

Welcome

Welcome to Our Lady of Lourdes and Immaculate Conception! We are glad you are here with us today. If you would like to join our Faith Community, please contact our parish office or stop by any time.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Established - 1875

534 N. Wood Street
Gibson City, IL 60936

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 7 am & 10:30 am
Monday 8 am
Tuesday 8 am
Thursday 5:30 pm
Friday 8 am
Holy Days: 7 am & 7 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 8:30-9:30 am
Thursday 6-7 pm

Confession

Saturday 4:30 pm (OLOL)
Any time by Appointment



Immaculate Conception

202 E. Green Street
Roberts, IL 60962

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:30 am

Confession

Sunday 8:15AM (IC)



Parish Office

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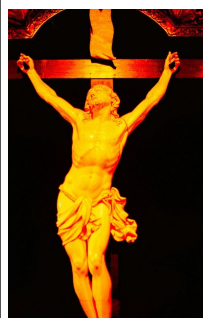
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

EASTER TRIDUUM

What, really, do the liturgies of the triduum celebrate? Most all of us believe we know the answer. We assume that Thursday commemorates the day he was executed on the cross; and the vigil commemorates his emergence from the tomb. We assume, further, that the liturgies of these days are dramatic "reenactments" of events-by turns touching, tragic and triumphant-which happened during Jesus' last days and culminated in his victory over death. We assume, in other words, that the paschal triduum is simply springtime's parallel to winter's Christmas. As it gathers on these days, the liturgical assembly is often thought to be engaged in acts of historical "reconstruction" that recreate scenes in the 'upper room,' on Calvary and at the tomb. People are encouraged to imagine they are "actually present" at these events-comforting Jesus during his fearful watch in Gethsemane, walking with him along the via crucis, and witnessing his miraculous "return to life" on Easter morning. This view may frequently be reinforced by popular hymns that focus on the "historical facts" of the celebration.

But is "history" the central focus of celebration during the Triduum? Certainly, the early Christian creeds anchored belief in the historical, this-worldly circumstances that accompanied Jesus' suffering and crucifixion "under Pontius Pilate." Jesus' life, career and death were, in other words, attached to a specific time, in a specific place. His proclamation of God's arrival in the present moment (God's "reign"), his bold challenge to understand God in and as one's neighbor, his rejection of "religion" as a means of social or political control-all this took place not in some cosmic cloud of unknowing but in a remote province of the later Roman Empire at a time of sociopolitical transition.

Precisely because these faith-anchoring events are historical, however, they cannot be repeated or "reenacted." That is why the church's long tradition insists that what happened once in history passes over in the mystery of the assembly's liturgical/sacramental celebrations. What the paschal triduum actually celebrates is mystery, not history; anamnesis, not mimesis. The liturgies of these days do not "take us back" to the upper room or the path to Calvary. Their ultimate purpose is not to retrace or relive the last hours of Jesus' life, nor to catch sight of him emerging from the tomb at Easter's dawning. They celebrate not what once happened to Jesus but what is now happening among us as a people called to conversion, gathered in faith, and gifted with the Spirit of holiness. They celebrate God's taking possession of our hearts at their deepest core, recreating us as a new human community broken like bread for the world's life-a community rich in compassion, steadfast in hope, and fearless in the search for justice and peace.



THE GIBSON AREA MUSIC FOUNDATION PRESENTS THEODORE DUBOIS'

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

Sunday, March 20 at 6PM

First Presbyterian Church, Gibson City

Janet McCumber, Conductor; Michael Fisher, Organ; Beverly Hillmer, Piano.
This performance will be in conjunction with a Community Holy Week Service and feature many of our local talent.
A free will offering will be taken.



ORGANIST/VOCALIST NEEDED

We are in need of more organists/vocalists to lead worship at our weekend Masses. If you feel the call to this ministry, please contact Father Thomas at 217-784-4671 or email at pastor@ololgc.org.

Pastor

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Bruce Killian

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Michele Fackler

Parish Council President

Eric Rosenbaum (OLOL)

THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS

If you wish to have a Mass intention for a loved one, anniversary or other occasion, please contact the parish office. Mass intentions are \$10.

MON March 21	8:00AM	+Irma Grilli Bl.essed John of Parma
TUE March 22	8:00AM	Cole Family Coons Family St. Nicholas Owen
WED March 23	8:00AM	Priest Intentions St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
THU March 24	7:00PM	HOLY THURSDAY
FRI March 25	7:00PM 3:00PM	GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SAT March 26	7:30PM (OLOL)	HOLY SATURDAY
SUN March 27	NO 7AM MASS 8:00 AM (IC) 10:00 AM (OLOL)	EASTER Parish Family +Donald & Ruby Kemmer

Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

Sunday Env. \$1908.00
Loose \$311.00
Capital Imp. \$180.00
Food Pantry \$48.00
March Total \$113.00
Yr to Date FP \$975.26

Imm Conception

Sunday Env. \$190.00
Capital Imp. \$0

When we meet our CMAA Goals! OLOL and IC will get back 65% of every dollar received above our goals. Reaching our goals is a great achievement, and continuing to give is even greater!

2016 CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$
Goal: (\$12,712)
IC: \$
(Goal: \$905)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, March 26 7:30PM	Angelica Cullota Baillie Killian	Patti Huppert Lisa Heap	Frank Titus	Jerry Brown Stan Alt	Mary Wurmnest
NO 7AM MASS					
Sun, March 27 10:00AM	Joe Baillie Brooke Beyers	Denis Fisher	Sarah Sarantakos	Michael Smith Dan Day	

Volunteers are always needed for our parish ministries. For more information on how to join, contact the parish office.

Baptism

Call the Rectory at least four weeks before the baptism. Baptismal instruction for the parents and God-parents is required.

Sick??

If you or a family member is sick or admitted to the hospital or makes a trip to the Emergency Room, please contact Fr. Thomas at (630) 639-0502.

Marriage

Call the Rectory at least six months before. A six month preparation time is required.

DAVE JOHNSON BENEFIT

April 9, 2016

Gibson City American Legion, 203 N Sangamon Avenue
4PM-6:30PM

Pulled Pork, Potato Salad or Cold Slaw & Chips

Cost \$5

LIVE AUCTION 7PM-?

Steve Anderson will DJ after the auction.

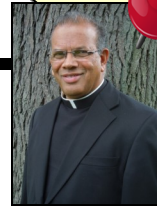
Dave Johnson, son of Gene & Regina Johnson had a tree fall on him on October 3, 2015. Dave Suffered multiple injuries including a severed spine. He had surgery to insert a metal rod to stabilize his spine. ADDITIONAL SURGERIES WILL BE REQUIRED.

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons
Loretta Bode
Mary Cothorn
Mardella Duffy
Jesse Cervelli
Donovan Gaines
Dick Walter
Mary Masco

If you wish to add the name of a loved one who is sick, please contact the parish office at 217-784-4671 or pastor@ololgc.org.

The Word From Father Thomas



“MASTER, are you going to wash my feet?” (Jn. 13:6). Peter asks Jesus, his voice full of unbearable shame. He couldn’t understand it. To raise us out of our guilt, Jesus mercifully puts himself beneath the feet of his disciples. Peter finds it hard to accept: “You will never wash my feet” (Jn 13:8).

When I first went to live in the Middle East, one of the first things that I was told by those attempting to give me some cultural tips was never to put my feet up, either on a desk or a chair, in front of another person unless I intended to give grave insult. It is very offensive, since it suggests putting the other beneath oneself.

In his self-debasement, Jesus challenges Peter and us either to hold him in contempt or to accept that nothing less than this apparent degradation of the Son of God could convert us from our life of deadly sin to a life joined to and imitating the Son of God. I need Jesus to lower himself, for by my sin I have lowered myself beneath the dignity of the children of God.

Like Peter, we resist admitting the necessity of this. “Have I come so low?” we ask. But like Peter in front of this exceptional human presence, so full of passion for our fate, may we concede to this strange mercy, and cry, “not only my feet, but my hands and head as well!” (Jn 13:9)

Father Vincent Nagle, F.S.C.B.

PARISH EVENTS



Friday, March 25
STATIONS OF THE CROSS 3PM

Saturday, March 26
• Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

Tuesday, March 29
• CALM between 6:30PM-7PM



Gary Gale (3/21)
Ann Alt (3/21)
Tim Leonard (3/21)
Liam Killian (3/21)
Paige Schwarz (3/22)
Patti Meunier (3/24)
Remi Astronomo (3/24)
Stanley Vetter (3/27)



Tim & Jody Bane (3/25)
Jack & Susan Kollross (3/27)
Kerry & Sara Tredennick (3/27)



Pontifical Good Friday Collection to Support Christians in the Holy Land

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in the Diocese of Joliet and in parishes around the world to support the people and places of the Holy Land. The **Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land** have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land.

The Good Friday Collection is applied to these programs below.

- **Faith, Memory & Culture – The Holy Places** || Holy Land Franciscans staff and maintain the Holy places and shrines. This enables those who live in the Holy Land and those who visit to deepen their faith and their spiritual and cultural connection to Salvation history.
- **Social Support to Christians in the Holy Land** || In order to assist Christians to remain in the Holy Land, including the poor and young couples, the Custody builds thousands of residential units. Additionally, they build senior care facilities. Medical assistance is provided for the needy.
- **Educational & Scientific Activities** || The Franciscans operate and support schools open to all, regardless of religion or nationality. They provide scholarships for local students and those studying to become Franciscan priests or brothers. Finally, Franciscan archaeologists pursue ongoing research at the Holy Places discovering historical artifacts.
- **Pastoral Activities** || The Franciscans provide pastoral care in 29 parishes in the Holy Land offering Worship, Christian Formation, youth and family programs.
- **Liturgical, Ecumenical and Communications Programs** || The Franciscan Media Center tells the story of the Holy Land through multimedia distributed throughout the world in more than seven languages. The friars organize Liturgical Celebrations for the local Christians and Pilgrims and share with other Christian communities in the Holy Land in ongoing Ecumenical cooperation.



Please be generous this **Good Friday, March 25**. Christians, along with all of the clergy and religious who serve in the Holy Land, will deeply appreciate our prayers and financial help.

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon
Bishop of Joliet

Current Church Regulations on Fasting and Abstinence

- ✓ Fasting is required of all Catholics age 18-59 only two days each year: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (it is recommended that the Good Friday fast carry over to Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil service, as well).
- ✓ On these days only one full meal is allowed, with two smaller meals as needed.
- ✓ Eating solid food between meals is not allowed.
- ✓ Abstinence from meat is required of all Catholics over age 14 on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- ✓ In the United States, the bishops have asked Catholics over the age of 14 to abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent, as well.

These regulations are considered to be a serious obligation for all Catholics. However, those who are ill, pregnant, on medication or special diets for health concerns, or those who must work at extremely physical jobs may be exempt from these regulations.

dear Padre

March 20, 2016

Did Jesus have to die in such a terrible manner?

Why did Jesus have to die such a horrible death? Wasn't there an easier way to redeem us?

Every Good Friday we are brought face to face with the crucifixion. Many of us have seen violent and bloody depictions of Christ's death and found them difficult to watch. Since we serve an all-good, all-loving God, how could he allow this to happen to his Son? Couldn't God have forgiven us without the sacrifice?

God is indeed a God of mercy, but we often forget that he is also a God of justice. He can certainly forgive all our sins, but in the process he cannot (will not) deny the righteousness of justice. We all yearn for justice. We want to see good rewarded and evil punished. So God is very good, and the fact is, our sins are also very bad. We deserve punishment, even death, for denying God and for hurting others. If God were to condemn me, it would not be unfair. I would be getting exactly what my sins deserve. I am happy to say that is not where the story ends! Jesus came to take our just punishment so that we could receive mercy and justice in their fullness. Jesus reveals to us a God who is just, merciful, and ready to suffer because he loved sinners. Praise his name forever!

FR. MATTHEW BONK, CSSR
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Monday

MARCH 21
Holy Week
Is 42:1-7
Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

MARCH 22
Holy Week
Is 49:1-6
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

MARCH 23
Holy Week
Is 50:4-9a
Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

MARCH 24
Holy Thursday
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14
1 Cor 11:23-26
Jn 13:1-15

Friday

MARCH 25
Good Friday
Is 52:13-53:12
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday

MARCH 26
Holy Saturday
Gn 1:1-2:2
or 1:1, 26-31a
Gn 22:1-18
or 22:1-2, 9a,
10-13, 15-18
Ex 14:15-15:1
Is 54:5-14
Is 55:1-11
Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28
Rom 6:3-11
Lk 24:1-12

Sunday

MARCH 27
Easter
Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Col 3:1-4
or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
Jn 20:1-9
or Lk 24:1-12

Good News!

March 20, 2016

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION (C)

Lk 19:28-40 / Is 50:4-7 / Phil 2:6-11 / Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

On Palm Sunday, we gather as a Church to celebrate Jesus' coming into Jerusalem and hear the story of his passion and death. Each Gospel writer tells the story a little differently. Each one lifts up different faces and characters, and through their eyes we watch what unfolds.

Luke's Gospel is the only one that mentions the women who followed Jesus from Galilee (23:55-56). We know nothing about these women other than where they came from, but two things stand out: These women temporarily set aside their Passover preparations to care for a man who had been publicly condemned as a criminal, and they were willing to look their beloved Jesus' death full in the face. They watched while Joseph of Arimathea lay him in the tomb and made sure that Jesus would be cared for even in death. They saw where he was buried and laid out and then went to prepare the spices and oils that would anoint his body and honor it.

Today, these women are examples of the countless anonymous disciples who quietly challenge culture and politics to follow the Lord's call. We rarely notice them, even now, but they are in our churches and our neighborhoods, willing to do what needs to be done, even if it means suffering, sacrificing, or looking rejection and death in the face. As we enter Holy Week, these people just might be the companions we need.

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