

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 (except first

Thursday of month-no Adoration)

First Friday of Month 8:30-9:30

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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MARCH 25, 2018

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. *Phillippians 2:8-9*



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28—FAMILY MOVIE & PIZZA NIGHT (bring a dessert to share) Christ's Passion 6PM at the hall

THURSDAY, MARCH 29—HOLY THURSDAY, 7PM Mass

8PM-12AM ADORATION at the hall (AS

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CAN NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED, WE ASK THAT AT LEAST ONE PERSON PER HALF HOUR PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET AT THE BACK OF CHURCH).

FRIDAY, MARCH 30—GOOD FRIDAY 3PM Stations of the Cross

3:30PM & 6:30PM Divine Mercy Novena (Day 1 of 10)

7PM Passion Service

SATURDAY, MARCH 31—HOLY SATURDAY 7:15PM Divine Mercy Novena (Day 2)

7:45 PM VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY, APRIL 1—EASTER SUNDAY Mass 8AM Immaculate Conception

10:00AM Divine Mercy Novena (Day 3)

10:30AM Our Lady of Lourdes

MONDAY, APRIL 2-WEDNESDAY APRIL 4& APRIL 6—Divine Mercy before 8AM Mass and at 6PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 5—Divine Mercy following 5:30 Mass ONLY

SATURDAY, APRIL 7—Divine Mercy Novena 4:30PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 8—Final day of Divine Mercy Novena with Adoration & Confession at 3PM

LENTEN
SCHEDULE



OUR NEW PRIEST

It has been announced that our new priest will be joining us from Queenship of Mary in Glen Ellyn. We will welcome Fr. Dong van Bui on June 20. In addition to our new priest, Our Lady of Lourdes will be combined with St. Mary, in Paxton and St. Joseph in Loda. Immaculate Conception in Roberts will be joining parishes in Gilman and Piper City. Please keep our priests in your prayers as they learn about and transition to their new parishes over the coming months.



ADDITIONAL KEYBOARD DONATIONS

We have recently purchased a new keyboard with the ability to record voices and music so that we may enjoy music at Masses when someone is not available to play. This \$11,000 investment was purchased with memorial donations from the Shambrook and Mardis families. Additionally, we have a parishioner willing to donate dollar for dollar up to \$2500. We are asking for your prayerful consideration of additional donations to help offset this cost. Additional donations can be dropped in the basket in an envelope addressed to Patti with a note indicating "keyboard donation".

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**Parish Council
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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.

MON March 26	8:00AM	+Bob Shambrook
TUE March 27	8:00AM	+Bob Mardis
WED March 28	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
THU March 29 Holly Thursday	5:30PM	+Parish Family
FRI March 30 Good Friday	8:00AM	
SAT March 31 Holy Saturday	5:00PM (OLL)	+Dick Walter
SUN April 1 Easter Sunday	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	Parish Family +Donald, Ruby & Marvin Kemmer

**THANK YOU FOR
 YOUR GIFTS
 OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2006.50
Capital Imp.	\$0
Food Pantry	\$70.00
March Total	\$181.00
Yr to Date FP	\$641.96

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Sunday Total	\$151.00
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When we meet our CMAA Goals! OLOL and IC will get back 70% of every dollar received above our goals. Reaching our goals is a great achievement, and continuing to give is even greater!

2018 CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$3981
 (Goal: \$12,200)
IC: \$805
 (Goal: \$1,000)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, March 31 5:00PM HOLY SATURDAY	Walter Smith Caine Jost	Michael Smith Paul Sarantakos	Lisa Heap	Frank Titus Bob Bode	Marj Brown
Sun, April 1 10:30AM EASTER SUNDAY	Sophia & Isabella Helmig	Ray Hanks	Paul Sarantakos	Nathan Garard Ethan Garard	

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.

LENTEN MINISTRY SCHEDULES

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Sat, March 29 5:00PM HOLY THURS.	Walter Smith Caine Jost Michael Smith	Fran Mardis	Lisa Heap	Michael Smith Caine Jost	
Sun, March 30 10:30AM GOOD FRIDAY	Walter Smith Caine Jost Michael Smith	Fran Mardis Paul Sarantakos	Paul Sarantakos	Michael Smith Caine Jost	

SAINTS TO EXPLORE FOR THE 2018 LENTEN SEASON

The seven holy founders of the Servite Order (Feb. 17), St. Peter Damian (Feb 21), The Chair of St. Peter (Feb. 22), St. Polycarp (Feb. 23), St. Katharine Drexel (March 3), St. Casimir (March 4), Sts. Perpetua & Felicity (March 7), St. John of God (March 8), St. Frances of Rome (March 9), St. Patrick (March 17), St. Cyril of Jerusalem (March 18), St. Joseph (March 19), St. Turibius of Mogrovejo (March 23).

The Word From Father Thomas

Palm Sunday

Jesus entry into Jerusalem is not precipitous. A plan is afoot, and he is procuring what will be needed to put into action. As always, he wants his disciples to understand the plan. So he engages them in its preparation, moving them from watchers to participants. He gives them instructions that, as they carry them out, will invite them to enter more and more into the mind of their master. They will learn something important for what will happen in Jerusalem and how they will interpret it. Even as Jesus is engaging his destiny, he is teaching his disciples. Discipleship training accompanies most of the events of the Gospel.



Jesus not only tells two disciples to do something, he tells them exactly what will happen when they do it. Everything he says proves accurate - from where to find the colt to what people will say to what they should say back to people. This accords the disciples a firsthand experience of Jesus' ability to predict the course of events. It is meant to reinforce the disciples' understanding and commitment to earlier predictions of Jesus. In particular, Jesus has predicted his passion, death and resurrection three times. Each time the disciples have not been able to grasp it. Now Jesus has created the conditions in which they can personally experience his power of prophesy. They are put exactly in the middle of a prediction, a prediction without vagueness or evasion, a prediction that proves to be eerily accurate. Their lesson, if they are able to grasp it, is: if Jesus is right about the colt and the people and what we should do, maybe he is right about his suffering, death and resurrection. If they enter Jerusalem without internalizing this dynamic process, the upcoming events will devastate them. Finding the colt as Jesus predicted is immediate preparation for the processional entry into Jerusalem. But more important, it is preparation for what will occur in Jerusalem.

A second lesson for the disciples focuses on what they are asked to bring to Jesus and how they are told to procure it. They are to find a colt, an animal that symbolizes lowliness and humility. In line with this disposition of gentleness, the disciples are not to commandeer the animal and make it the property of their master. They will simply say, "The Lord has need of it and will return it." This will be enough. People are not to be coerced. They are to be invited into cooperating with the Lord, a Lord who does not seek to take from them either their persons or their possessions. If the disciples can pay attention to what they are doing at Jesus' command, it will curb their fantasies of power and glory and ready them for the upcoming tumult of events. The crowds awaiting Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem want to make him king. This has happened once before (Jn. 6:4-5), and Jesus responded by going off to the mountain alone. This time he finds a "donkey's colt" and sits on it. This gesture fulfills a prophesy of Zachariah, a prophesy that in the context of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem both rejects one understanding of kingship and accepts another understanding.

If the people are waving branches and crying out for a political king, then Jesus entering Jerusalem seated on a young donkey is a mockery of their desires, a parody of military might. Kings entered conquered cities on a horse or riding in a chariot. This conveyed the crushing power that had brought the city low. If the people are looking for this type of domination, they have mistaken the identity and mission of the rider of the lowly donkey. His way of reigning does not stimulate fear in people. What arrives on a young donkey is a humble king who will bring peace. At the time this happened, the disciples did not understand its significance. It was only after the death of Jesus and his resurrection appearances to his disciples that began with "Peace" did they remember and grasp the meaning of this symbolic entry into Jerusalem. It points to one of the most powerful motivations of the first followers of Jesus.

GOOD FRIDAY—HOLY LAND COLLECTION

As we continue in the season of Lent, this special penitential season of the liturgical year is an excellent time to turn our thoughts even more toward our mission of growing in a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and supporting our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Lent offers another special opportunity to support the Christians and the institutions in the land of His birth, death and Resurrection. This is the third year that the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre are helping promote the Good Friday Collection. None of the monies collected on Good Friday go to the Equestrian Orders. Rather 100% of these funds go to maintain the holy sites that are visited by our pilgrims and support numerous Franciscan apostolates that directly help the Christians in the Holy Land. Thank you for your anticipated generous assistance.

PARISH CALENDAR



**Last Stations of the Cross for
the Lenten Season on
Good Friday at 3PM**

**LENTEN SCHEDULE
ON PAGE ONE**



Basilio Campos (3/28)
Carolina Gonzalez (3/28)
Janey Hansen (3/29)
Linda Schmitt (3/30)
Egan Lynch (3/30)
Dan Day (3/30)
John Veneto (3/31)
Jill Rock (4/1)



Jack & Susan Kollross (3/27)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Jeff McGuire
Linda Ellington
Greg Delost
Steve Heavilin
Dale Enghausen
Brian Sullivan
Emma Davis
Terry Hutchcraft
Norma Thompson
Rich Meunier



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

March 25, 2018

Was the Mother of Jesus at the foot of the cross?

In John's Gospel the Mother of Jesus, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene stood "by the cross" (19:25). Moreover, Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing by and spoke to them (19:26-27).

In Mark's Gospel, among "the many other women" watching the crucifixion from a distance were "Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome" (15:40).

Luke simply records that "all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from Galilee and saw these events" (23:49). But he mentions three women by name who visited the tomb: Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James (24:10).

Matthew also has "many women" looking on from a distance. Among them are "Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons" (27:56).

Only John records the presence of Jesus' mother and "Mary the wife of Clopas," who is believed to differ from Mary, the mother of James the younger and Joses, and Mary, the mother of James and Joseph. Mary Magdalene is cited in all four Gospels.

"By the cross" or "at a distance" may indicate the location allowed for spectators at a crucifixion. However, it is possible that at some point they were permitted to approach the foot of the cross, as depicted sometimes in artworks.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

Monday
March 26
Holy Weekday
Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday
March 27
Holy Weekday
Is 49:1-6
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday
March 28
Holy Weekday
Is 50:4-9a / Mt 26:14-25

Thursday
March 29
Holy Thursday
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14
1 Cor 11:23-26
Jn 13:1-15

Friday
March 30
Good Friday
Is 52:13-53:12
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday
March 31
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
Mk 16:1-7

Sunday
April 1
Easter
Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Good News!

March 25, 2018

Acceptance of the Passion

There is a sharp contrast between Jesus' and Peter's acceptance of Christ's passion. Both are afraid, but while Jesus faces and embraces, Peter hides and denies.

We understand Peter's gloomy darkness, and identify with the confusion and weakness leading to his failure. Like us, he tries to follow Jesus, but at a safe distance. He wants to be close, but not too close. He wants to feel he hasn't abandoned him, to be there—but remains on the fringe.

But following Jesus always leads to moments of truth. Jesus and life have a way of bringing us full circle to face our true selves. Are we in or out? How deep is our love? This time, Peter's love for Jesus fails. But like us, Jesus looks at him with understanding and gives him a chance to be honest, repent, and follow him once again.

Jesus' acceptance of his passion is our example. First, he suffers freely. He's not being forced into a fate he cannot escape. As a result, he is calm, self-possessed, in control of his heart, and patient. Second, he suffers peacefully without resentment. He isn't constantly recriminating against Judas, Peter, or John during his trial or flagellation. He doesn't seek blame or payback.

Not only is he not bitter or resentful, but he is full of compassion and focused on others: on the elderly women, his Mother, John the Apostle, forgiving his tormentors, and leading the good thief to heaven. Let's enter this holiest week following our Redeemer and imitating his example.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC