

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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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Relationship between Justice and Mercy

Saint Thomas says that if there were some sin God was unwilling to forgive even though the sinner wanted forgiveness, then God would—impossibly—be overcome by man. This counter-factual is a key to many things.

If our sin could outrun the mercy of God, then the scope of Christ's redemption would be quite other than what we think it is. Christ dies for all sins of all sinners from the dawn of Eden to the twilight of Armageddon. Saint Thomas' counter-factual supposes a divine will at odds with itself: it envisages some sin Christ dies to efface as somehow withdrawn from the divine purpose that sent him into the world.

Because the death of Christ is figured in the New Testament as a price paid for our sins, it is counted as a manifestation not only of divine mercy but also of divine justice, wherein Christ fulfills the just requirements of the law. But justice is fulfilled only in such a way as to display the divine mercy all the more. It is better for us that Christ fulfills the just requirement of the law and so makes satisfaction for our sins. It is better and so more merciful because it opens up a way for us, too, to share in the work of reparation. The Lord Jesus makes us friends with him in his own work of saving us.

Christ's redemption not only fulfills the original purpose of creation but fulfills it according to the very idea of creation. We don't usually think of creation as an act of mercy, but Saint Thomas thought of it so. Evidently, there is no justice according to which an unreal creature claims being from God. Bringing the whole being of the creature out of nothing is rather a kind of mercy to the creature: it saves him from the darkness of non-being; it brings him into the warmth and the light of what is, positively reflecting the divine goodness. And the manner of the redemption, in which mercy triumphs over justice, imitates the original manner of creation itself.

Creation is also an imitation of the Father's generation of the son (and the procession of the Spirit from both Father and Son). The assertion of the perfect equality of the Persons one to another, an upshot of the Arian controversy, shows us a kind of "justice" to be observed in the Trinity. But this just equality is a result of a logically prior generosity or "mercy" whereby the Father begets the Son by giving him all that he is and has. The "justice" of the equality of the Persons, in other words, is founded in the "mercy" of the processions, a mercy, a goodness, a generosity than which nothing more primordial can be thought.

Father Guy Mansini, O.S.B.

A PRAYER FOR ALL FAMILIES

Heavenly Father, who called Your only Son in obedience away from the caravan to Your House.

Like Mary and Joseph whose twelve-year-old son went missing, we are often anxious and upset, and we cannot comprehend Your Will.

Let the family be the place where Your only Son is free to dwell.

Have mercy on us all: the intact, the extended, the broken, the blended, the dysfunctional, the upended.

Bring Salvation to our steps and let us open our door and embrace the strange and holy family of Nazareth.

Rita A Simmonds

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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 December 28	8:00AM	Durlene Lawless <i>Holy Innocents</i>
TUE December 29	8:00AM	NO MASS <i>St. Thomas Becket</i>
WED December 30	8:00AM	Priest Intentions <i>St. Egwin</i>
THU December 31	4:00PM	<i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i> NEW YEARS EVE <i>St. Sylvester I</i>
FRI January 1	10:30AM	<i>Immaculate Conception</i> NEW YEARS DAY <i>Mary, Mother of God</i>
SAT January 2	5:00PM	Chuck Freehill <i>St. Basil the Great</i>
SUN January 3	7:00AM (OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Parish Family The Thomas Rock Family Marge Carlson

**Thank You
 For Your Gifts
 OLOL**

Envelopes \$3047.50
 Loose \$690.00
 Capital Imp. \$0
 Food Pantry \$79.00

Imm. Conception

Total \$266.00

Thank you to all that have fulfilled their Annual Appeal commitment and I encourage those outstanding to complete their commitment in the coming months. OLL received a check for \$712.00 for meeting our goal to date.

CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$15,002
 Goal: (\$12,675)
IC: \$1,315
 (Goal: \$1,224)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Thurs, Dec. 31 4:00PM	Angelica Cullotta Joe Allen	Michelle Rosenbaum		Michael Smith	
Sat, Jan 2 5:00PM	Caine Jost Angelica Cullotta	Stan Alt	Marj Brown	Jerry Brown Robert Bode	Michelle Rosenbaum & Family
Sun, Jan 3 7:00AM	Liam Killian	Kathleen Reum			
Sun, Jan 3 10:30AM	Gavin Tredennick Caine Jost	Denis Fisher	Lisa Heap	Brett Beyers Craig Davis.	

Volunteers are always needed for our parish ministries. For more information on how to join, contact the parish office.

BISHOP JOSEPH L. IMESCH entered eternal life on Tuesday, December 22, 2016. Visitation services will be Monday, December 28 from 1PM to 8PM and Tuesday, December 29 from 9AM-10:45AM. The funeral will follow at 11AM on Tuesday at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. He was the third bishop of the Diocese of Joliet from 1979-2006.

PARISH EVENTS

DECEMBER

Wed. December 30
***Parish Council Mtg 7PM**

MERRY CHRISTMAS GIFT

PLEASE take a REDISCOVER JESUS book from the back table. It is a Christmas gift for the parish
COMPLIMENTS OF HELEN HAYNES.
 Thank you Helen!



Mark Andreae (1/1)
 Steve Killian (1/1)
 Sophie Hafer (1/1)
 Charley Ulrich (12/30)
 Emily Bucks (12/30)
 Kerry Tredennick (1/1)

Tannie Smith (1/1)
 Margaret Carey (1/2)
 Roger Reum (1/3)