

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)



Parish Office

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November 2, 2014

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

As we all know, Father Thomas will be traveling to Rome for the canonization of Blessed Euphrasia (member of CMC (Congregation of Mother Carmel) and Kuriakose Chavara (founder of the CMI (Carmelites Mary Immaculate) and CMC orders) The next two bulletins will feature these individuals as they are the first in these orders to be canonized.



Bl. Euphrasia (Rose Eluvathingal) was born on 1877 in the village of Kattoor, in the Diocese of Trichur, India, as the daughter of Anthony and Kunjethy Eluvathingal.

Her mother's deep piety and great devotion to the Virgin Mary and the stories that her mother had told her, especially about the Rose of Lima, had a strong influence on little Rose.

- As a young child Rose began to detach herself from earthly possessions and pleasure and took a great interest in spiritual matters. This was all the more rooted in her at the age of 9 by means of an apparition of the Blessed Mother, after which the young girl offered herself totally to the Lord.
- Though her father wanted to send her in marriage to a rich family, her intense prayer life including rosary, fasting and abstinence, changed her father's mind and he himself accompanied her to the convent of the Congregation of the Mother of Carmel at Koonammavu.
- Even though Rose had a strong desire to be a Religious, she was often afflicted with various illnesses which caused her intense suffering. Once, during a particularly painful attack, the Sisters were resolved to send her home forever, but through an apparition of the Holy Family she received a miraculous healing that permitted her to continue following God's call.
- On May 10, 1897 Rose became a postulant taking the name Sr. Euphrasia of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and on May 24, 1900 Sr. Euphrasia made her perpetual vows to God with unspeakable joy in her heart.
- Mother Euphrasia spent much of her day in the convent chapel before the Blessed Sacrament and she also nourished a great love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary; as a result, she was naturally an apostle of the Eucharist and of the Rosary.
- Thus, with a pure heart Mother Euphrasia gave her maternal love and tenderness to those who sought her help. She gave them the comforting words of Jesus' Gospel and interceded for them. For each little kindness bestowed upon her she would reply, "I will not forget it, not even after death".
- Mother Euphrasia had a profound sense of Church and she personally felt the sorrows and problems of the Church of her day. She offered her mortifications and penances for the conversion of schismatics and asked the novices and children to pray for them. She prayed ardently before the Blessed Sacrament for the Holy Father, for Bishops, priests and Religious.
- After Mother Euphrasia's death many of those who had obtained her help during her lifetime now continued to beseech her help at her tomb. In 1990 her tomb was opened, and her mortal remains were moved to the convent chapel.
- Pope John Paul II approved the Decree of the heroic virtues of the Servant of God in 2002, proclaiming her Venerable. On Sunday, 3 December 2006, she became the fifth Blessed of Kerala, India, and the sixth of the Nation of India. Her strength came from Jesus, who had become her betrothed in spiritual matrimony as her letters testify.
- Blessed Euphrasia will be canonized on November 23, 2014. □

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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 Nov 3	8:00AM	John Kollross, Jr.
TUE Nov 4	8:00AM	Koopman Family Kurtenbach Family
WED Nov 5	8 :00AM	Kutemeier Family Larkin Family
THU Nov 6	6:30PM	Laughery Family Leonard Family
FRI Nov 7	8:00AM	Lozier Family Lutterbie Family
SAT Nov 8	5:00PM	Mardis Famiy Martin Family
SUN Nov 9	7:00AM(OLOL)	Gerry Gravlin
	8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Margie Rock Family Gerald Lynch Family Jerry Lynch, Jr. Famiy

Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

Envelopes \$2150.86

Loose \$427.00

Capital Imp.

Imm. Conception

Total \$176.00



CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$14,684
Goal: (\$11,786)
IC: \$1,450
(Goal: \$1,149)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, Nov 8 5:00PM	Emma Kurtenbach Brooke Beyers	Mary Fairfield Stan Alt	Deacon Jeff	John Carlson	Fran Mardis
Sun, Nov 9 7:00AM	Brooks Schmitt	Andrew Killian			
Sun, Nov 9 10:30AM	Molly & Hannah Kollross	Jack Kollross Sarah Sarantakos	Deacon Jeff	Frank Titus Chuck Weber	

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 or Deacon Jeff at (217) 781-8238.

Marriage

Call the Rectory at least six months before. A six month



OUR LADY OF LOURDES
CATHOLIC CHURCH WILL BE
HOSTING THEIR ANNUAL
TURKEY DINNER AT FATHER
KIRK HALL.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2014
11AM-1PM
ADULTS \$8
KIDS 12 & UNDER \$4
PURCHASE DINNERS AT THE DOOR

CARRYOUT AND DELIVERY ARE AVAILABLE.
FOR DELIVERY RESERVATIONS PRIOR TO
NOVEMBER 10, PLEASE CALL BRIAN LOZIER AT
784-2680 AND LEAVE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS,
PHONE NUMBER, AND HOW MANY DINNERS
YOU NEED.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, November 3

St. Martin De Porres

Tuesday, November 4

St. Charles Borromeo

Wednesday, November 5

St. Venerable Solanus Casey

Thursday, November 6

**Nicholas Tavelic &
Companions**

Friday, November 7

St. Didacus

Saturday, November 8

Blessed John Duns Scotus

Sunday, November 9

**Dedication of St. John
Lateran**

A Word From Father Thomas



The question what happens after death still baffles many people. Is there a life after death? If yes, what would it look like? Can there be an intermediary place called purgatory? These questions can be answered by faith. Jesus – who lived in this world, part of our history – told us and taught us many things. He told us that he comes down from heaven and many things about heaven and life in the other world. Hence there should not be any reason why we should not believe in the life after death. Our God is a God of life and not of the dead and so it is the will of the Father that we are all saved and be alive in his kingdom. The book of Maccabees tells us that “if they did not believe that their fallen companions would rise again, then it would have been a useless and foolish thing to pray for them. But they firmly believed in a splendid reward for those died as believers...” (2 Mac 12:44-45). In the parable of rich man and Lazarus, Abraham replies to the rich man saying, “Between your place and ours a great chasm has been fixed, so that no one can cross over from here to you or from your side to us”. This makes it clear that one cannot pass from heaven to hell or from hell to heaven. Therefore, our prayers do not add any benefit for those people who are already either in heaven or in hell. The catechism of Catholic Church (#1030 - 32) teaches about “The Final Purification, or Purgatory”. In (1030) it states that: “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven”. Hence purgatory is a sign of divine compassion that allows us not to be perished forever but keeps our hope alive to be saved one day by divine mercy.

PARISH EVENTS

November

Sun, November 9

- Turkey Dinner
11AM-1PM

Sun, November 12

- Staff Meeting 6PM
- K of C Mtg 7PM

Wed, November 19

- Parish Council Mtg
7PM

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons
Mary Cothorn
Jesse Cervelli
Vicky Stuckey
Dick Walter
Doris Benter
Penny Campbell
Loretta Bode
Rita Benefiel
Chuck Kemmer
Vivian Geurts
Mardella Duffy
Joanne Baker
Don Hahn
Dennis Stack

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.

WE COULD USE SOME HELP

THIS Sunday
at 1PM



We will be planting some shrubbery around the rectory and could use some help digging holes.

Post planting **COULD** involve refreshments at DG Sullivan's as we say a final farewell.



USHER MINISTRY: We are in need of someone to head this important ministry.

We are also calling all men (from high school up) in the parish to consider joining the Usher team. Please contact the office at pastor@ololgc.org if you are able to help with this very important ministry or would like more information.

LECTOR MINISTRY: The Lector ministry is always looking for new members! If you are interested in being a Lector and need more information, please contact Lisa Volker at lmv3161@hotmail.com or 217.781.1738 as soon as possible to be on the new schedule. Lectors are needed for all Masses and duties are usually every 3 to 4 weeks.

THOUGHTS

November 2, 2014

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' day)

Like the sensible bridesmaids in today's parable, good stewards make sure that they, and whatever gifts are theirs to share, are ready to serve when the Master calls.

WE INVITE EVERYONE TO LOOK THROUGH THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH AND NOTE ANYONE THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO REMEMBER THIS NOVEMBER.



Miranda Leonard (11/3)
Charity Miguel (11/3)
Ethan Garard (11/4)
Robb Fields (11/5)
Ann Carlson (11/9)
Nick Giroux (11/9)



Todd & Lee Thomas (11/3)
Stanley & Terri Davis (11/4)
Steve & Andi Killian (11/9)

dear Padre

November 2, 2014

Why pray for the dead?

Every year I go to Mass on the anniversary of my grandmother's death to pray for her soul. My Protestant friend thinks it's strange that Catholics pray for the dead. Can you help me explain it to him?

Love reaches across time and space, even across the divide of death. One of the articles of the Apostles' Creed affirms our belief in the *communion of saints*, the spiritual bond between the souls in heaven (all of them, not just the canonized) and purgatory and the faithful still alive on Earth. All are united with Christ and with one another in grace, prayer, and good works (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 946–948).

We're praying for them, and they're praying for us.

If your friend is looking for a scriptural basis for praying for the dead, you can direct her to two passages. In the Old Testament, 2 Maccabees 12:38–46, Jewish soldiers pray and offer sacrifices for fallen comrades who had gotten mixed up with pagan practices: "He made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin" (46). This is held to be a good and holy practice done in expectation of the resurrection of the dead.

In the New Testament, 2 Timothy 1:18, Paul speaks of praying for God's mercy on a deceased man named Onesiphorus: "May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day" of judgment.

May the souls of the departed rest in peace.

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Monday

November 3
Weekday
Phil 2:1–4
Lk 14:12–14

Tuesday

November 4
*Saint Charles
Borromeo,
Bishop*
Phil 2:5–11
Lk 14:15–24

Wednesday

November 5
Weekday
Phil 2:12–18
Lk 14:25–33

Thursday

November 6
Weekday
Phil 3:3–8a
Lk 15:1–10

Friday

November 7
Weekday
Phil 3:17–4:1
Lk 16:1–8

Saturday

November 8
Weekday
Phil 4:10–19
Lk 16:9–15

Sunday

November 9
*Dedication
of the Lateran
Basilica*
Ez 47:1–2,
8–9, 12
1 Cor 3:9 c–11,
16–17
Jn 2:13–22

Good News!

November 2, 2014 (A)

ALL SOULS' DAY

Wis 3:1–9 / Rom 5:5–11 or 6:3–9 / Jn 6:37–40

I had a wonderful mentor in my early adulthood who taught me about the beauty of the Liturgy of the Hours and the importance of theological reflection. He passed away about fifteen years ago, and several times a year I remember him and offer thanks to God for his presence in my life.

On the Solemnity of All Saints (November 1), we celebrate people the Church as a whole knows and recognizes as holy men and women who led lives of obedience to God and openness to grace. Today we celebrate the countless others known only to families and friends or in villages and countries who lived and died as people of faith, striving to be disciples of Christ and certainly being examples for all who knew them.

In several of his epistles, St. Paul exhorts all his listeners to be saints with a small "s"—women and men who cooperate with grace and allow God to work through them.

That same exhortation is ours today. Holiness is not the sole property of people in the past or of priests and religious. It's the goal for all of us. And we have known many of them—grandmothers, uncles, parents, mentors, and other people important to us. They've been role models and guides. They've not just *talked* faith. They've *lived* faith. They won't be known by the entire Church, but today is *their* feast day because they showed us what is possible when we allow God to lead us.

Who are the "saints" who have led you in faith? Give thanks for them today.

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