

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 6:30 pm
Friday 8 am
Holy Days: 7 am & 7 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 8:30-9:30 am
Thursday 7-8 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)



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March 29, 2015

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Palm Sunday

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

Matthew 21-22, Mark 11-12,
Luke 19-20, John 12

The picture depicts Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem. The people spread their coats in front of Him and greeted him with palm branches.

It was a springtime Sunday in about the year 30 A.D. The holy city of Jerusalem was crowded with pilgrims who had come for the annual Passover celebration.

Jesus had spent many months traveling through the towns and villages of Palestine. He preached about the kingdom of God and healed the sick wherever He went. Now the time had come for Him to claim His title as the Messiah - the Savior that God had promised to the Jewish people.

Jesus knew His mission was almost finished. As they traveled to Jerusalem, Jesus warned His disciples that He would soon be put to death, and after three days He would rise again.

As they came near Jerusalem, Jesus told two of His disciples to go into a nearby village and bring a donkey that would be waiting there. Jesus rode into Jerusalem on the donkey. Crowds of people spread their coats on the ground in front of Him. Some waved branches of palm trees, a sign of victory. The people shouted,

Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord - the King of Israel!

Only a king would be greeted this way ([2 Kings 9:13](#)), and the people wanted Jesus to be their king.

Most of the people did not understand what kind of king Jesus would be. They expected their Messiah to be a great political and military leader who would free them from the tyranny of the Roman Empire. But the kingdom of God is not of this world. It is a spiritual kingdom that is now growing in the hearts of people who put their faith and trust in God

Lessons

For the Jews, Jerusalem was the holy City of God. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, He fulfilled an Old Testament prophecy ([Zechariah 9:9-10](#)) and left little doubt that He was accepting the title of Messiah. Jesus was adored by the crowds of people who had come to Jerusalem for Passover. But there was harsh conflict between Jesus and Jerusalem's religious leaders. They clashed on issues of prayer, holiness, life after death and paying taxes to the Romans. Above all, they clashed on the issue of Jesus' authority from God. These conflicts led to Jesus being crucified less than a week after entering Jerusalem. Jesus did some of His most important preaching during this final week. He spoke of His second coming and told parables of the kingdom of God. Most of all He said we must put our total trust in God and put that trust into action with kindness for

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President**
Matt Doran (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 30	8:00AM	Martin Family McCall Family
TUE March 31	8:00AM	McGuire Family Medernach Family
WED April 1	8:00AM	Meunier Family Meyer Family
THU April 2 HOLY THURSDAY	7:00PM	
FRI April 3 GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS	7:00PM 3:00 PM	
SAT April 4 EASTER VIGIL	7:30PM	FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY
SUN April 5 EASTER SUNDAY	8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	NO 7AM MASS Gaines Family Gerry Gravlin

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

Envelopes \$2007.50
Loose \$415.00
Capital Imp. \$171.25
Food Pantry \$62.22

Imm. Conception

Total \$57.58

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!

CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$3765
Goal: (\$12,576)
IC: \$270
(Goal: \$1,224)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
HOLY THURSDAY April 2 7pm	Nathan & Ethan Garard Alex & Liam Killian	Denis Fisher			
GOOD FRIDAY April 3 7 pm	Remi Astronomo Joe Baillie	Fran Mardis	Sarah Sarantakos		
EASTER VIGIL Sat, April 4 7:30 pm	Hannah & Molly Kollross Caine Jost	Stan Alt Patti Huppert	Frank Titus	Bob Mardis Paul Obert	Marj Brown
EASTER SUNDAY April 5 10:30 am	Andrew & Aidan Laughery	Ray Hanks	Sarah Sarantakos	Dan Day Tim Fackler	
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.

PARISH PICNIC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
MAY 3, 2015

WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO
HELP PLAN THIS PARISH EVENT!!
(Contact Alyce (217)745-2411)

The Youth Group is also planning another
SILENT AUCTION to take place at the picnic
to benefit the Catholic Heart Work Camp (CHWC).
Anyone with items to donate please drop off at the hall
after RE classes on Sunday mornings or contact Sophie
(217)379-7255 or Alyce Hafer for alternate arrangements.

This event will be a pot luck. Meat and drink provided.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, March 30
St. Peter Regalado
Tuesday, March 31
St. Stephen of Mar Saba
Wednesday, April 1
St. Hugh of Grenoble
Thursday, April 2
St. Francis of Paola
Friday, April 3
St. Benedict the African
Saturday, April 4
St. Isodore of Seville
Sunday, April 5
St. Vincent Ferrer

Monday, March 30, there is a special Mass at St. Raymond Cathedral in Joliet,, attended by as many priests of the diocese as can attend, because it is a solemn observance of Christ's institution of the priesthood. At this **'Chrism Mass'** the bishop blesses the Oil of Chrism used for Baptism and Confirmation (see below if you would like to attend with Father Thomas)

HOLY THURSDAY is the most complex and profound of all religious observances, saving only the Easter Vigil. It celebrates both the institution by Christ himself of the Eucharist and of the institution of the priesthood.

The Holy Thursday liturgy, celebrated in the evening because Passover began at sundown, also shows both the worth God ascribes to the humility of service, and the need for cleansing with water (a symbol of baptism). This is shown in Jesus washing of the feet of twelve people or priests, to symbolize Christ's washing the feet of his Apostles, the first priests, and in the stripping and washing of the altar!

The action of the Church on this night also witnesses to the Church's esteem for Christ's Body present in the consecrated Host in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, carried in solemn procession to the flower-bedecked Altar of Repose, where it will remain 'entombed' until the communion service on Good Friday. No Mass will be celebrated again in the Church until the Easter Vigil proclaims the Resurrection.

And finally, there is the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament by the people during the night, just as the disciples stayed with the Lord during His agony on the Mount of Olives before the betrayal by Judas. **We will celebrate adoration at Our Lady of Lourdes on Holy Thursday by procession to the hall until midnight. It is recommend to stay at least an hour.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Linda Schmitt (3/30)
 Dan Day (3/30)
 John Veneto (3/31)
 Jill Rock (4/1)
 Pat Haskins (4/1)
 Kenley Andreae (4/1)
 Austin Rosenbaum (4/1)
 Phil Richardson (4/2)
 Madison Eberle (4/2)
 Linda Martin (4/2)
 Amy Veneto (4/2)
 Doris Fleming (4/3)
 Greg Laughery (4/4)
 Giavanna Chaddock (4/4)
 Norman Schall(4/4)
 Jason Eberle (4/5)
 Sandy Kollross (4/5)
 Margie Rock (4/5)



Carl & Beth Hornstein (4/3)
 Paul & Sarah Sarantakos (4/5)

There is card stock on the table at the back of church for anyone that didn't have the opportunity to put something in the scrapbook for Lisa & Jeff. Feel free to add pictures or words of wisdom and I will get it to them!



Stations of the Cross

Good Friday
 3PM
Our Lady of Lourdes Church.



CHRISM MASS

Anyone interested in going to the Chrism Mass on Monday, March 30th at the Cathedral in Joliet, please contact Father Thomas at 630-639-0502 as a ticket is required. Father can also provided additional information for this beautiful Mass.

GIBSON AREA FOOD PANTRY

Checks for the Gibson Area Food Pantry can be made out to OLL. Feel free to drop them in the jar at the back of church. For anyone wanting this to appear on their year end statement, please use a blank envelope with your envelope number indicated on the outside. Thank you for you commitment to this very important ministry for our Gibson City residents in need.



PARISH EVENTS



Tues, March 31

- **CALM between 6:30-7PM**

Sat, April 4

- **Food Pantry 9AM-12PM**

Tues, April 7

- **CALM between 6:30-7PM**

Wed, April 8

- **K of C Mtg. 7PM**

Sat, April 18

- **Food Pantry 9AM-12PM**

Tues, April 21

- **CALM between 6:30-7PM**

Wed, April 29

- **Staff Mtg 6PM**
- **PC Mtg 7PM**



Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons
 Mary Cothorn
 Jesse Cervelli
 Vicky Stuckey
 Dick Walter
 Penny Campbell
 Loretta Bode
 Chuck Kemmer
 Vivian Geurts
 Mardella Duffy
 Don Hahn
 Dennis Stack
 Chuck Freehill
 Paul Volker
 Milt Seyller
 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@ololac.org.

dear Padre

March 29, 2015

Who was at the Last Supper?

Jesus said to his *disciples*—not only to his *apostles*—“Do this in memory of me.” Were there more people at the Last Supper than the Twelve?

Scripture and Tradition teach us that prior to his arrest and subsequent crucifixion, Jesus wanted to celebrate the Passover meal in the company of his twelve closest disciples, the apostles.

Because there is no documented detailed guest list telling us once and for all who was in attendance, it’s difficult to speculate on who else might have been present at the Last Supper.

We do know that the Last Supper is where Jesus instituted the celebration and sacrament of what we know today as the Eucharist. His command to “do this in memory of me” was made to his apostles and their successors so they would repeat this action in proclamation of the Lord’s death for the world’s redemption until he comes again (see 1 Corinthians 11:23–26).

It’s a command the Church obeys whenever the faithful gather for the breaking of the Bread and what we now celebrate as the Eucharist or the Mass.

Therefore, the details of who was present at the Last Supper aren’t as important as the fact that we continue to obey the Lord’s command to do this in his memory to this very day.

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Monday
March 30
Holy Week
Is 42:1-7
Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday
March 31
Holy Week
Is 49:1-6
Jn 13:21-33,
36-38

Wednesday
April 1
Holy Week
Is 50:4-9a
Mt 26:14-25

Thursday
April 2
Holy Thursday
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14
1 Cor 11:23-26
Jn 13:1-15

Friday
April 3
Good Friday
Is 52:13-53:12
Heb 4:14-16;
5:7-9
Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday
April 4
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 5
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 29, 2015
PALM SUNDAY (B)

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 / Is 50:4-7 /
Phil 2:6-11 / Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Traditions help us order the world and mark the passing of time. As my children grew up, we marked our entry into the Christmas season by decorating the Christmas tree, reading the Dylan Thomas classic *A Child’s Christmas in Wales*, and singing the choral parts of Handel’s *Messiah*.

Most people are familiar with Handel’s masterpiece, but not many know it was composed as an Easter—not Christmas—oratorio. If we listen to the whole thing, we hear the familiar prophecies of Isaiah and Paul’s triumphant cry, “O Death, where is thy sting?” The glorious “Hallelujah Chorus” announces the triumphant reign of the risen Christ.

Every year on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, for much longer than our traditions have held sway, the Church has told the story of the passion and death of Jesus. This story marks our entrance into the faith of the Church and orders our sacred time.

It’s the story of a death that leads to life—both the resurrected life of Jesus, which we celebrate next week, and the eternal life that’s ours if we follow him.

In Mark’s telling of the story, we encounter the woman who anointed Jesus and the young man who ran away when Jesus was arrested.

Each gospel writer gives us a slightly different version of the story, and each writer adds to our perspective and our understanding that this man and this death weren’t like any other. This Jesus was God, who emptied himself so we might live. Surely that’s worth singing about.

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