- 17 The Shrine Church

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