

## THE CHAPEL OF FOSSAZ

## **SAINT-NICOLAS**

Once upon a time the Gaboé stream was a little brook that the chickens quietly crossed with their chicks in tow; the stream kept on getting bigger, and one day the panicked villagers of Fossaz had seen a mighty bull heading at great speed towards their village. So they begged Saint Dominic to help them, and the bull had stopped suddenly to go back where it came from and was never seen again. It was the Gaboé stream that had gone out of its bed and was heading toward Fossaz. In gratitude to the saint who had saved them, the villagers erected the chapel that can still be seen today between the two Fossaz.

The overflow of the creek is proven by the fact that a vault was found far below the present level, while excavations to build the foundations of Hotel Miravalle took place.

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