The Blessed Mother appeared several times between the year 47 and the 6th century in Le Puy (Haute-Loire) and that place of grace has become the destination of numerous pilgrimages even still today.

The first apparition was directed to a woman, by the name of Vitalia, recently converted to Christianity. The woman was afflicted by a serious illness that no physician was able to cure. The Blessed Mother, during her apparition, interceded so that she be healed. The news of the miracle diffused rapidly and many people came to pray. Subsequently, the Blessed Mother appeared again so that the local Bishop was contacted and a church was built on the hill. It is told that when the Bishop arrived at the top of the hill, he found the terrain covered with deep snow, even though it was mid-July. A solitary deer walked through the snow, tracing the diagram of the Shrine that was supposed to be constructed. Convinced by these miracles of the authenticity of the desires of Most Holy Mary, the Bishop began the construction of the Shrine.

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