

## 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 10:30 am  
Monday 8 am  
Tuesday 8 am  
Wednesday 8am  
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 8:00 am

## Confession

Sunday 7:45 am (IC)

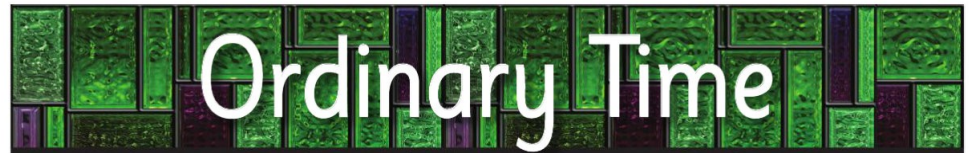


## Parish Office

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# July 17, 2016

# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



July 17, 2016 ♦ Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Gn 18:1-10a ♦ Col 1:24-28 ♦ Lk 10:38-42

During the holidays, my husband and I invite relatives, friends, and students who can't return home to share our meal and find welcome in a special time. We enjoy cooking for a crowd, and our guests often bring something to share, adding to the bounty. Beforehand, we clean and dust, making sure the house is presentable. Our preparations are anything but relaxed. On the day itself, my husband usually cooks the meal while I

offer drinks and conversation. The event couldn't succeed without either of our roles.

In the first reading, Abraham put wife Sarah and the servants to work to provide the feast while he waited on the guests. To his (and his wife's) surprise, the strangers asked where Sarah was and promised her a son. In this moment, we see that Abraham isn't the only important person in the story. God's blessing came mainly to the one in the kitchen, in the background.

When Jesus visits the sisters of Bethany, Martha remains in the kitchen like Sarah. In her anxiety, did she believe God's favor would come only to those who toil? Jesus reminds her there also is blessing in sitting with the guest; he even calls this "the better part."

There is pride and vanity in assuming we can achieve favor and blessing through our works. When we start to think we know where, when, how, and to whom God will come, it's good to return to the word, which reminds us that favor and blessing come according to God's choosing and often to our surprise.



July 23

## St. Bridget

(1303?-1373)

From age seven on, Bridget had visions of Christ crucified. Her visions formed the basis for her activity—always with the emphasis on charity rather than spiritual favors.

She lived her married life in the court of the Swedish king Magnus II. Mother of eight children (the second eldest was St. Catherine of Sweden), she lived the strict life of a penitent after her husband's death.

Bridget constantly strove to exert her good influence over Magnus; while never fully reforming, he did give her land and buildings to found a monastery for men and women. This group eventually expanded into an Order known as the Bridgetines (still in existence).

In 1350, a year of jubilee, Bridget braved a plague-stricken Europe to make a pilgrimage to Rome. Although she never returned to Sweden, her years in Rome were far from happy, being hounded by debts and by opposition to her work against Church abuses.

A final pilgrimage to the Holy Land, marred by shipwreck and the death of her son, Charles, eventually led to her death in 1373. In 1999, she, Saints Catherine of Siena (April 29) and Teresa Benedicts of the Cross (Edith Stein, August 9) were named co-patronesses of Europe.

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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.

<b>MON</b> July 18	8:00AM	Molck Family McGuire Family
<i>St. Camillus de Lellis</i>		
<b>TUE</b> July 19	8:00AM	Medernach Family McCall Family
<i>St. Mary MacKillop</i>		
<b>WED</b> July 20	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
<i>St. Apolinaris</i>		
<b>THU</b> July 21	5:30PM	Meyer Family Miguel Family
<i>St. Lawrence of Brindisi</i>		
<b>FRI</b> July 22	8:00M	Curt Miller Family Randy Miller Family
<i>St. Mary Magdalene</i>		
<b>SAT</b> July 23	5:00PM	Meunier Family Moxley Family
<i>St. Bridget</i>		
<b>SUN</b> July 24	8:00 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Parish Family Nunnink Family Nuss Family
<i>St. Sharbel Makhluf</i>		

**Thank You  
For Your Gifts  
OLOL**

Sunday Env.	\$2507.50
Loose	\$268.00
Capital Imp.	\$200.00
Food Pantry	\$117.00
July Total	\$148.01
Yr to Date FP	\$2139.27

**Imm Conception**

Sunday Env.	\$170.50
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!

<b>2016 CMAA Goals</b>
<b>OLOL: \$11,383</b>
Goal: (\$12,712)
<b>IC: \$1370</b>
(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, July 23 5:00PM	Caine Jost	Stan Alt	Jerry Brown	Bob Mardis Jerry Brown	Lisa Heap
Sun, July 24 10:30AM	Nathan & Ethan Garard	Paul Sarantakos	Lisa Heap	Dan Day Dan Kleist	

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. 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.

**July ~ Month of the Precious Blood**

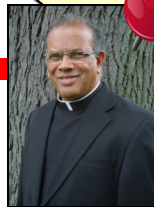
The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood. "The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."

**Prayer**

Lord Jesus, You became Man in order by your Passion and Death and the draining of your Blood on the Cross, might prove to us how much You, our God, love us. Protect us, dear Jesus, from ever running away from the sight of blood. Strengthen our weak human wills so that we will not only not run away from the cross, but welcome every opportunity to shed our blood in spirit in union with your Precious Blood, so that, dying to ourselves in time we might live with You in Eternity.

**Amen**

# The Word From Father Thomas



For Mary

My sister Mary, always the contemplative,  
Has found permanent place In the Lord's house.

She sits at the feet of Jesus all day,  
Knowing Him full well,  
And I am a restless Martha  
Left to this troubled world.

For now this is my part.

She sees Him face to face,  
I, but a reflection dim—

Yet both of us are fully known by Him.

~Rita A. Simmonds

## PARISH EVENTS

# JULY



### Saturday, July 23

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon



Rich Perkins (7/18)  
Paul Sarantakos (7/20)  
Hannah Hathaway (7/23)  
Erin Nuss (7/23)  
Emily Allen (7/24)

## A LITTLE CATHOLIC HUMOR



## Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons  
Loretta Bode  
Mary Cothorn  
Mardelle 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.

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet

**Sunday, August 28, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.**

*For couples celebrating 25, 50 and more than 50 years of marriage*

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Husband \_\_\_\_\_ Wife \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish you Attend \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_ # of Yrs. Married in 2016 \_\_\_\_\_

*A reception will be held in the Parish Commons following the mass.*

\_\_\_\_\_ We will attend the mass and reception. \_\_\_\_\_ We will attend the mass only.

*Because of space limitations, no additional guests, please.  
Caregivers/helpers are very welcome.*

Pre-registration by mail, fax, phone, email or online is required by **August 8, 2016**

Online registration: <http://conta.cc/28LaP2x>

The Office of Family Ministry  
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The Thirty-eighth Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, August 28, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, are welcome to attend the event. Couples will receive a special blessing during the liturgy and will receive an anniversary certificate after the Mass. Our celebrant will be Bishop R. Daniel Conlon. Because of space limitations, there is not room for additional guests. However, if necessary, a caregiver/helper is very welcome to attend with the couple. Pre-registration is required; please complete and return the form or register online by August 8, 2016. For more information, please call 815-838-5334.



July 17, 2016

# dear Padre

## Monday

JULY 18  
Weekday  
Mi 6:1–4, 6–8  
Mt 12:38–42

## Tuesday

JULY 19  
Weekday  
Mi 7:14–15, 18–20  
Mt 12:46–50

## Wednesday

JULY 20  
Weekday  
Jer 1:1, 4–10  
Mt 13:1–9

## Thursday

JULY 21  
Weekday  
Jer 2:1–3, 7–8, 12–13  
Mt 13:10–17

## Friday

JULY 22  
St. Mary Magdalene  
Jer 3:14–17  
Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

## Saturday

JULY 23  
Weekday  
Jer 7:1–11  
Mt 13:24–30

## Sunday

JULY 24  
Seventeenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Gn 18:20–32  
Col 2:12–14  
Lk 11:1–13

## Is there a way to measure our relationship with God?



If I love according to the Lord's command (Leviticus 19:18), what feelings should I experience? Is there an "emotional yardstick" for evaluating my relationship with God?

**No, there is no** yardstick to measure the kind of love Jesus commanded. Although honest, devout, and charitable actions can make us feel good, true love often takes real effort and forces us to forget ourselves. Experience demonstrates that loving others is sometimes easy, but it may also involve real sacrifice. The Gospel calls this unconditional love *agape*.

*Agape* is distinct from romantic love (*eros*) and from familial affection and friendship (*philia*), both of which expect the other to respond. Christian love is more a decision to be generous and selfless and less a good intention or positive feeling.

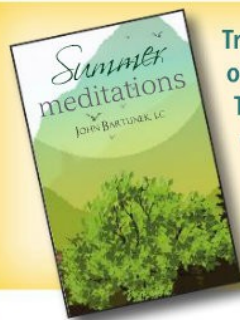
Jesus is the perfect illustration of *agape*. In his suffering and death, Jesus willingly endured betrayal, ridicule, rejection, and physical pain out of love for the Father and for us. At the Last Supper, knowing what would



happen, he told his disciples to feel good:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you....Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid....If you loved me, you would rejoice..." (John 14:27–28). This was a difficult, perhaps impossible, challenge—even Mary experienced sorrow in her Son's life (see Luke 2:35). And so we cannot equate our emotions with God's peace, for it "surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7).

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True hospitality begins with goodness of heart and overflows into all the other elements: food, drinks, decorations, music, and everything else. True hospitality welcomes another person by saying to them—sometimes with words, sometimes in other ways—"You really matter, and I'm glad you're here."

— From *Summer Meditations*  
by John Bartunek, LC, SThD (825620)

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