World’s Spotlight Will Focus on St. Martinville
Host for 3-Day Acadian Bicentennial Pilgrimage

Acadian Mother Church
To Be Center of Events

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ST. MARTINVILLE — The focus of today’s national spotlight will once again fall on St. Martinville as host city for the next major Acadian Bicentennial event this month.

One of the most celebrated towns in the nation, the capital of Louisiana’s Acadian country will toast ancient and living heritages with a three-day Pilgrimage to the Mother Church of the Acadians.

The events, designed to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the survival of the Acadian people, are scheduled for April 25-27, and May 1.

Accompanied by the beauty of Bayou Teche, this unique event will attract an average of 2,000 visitors to an ordinary Sunday.

For司机, it is an event that allows more time to explore the vibrant community along the bayou.

For an individual, the experience of the Acadian Mother Church of St. Martinville, the only Acadian place of worship in the state, is a one-of-a-kind experience.

The event begins with a special Mass at the church, followed by a procession through the streets of St. Martinville.

After the ceremony, visitors can explore the town’s attractions, including the Acadian Museum, the Bayou Teche Natural Area, and the historic Acadian Village.

In addition to the religious and cultural events, the event also features live music, food, and crafts, providing a complete Acadian experience.

The Acadian Bicentennial Pilgrimage is not just a celebration of the past but also a celebration of the present and future of Acadian heritage.

Through this event, the community hopes to preserve its rich history and traditions for future generations.

The Acadian Bicentennial Pilgrimage is a testament to the enduring spirit and resilience of the Acadian people.

For more information about the event, visit stmartinvillepilgrimage.com.

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ACADIAN Bicentennial — The enchanting Acadian community of St. Martinville will be the scene this Sunday of a three-day pilgrimage in commemoration of the Acadian Bicentennial. Among the religious attractions will be the Cross With the Crowned Christ by an unknown Acadian peasant and the “Grotto de Londres,” by an unknown Acadian artist. Both art pieces (top photos) are more than a century old. The result in forming a grotto beneath the Acadian House Museum and the “Grotto” is located in the left wing of the famed church of St. Martin, the pilgrimage temple. Two of St. Martinville’s most interesting people, Elmer and Edna Lemoine, are shown in the lower right in greeting visitors and tourists are Andre Olivier, owner of the Evangeline Museum just across the Bayou Teche bridge, and Miss Lis LeDoux, mother of the Acadian House Museum. Olivier, authority on the Acadian country, entices visitors to his museum with a walk in his garden where he will point out his hand-made garden bench, a striking resembles of acroy. Miss LeDoux, who transformed an old Acadian house into a state museum, is shown trying out an Acadian-style rocking chair. Visitors to the museum are asked to test the pigeon-toed rocker and make a wish. It has become known as the “wishy washer” and is the only chair of its type in the United States. A gift from an Acadian from Canada. (Advertiser Staff Photos.)

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