

Welcome

We are glad you are here with us today.
If you would like to join our Faith Community, please contact our parish office at office@ololgc.org or stop by any time after scheduled Masses.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Established - 1875

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Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 11:30 am

Wednesday 8:00 am

Thursday 5:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday following Mass

Confession

Saturday 4:30 pm

Wednesday during Adoration

Any time by Appointment

❖ FOR YOUR INFORMATION ❖

St. Mary

407 W. Pells Street
Paxton, IL 60957

Mass Schedule

Sunday 9:30 am

Wednesday 7:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday following 8AM Mass

Confession

Friday following 8AM Mass



St. Joseph

312 N. Hickory Street
Loda, IL 60948

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am

Tuesday 5:30 pm

Confession

Sunday 7:30am

MARCH 29, 2020 5th Sunday of Lent



After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

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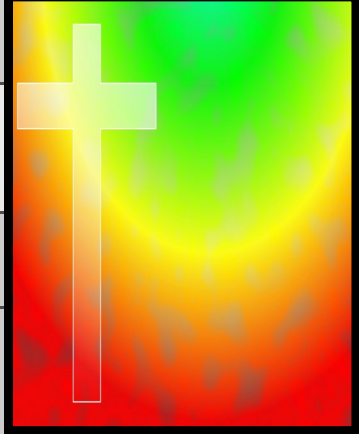
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THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS		
If you wish to have a Mass intention for a loved one, anniversary or other occasion, please contact the parish office. Mass intentions are \$10.00		
MON March 30		No Mass
TUE March 31		
WED April 1	No attendance Father Dong ONLY	+Fr. Dennis Kollross
THU April 2	No attendance Father Dong ONLY	+Lucy Shilts
FRI April 3		
SAT April 4		
SUN April 5 Palm Sunday	No attendance Father Dong ONLY	Parishioners of OLOL, St Mary and St Joseph

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS	
Saturday/ Sunday Total	\$0.00
Capital Imp.	\$0.00
CMAA 2020 (goal: \$11,900)	\$0.00
Food Pantry March Total Yr to Date FP	\$0.00 \$115.00 \$551.10



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucl. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
SAT April 4 5:00PM					
SUN April 5 11:30AM Palm Sunday					

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. Dong at (217)784-4671
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Marriage/RCIA
 Call the Rectory at least six months before. A six month preparation time is required.

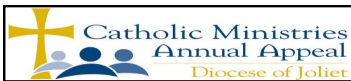
Listening to Whispers
 In spite of their dramatic image with impressive wings and brass horns, angels are quite subtle. You won't hear them sneak up on you. With the exception of Gabriel's announcement to Mary, angels normally won't even eat raw carrots, much less barge in with fanfare. Instead, they prefer working through slight nudges and soft whispers. They tiptoe into places like dreams, the words of strangers, and books or poems that somehow find their way into our hands just when we need them. While we look for mystical signs in the sky, God's messengers surround us with gentle smiles and encouraging words. The difference isn't about who God sends messages to; it's about who is open to receive them.

Daily Practice: As you hear the world around you today, listen and attend with the ear of your heart. What messages of love, hope and mercy are trying to find a way past the noise and into your soul?

Prayer: Lord, give me a heart that hears and a soul that sees. Awaken me to angels singing in the breeze and dancing across my dreams.

**Vocational Prayer-
 March 2020**

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
 Amen



**PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER
YOUR SUPPORT OF THE
2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL**
Your gift to the CMAA makes a difference.

The opening report for the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMAA) in today's bulletin illustrates how the 30 ministries supported through our annual appeal truly exemplify this year's theme, *Be Kind and Merciful*. These ministries allow the diocese to serve our most vulnerable brothers and sisters and assist parishes, including ours. Our parish goal for the 2020 CMAA is **\$11,900**, with 70 percent of any amount we raise over goal will be returned to us for our needs. Please prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's CMAA and make a commitment next week during our CMAA Commitment/InPew Weekend. Thank you for considering the most generous pledge possible to this year's annual appeal.

Thank you from the Smith family: We want to thank everyone for the cards, meals, assistance and support that you have given us during our issue with Caine following his accident. You have truly made us feel like family! Cards of encouragement also may be sent to **Caine Jost, 702 N Main, Saybrook, IL**



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry dates:
Friday March 27 (postponed)
Friday, April 3 (postponed)
Service from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Ticket: \$8.00 (all you can eat)
Kids under 12 eat free.



Please read a special note from our Diocese and Father Dong;
We received word from the Diocese that as a precautionary measure fighting the transmission of Coronavirus, we have been advised to **receive ONLY the Body of Christ** at Communion and suspense with receiving the Blood of Christ, as well as **no physical contact when offering the 'Sign of Peace'**. This practice will continue until further notified. It has also been suggested that if you are feeling ill, you are excused from Mass. Wishing you all God's Blessings and good health.

As of March 21st,

- 1.) All churches and adoration chapels must be closed until the order is lifted by the governor. Private prayer in any parish building must be discontinued until the order is lifted.
- 2.) There can be NO live Stations of the Cross or any other gatherings anywhere on parish property, nor can any parish personnel be involved in organizing them at any other site.
- 3.) Weddings and baptisms must be postponed and can re-scheduled only once the order is lifted. There are no exceptions to this, regardless of the size of the group. However, in case of an extreme emergency for baptism, please seek the permission of your bishop.
- 4.) Funerals and wakes must be postponed until the order is lifted.
- 5.) Parish offices must be closed until the governor's order is lifted.

Looking for another opportunity to bring Catholicism into your day....
tune your radio to Holy Family Radio, 95.7 FM, EWTN Catholic radio programs.

Deacon Paul Sarantakos, his wife Sarah and the students have returned to their homes in the United States, arriving March 18th. Their trip was cut short due to COVID-19 virus. We are all happy that they returned and pray they remain healthy.



Sunderland Scholarship

The Sunderland Scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior from Our Lady of Lourdes. To make a donation toward this year's scholarship award, please use the red offertory envelope marked for this purpose and drop it in the collection basket. Your generosity toward helping our parish youth is greatly appreciated.



PARISH CALENDAR

Also Check out our website (calendar) for important dates in February. ololgc.org

- ALL Masses and Stations of the Cross are suspended until further notice directed by Joliet Diocese.
- All church activities are suspended until further notice.
- Saturday, March 28—Food Pantry

Please watch your e-mail for the latest news from Tannie and Father Dong during this health crisis. Services and prayers are being offered online and FB almost daily.



- Linda Schmidt (3/30)
- Egan Lynch (3/30)
- Dean Day (3/30)
- Kenley Andreae (4/1)
- Austin Rosenbaum (4/1)
- Madison Eberle (4/2)
- Linda Martin (4/2)
- Doris Fleming (4/3)
- Greg Laughery (4/4)
- Jason Eberle (4/5)
- Margie Rock (4/5)
- Sandy Kollross (4/5)



Paul and Sarah Sarantakos (4/5)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

- Linda Ellington
- Greg Delost
- Dale Enghausen
- Brian Sullivan
- Emma Davis
- Terry Hutchcraft
- Leo Chapman
- Adam Reed
- Fran Mardis
- Joyce Pearson
- Caine Jost
- Rosanne Miller



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

Dear Padre,

I'm very disturbed at some clothing—or lack thereof—worn at Mass these days. I find myself being judgmental and I don't want to be. Does our *Catechism* mandate a dress code?

Being judgmental can exist on both sides of this issue: Those who dress casually or inappropriately at Mass may be seen as unmotivated and disrespectful; those who dress up may be accused of doing so not for God but to impress everyone else at Mass.

The casual-dress advocates are influenced by the current relaxed cultural norms on attire—in church and elsewhere. They rightfully point out that one's presence at Mass is more important to God than one's clothing. The dress-up advocates may believe this, too. However, the thought of actually being in God's presence at Mass determines their clothing choice.

Thus, an understanding of how the Mass is viewed today affects both casual-dress and dress-up proponents. While Catholics believe that Christ is present in all of creation and history, Christ's presence under the appearances of bread and wine is fundamental to our tradition. Moreover, a full appreciation of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist impacts far more than our outward appearances!

While the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* has no official dress guidelines, it's best to assume that most attend Mass for the same reasons as you. Essentially, most people who dress sensibly and make an effort to attend Mass are expressing their reverence and love for God.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



Calendar

Monday
MARCH 30
Lenten Weekday
Dn 13:1–9, 15–17,
19–30, 33–62
or 13:41c–62
Jn 8:1–11

Tuesday
MARCH 31
Lenten Weekday
Nm 21:4–9
Jn 8:21–30

Wednesday
APRIL 1
Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:14–20,
91–92, 95
Jn 8:31–42

Thursday
APRIL 2
Lenten Weekday
Gn 17:3–9
Jn 8:51–59

Friday
APRIL 3
Lenten Weekday
Jer 20:10–13
Jn 10:31–42

Saturday
APRIL 4
Lenten Weekday
Ez 37:21–28
Jn 11:45–56

Sunday
APRIL 5
Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord
Mt 21:1–11
Is 50:4–7
Phil 2:6–11
Mt 26:14–27:66
or Mt 27:11–54

Good News!

March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

It is not ghosts that come out of these graves, but a second chance at life. Ezekiel compares the reestablishment of ancient Israel after the exile with the dead rising alive from their graves. They are filled with God's spirit, God's power of life, and they have a second chance at living. Only the graciousness of God could imagine such a marvel; only the power of God could accomplish it. Jesus performs an even greater marvel. He actually brings Lazarus back from death, giving him a second chance at living. Once again, only the graciousness of God could imagine such a marvel; only the power of God could accomplish it. Jesus is that graciousness and that power, as he declares: "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25).

After its reestablishment, Israel was not immune to failure, nor was Lazarus exempt from eventual death. That was not the point. The point was a demonstration of divine generosity at that particular moment. As seen in the Gospel reading, the point is Jesus' self-identification: "I am the resurrection and the life." What follows is paradox: Those who live in him will not die; even if they die, they will live.

Joined to the one who is the resurrection and the life, we too will be raised from our graves and be transformed into a new life. We will never again face failure, as did the Israelites, or death, as did Lazarus, for the Spirit of Jesus will live in us.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

I invite you to think for a moment, in silence, here: Where is my interior necrosis? Where is the dead part of my soul? Where is my tomb? ...And to remove the stone, to take away the stone of shame and allow the Lord to say to us, as he said to Lazarus: "Come out!"

—HOMILY, APRIL 6, 2014