

## 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)



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# September 4, 2016 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## WHAT IS THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE?

Penance (Confession, Reconciliation) is the sacrament in which the priest, in God's name, forgives one's sins committed after Baptism and reconciles one with God and the Church.

The priest has the authority to forgive sins (absolution) because Christ said to His Apostles, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained" (John 20:22-23). That power has been passed on to their successors, the bishops and priests.

## WHEN SHOULD I GO TO CONFESSION?

A Catholic who has committed a mortal sin should go to confession as soon as possible, assuming he/she has contrition for any serious sins committed. It is a precept of the church that "you shall confess your sins at least once a year." However, it is highly recommended to go monthly to confession, even if one has committed only venial sins. The sacramental grace to help avoid future sins.

## RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says the following regarding proper receipt of the sacrament. *The sacrament of Penance is a whole consisting in three actions of the penitent and the priest's absolution. The penitent's acts are repentance, confession or disclosure of sins to the priest, and the intention to make reparation and do works of reparation.* (CCC 1491)

## CONTRITION

To be forgiven, you must have repentance or contrition (sorrow) for your sins. That is, you must be sorry because you have offended the infinitely good God (perfect contrition) and/or because you dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell (imperfect contrition). Sufficient contrition for forgiveness means:

- You wish you had not committed your sin.
- You sincerely intend not to commit those sins again.
- You intend to stay away from any person, place, or thing that easily leads you to sin, as much as possible.

## WHAT MUST I CONFESS?

You must confess all mortal sins that you can remember after a diligent self-examination and which have not been confessed in a previous confession. Mortal sin (CCC1857) is sin whose object is a grave matter and which is also committed with full knowledge and deliberate consent. It is important to confess them with their frequency (how many or how often) and circumstance (anything that adds another sin—ie., to angrily strike someone is a sin against the fifth commandment, but to commit this offense against your father is also a sin against the fourth commandment).

If you commit a mortal sin, make a sincere act of contrition right away and go to confession as soon as possible. If you have perfect contrition for a mortal sin, God forgives you and forgives the sin right away, but you may not receive Holy communion until you confess it in Confession. You needn't confess your venial sins, but it is helpful to do so, especially in overcoming bad habits. You may also renew your contrition for already confessed sins.

To deliberately omit telling a mortal sin in confession is itself a mortal sin of sacrilege. This is called "making a bad confession" and to rectify it, you must confess that you made a bad confession, confess the omitted mortal sin(s), and also any mortal sins you have committed since then (including the reception of Holy communion while in this state). If, after a sincere examination of conscience, you forget to confess a mortal sin, your confession is valid and God has forgiven your sins.

**NEXT WEEK WE WILL FINISH OUR REVIEW OF HOW TO MAKE A GOOD CONFESSION....**

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**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> September 5	8:00AM	Stuckey Family <i>Bl. Teresa of Kolkata</i>
<b>TUE</b> September 6	8:00AM	NO MASS <i>Bl. Claudio Granzotto</i>
<b>WED</b> September 7	8:00AM	NO MASS <i>Bl. Frederic Ozanam</i>
<b>THU</b> September 8	5:30PM	Roy Acree Family Allen Family <i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
<b>FRI</b> September 9	8:00AM	Alt Family Andreae Family <i>St. Peter Claver</i>
<b>SAT</b> September 10	5:00PM	+ Gene Johnson <i>St. Thomas of Villanova</i>
<b>SUN</b> September 11	8:00 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Parish Family +Don & Ruby Kemmer <i>St. Cyprian</i>

**Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2266.00
Capital Imp.	\$0
Food Pantry August Total	\$61.00
Yr to Date FP	\$2604.32

**Imm Conception**

Sunday Total	\$136.00
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: \$13,320  
Goal: (\$12,712)  
IC: \$1370  
(Goal: \$905)

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, September 10 5:00PM	Alex Killian Braden Roesch	Jim Meyer	Jerry Brown	Frank Titus Bob Mardis	Denis & Cherry Fisher
Sun, September 11 10:30AM	Joe Allen Ethan Garard	Denis Fisher	Paul Sarantakos	Greg Laughery Sam Baillie	

**From the RE Desk ..** RE classes begin next weekend, September 11. We look forward to a BLESSED year in both our academic and church classrooms! Please contact Alyce at joenalyceh@cawi.org with any registration or RE questions. WELCOME BACK!



**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.



**CONGRATULATIONS DEACON PAUL**

Some pictures to share from Deacon Paul's Ordination Ceremony at St. Raymond Cathedral in Joliet (left).

and from his first Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes (right).



# The Word From Father Thomas



Society can become ever more human only if we introduce into the many sided setting of interpersonal and social relationships, not merely justice, but also that "merciful love" which constitutes the messianic message of the Gospel.

Society can become "ever more human" only when we introduce into all the mutual relationships which form its moral aspect the moment of forgiveness, which is so much of the essence of the Gospel. Forgiveness demonstrates the presence in the world of the love which is more powerful than sin. Forgiveness is also the fundamental condition for reconciliation, not only in the relationship of God with man, but also in relationships between people. A world from which forgiveness was eliminated would be nothing but a world of cold and unfeeling justice, in the name of which each person would claim his or her own rights vis-à-vis others; the various kinds of selfishness latent in man would transform life and human society into a system of oppression of the weak by the strong, or into an arena of permanent strife between one group and another.

For this reason, the Church must consider it one of her principal duties...to proclaim and to introduce into life the mystery of mercy...This mystery is the source of a life different from the life which can be built by man.

~~Dives in Misericordia 14

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2016**

## MOTHER TERESA'S LIFE MISSION LEADS HER TO SAINTHOOD

From growing up in a single-parent home, after the sudden death of her father when she was 8 years old, to being known as one of the most beloved figures in the history of the church, the humble, emphatic, humanitarian Mother Teresa will be declared a saint 19 years after her death.

Just four years after her father's passing, Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu first felt her calling to religion. Six years later, she decided to become a nun and took the name Sister Mary Teresa after Saint Terese of Lisieux. Mother Teresa's believed her mission was to care for "the hungry, the naked, the homeless, the crippled, the blind, the lepers, all those people who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for throughout society, people that have become a burden to the society and shunned by everyone." For 17 years she taught geography and history in hopes to eliminate poverty through education, during this time she experienced her second calling to God to devote herself to caring for the sick and poor.

After ending nearly a year and a half of lobbying, Mother Teresa was granted official permission to leave her convent and pursue her new calling. In 1950, Mother Teresa founded the Missionaries of Charity, a Roman Catholic religious congregation. Throughout the 1950s and 1960s, she established a leper colony; an orphanage; a nursing home; a family clinic; a hospice, centers for the blind, aged and disabled; a string of mobile health clinics; schools; children's and family counseling programs; and soup kitchens to assist those suffering and in poverty.

During the last 50 years of her life, privately Mother Teresa experienced spiritual dryness, believed to be spiritual tests; however, she continued to participate in charitable works up until just months before her death. After several years of deteriorating health, Mother Teresa died on September 5, 1997, at the age of 87. In 1999, Pope John Paul waived the customary five-year waiting period after death before the start of the canonization process.

Throughout Mother Teresa's last 66 years of life, she wrote many letters to her confessors and superiors; however despite her desire for all of her letters to be destroyed because she feared people would think more of her and less of Jesus, the Vatican demanded they be preserved as potential relics of a saint, as investigation of a candidate's writings is the first stage of the canonization process after death. Mother Teresa was beatified in October 2003, and after being credited for two healings, The Vatican has set September 4, 2016, as her canonization date and formal declaration of sainthood.



## PARISH EVENTS



### **Tuesday, September 6**

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

### **Thursday, September 8**

- St. Peregrine Healing Mass 5:30PM

### **Saturday, September 10**

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

### **Wednesday, September 14**

- K of C Mtg 7PM

### **Tuesday, September 20**

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

### **Saturday, September 24**

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

### **Wednesday, September 28**

- Staff Mtg 6PM
- Parish Council Mtg 7PM



Petra Chaddock (9/5)  
Cherry Fisher (9/7)  
Joachim Nunnink (9/7)  
Erin Lynch (9/8)  
Carol Obert (9/10)  
Natalie Davis (9/10)  
Stacey Helmig (9/11)



Norm & Judy Schall (9/5)  
Tim & Michele Fackler (9/6)

## Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons  
Loretta Bode  
Mary Cothran  
Mardelle Duffy  
Donovan Gaines  
Dick Walter  
Mary Masco  
Jeff McGuire  
Judy Schall

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.



# Dear Padre

SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

**My mother has appointed me to make health-care decisions on her behalf if and when she is unable to do so for herself. I have prayed and thought about this, and for many reasons I don't want to do this. I feel guilty and fear that by refusing I would show a lack of respect for her wishes. Do you have any advice?**

I will respond by making two points. First, you are free to decline your mother's request. You have no intrinsic or moral obligation to assume this responsibility. If you don't feel you could fulfill the duties of that role properly, tell your mother and ask her to choose someone else.

I would also like to point out that you may be making more out of this responsibility than is warranted. Your duties as a medical or health-care *power of attorney* are called upon only "if and when" your mother becomes incapacitated. If she hasn't already, your mother would fill out and sign an *advance directive* that indicates her intentions and preferences concerning the use of any extraordinary means of health care. You would not have to make independent decisions; you would only have to follow through on decisions she has already made. Finally, you would have your family and the medical team to guide you. All your mother asks is that you, rather than a stranger, oversee the implementation of her directives.

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Monday  
SEPTEMBER 5  
Weekday

1 Cor 5:1-8  
Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday  
SEPTEMBER 6  
Weekday

1 Cor 6:1-11  
Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday  
SEPTEMBER 7  
Weekday

1 Cor 7:25-31  
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday  
SEPTEMBER 8  
*Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom  
8:28-30

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23  
or 1:18-23

Friday  
SEPTEMBER 9  
*St. Peter Claver, Priest*

1 Cor 9:16-19,  
22b-27  
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday  
SEPTEMBER 10  
Weekday

1 Cor 10:14-22  
Lk 6:43-49

Sunday  
SEPTEMBER 11  
*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

1 Tm 1:12-17  
Lk 15:1-32 or  
15:1-10

# Good News!

September 4, 2016

*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*  
Wis 9:13-18b / Phlm 9-10, 12-17 / Lk 14:25-33

In my family, three members like to plan for what's ahead: What are we going to do? How will it get done? How are we going to get there? What will happen when we do? I can tolerate certain changes up until the day we leave, but after that, change is difficult for me. My daughter hates change at any point and does not rest until a revised plan is made. My husband lies somewhere in between. Our other daughter is a much more freewheeling spirit. "I never make plans that far in advance," she would say when I asked her what she was doing that evening. We would often just stare at each other in wonder. After thirty years, we have also rubbed off on each other in some ways.

Becoming a disciple of Christ takes both planning and flexibility. The planning comes in preparing ourselves to let go of anything that gets in the way of our service to the Lord. For most of us, that will not be our parents, but it might be something or someone in our society or culture. Jesus' challenge comes in the realization that nothing can come between Christ and us—not even our parents—and if they did, we would need to turn from them in order to follow him. The flexibility comes in the understanding that we do not know what or who we might have to give up, or the moment and manner in which Christ will ask us to pick up our cross and follow in his footsteps. All we can do is pray for the grace and courage to do what he asks when he asks it.

—Mary Katharine Deeley

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