

## 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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# September 6, 2015

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### From the RE Desk

RE classes start Sunday, September 13 at 9AM

September 8

## Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 (nine months earlier).

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James* fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child that will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story (like many biblical counterparts) stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

St. Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation and asks for an increase of peace. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning.

Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large.

### Quote:

"Today the barren Anna claps her hands for joy, the earth radiates with light, kings sing their happiness, priests enjoy every blessing, the entire universe rejoices, for she who is queen and the Father's

September 12

## Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This feast is a counterpart to the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus (January 3); both have the possibility of uniting people easily divided on other matters. Mary always points us to God, reminding us of God's infinite goodness. She helps us to open our hearts to God's ways, wherever those may lead us. Honored under the title "Queen of Peace," Mary encourages us to cooperate with Jesus in building a peace based on justice, a peace that respects the fundamental human rights (including religious rights) of all peoples.

### Quote:

"Lord our God, when your Son was dying on the altar of the cross, he gave us as our mother the one he had chosen to be his own mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary; grant that we who call upon the holy name of Mary, our mother, with confidence in her protection may receive strength and comfort in all our needs" (Marian Sacramentary, Mass for the Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary).

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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.

<b>MON</b> September 7	8:00AM	Joseph Theneth <i>Blessed Frederic Ozanam</i>
<b>TUE</b> September 8	8:00AM	NO MASS <i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
<b>WED</b> September 9	8:00AM	NO MASS <i>St. Peter Claver</i>
<b>THU</b> September 10	6:30PM	NO MASS <i>St. Thomas of Villanova</i>
<b>FRI</b> September 11	8:00AM	NO MASS <i>St. Cyprian</i>
<b>SAT</b> September 12	5:00PM	Albert Bode & Family <i>Most Holy Name of the BVM</i>
<b>SUN</b> September 13	7:00AM (OLOL) 8:30 AM (IC) 10:30 AM (OLOL)	Ding Astronomo Parish Family Marge Carlson

**Thank You  
For Your Gifts  
OLOL**

Envelopes \$1680.54  
Loose \$347.25  
Capital Imp. \$55.00  
Food Pantry \$94.00

**Imm. Conception**

Total \$177.00

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: \$12,775  
Goal: (\$12,675)  
IC: \$1,165  
(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>
Sat, September 12 5:00PM	Alex Killian Joe Allen	Jim Meyer	Jerry Brown	Bob Mardis John Carlson	Fran Mardis
Sun, September 13 7:00AM	Remi Astronomo	Erin Nuss			
Sun, September 13 10:30AM	Hannah & Haven Hathaway	Ericka Foltz	Jean Wilhelmi	Paul Obert Paul Volker	

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.

**A LITTLE CATHOLIC HUMOR**



The whole church watched with nervous anticipation as the visitors sat where the Martins have sat for 42 years.



Austin Hornstein (9/7)  
Cherry Fisher (9/7)  
Joachim Nunnink, Jr. (9/7)  
Erin Lynch (9/8)  
Carol Obert (9/10)  
Claire Schmitt (9/11)  
Pat Harper (9/12)



Brian & Jody Goodin(9/13)

# The Word From Father Thomas



## 10 Surprising Things That Happen When You Go To Adoration More Often

1. You develop a sense of awe and wonder
2. You experience peace in other areas of your life
3. You begin to look outwardly
4. You get bored sometimes
5. You become excited going to Adoration
6. Grace enters your life
7. You realize how fortunate you are
8. You realize that God has a sense of humor

## 9. You want to go to Confession more

This might sound scary, but it's not. Confession allows us to experience the mighty boundless ocean that is God's mercy. His mercy swallows up all our sins and gives us a true kind of freedom, a freedom without fear, which allows us to make the leap into His love and goodness, complete with all His perfect plans for our life. Time and time again, going to Confession re-enforces the knowledge that we are jumping into the arms of a father who loves us very much and "never tires of forgiving us". (Pope Francis).



## 10. You fall in love

Ultimately, you can't help this one! When you spend more time with an open heart in Adoration and just let Christ love you, then you'll fall in love too. That love will define you and allow you to be yourself. "I came that they may have life, life in all its fullness." (John 10:10)

*So what are you waiting for?  
Make a date now for some Adoration  
and let God transform your life!  
(John 10:10)*

### PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

I will be leaving for Poland on September 7 and will be back on the 22nd. I will be visiting the places where St. John Paul II was born, raised, and worked. I will also be spending 5 days, from September 11-15 in prayer and recollection in the Divine Mercy campus. Please pray for me and I will be praying for you as

### HAPPY LABOR DAY!

On the first Monday of September, the U.S. observes Labor Day, a celebration of the strength and contributions of the nation's work force.



### PARISH EVENTS



#### Wednesday, September 9

- Knights of Columbus 7PM

#### Tuesday, September 15

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

#### Saturday, September 19

- Food Pantry 9AM-12PM

#### Tuesday, September 29

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

#### Wednesday, September 30

- Staff Meeting 6PM
- Parish Council Meeting 7PM

### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

There will be an altar server training on October 4th following 10:30AM Mass for any child interested in this ministry. All current altar servers are also encouraged to attend.



### Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons  
Mary Cothorn  
Jesse Cervelli  
Dick Walter  
Loretta Bode  
Vivian Geurts  
Mardella Duffy  
Chuck Freehill  
Milt Seyller  
Ruth Cochran  
Zachary Smith

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](mailto:pastor@ololgc.org).

# Good News!

September 6, 2015  
**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**  
Is 35:4-7a / Jas 2:1-5 / Mk 7:31-37

It seems odd that Jesus would tell someone he just cured to keep silent about the whole incident. If I had experienced a miraculous cure, I think my first impulse would be to tell everyone about it and how it came to be. It's hard to keep that kind of good news to oneself. But Jesus' reasons for asking this went beyond mere modesty. He did not want people to follow him simply because of what he did. There were prophets and preachers at that time who called attention to God and appeared to cure those who were ill. They cast out demons and preached their understanding of the truth. But Jesus wasn't like any other person. He wanted people to look within themselves and believe in him because of who he was: Emmanuel, God with us.

If we believe in Jesus only because we have seen a miracle, then our faith is not rooted in a deep conviction of heart and mind. The first time something bad happens, our faith will waver. If we believe only because someone else told us to, then when that person exits our lives, our faith may stop. But if we have had a personal encounter with Christ mediated through sacraments, or in prayer, or through another person and have come to believe in Christ as the Son of God, then our faith will grow. It will see us through rocky times and brighten the rest of our days. We will be like someone whose eyes and ears have been opened, because we will see Christ present in the world and hear his voice calling to us to come and follow him.

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**Monday**  
SEPTEMBER 7  
Weekday  
Col 1:24-2:3  
Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday**  
SEPTEMBER 8  
*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Mi 5:1-4a  
or Rom 8:28-30  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23  
or 1:18-23

**Wednesday**  
SEPTEMBER 9  
*St. Peter Claver, Priest*  
Col 3:1-11  
Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday**  
SEPTEMBER 10  
Weekday  
Col 3:12-17  
Lk 6:27-38

**Friday**  
SEPTEMBER 11  
Weekday  
1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14  
Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday**  
SEPTEMBER 12  
Weekday  
1 Tm 1:15-17  
Lk 6:43-49

**Sunday**  
SEPTEMBER 13  
*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Is 50:5-9a  
Jas 2:14-18  
Mk 8:27-35

# dear Padre

September 6, 2015  
**In Spanish Bibles, why do Psalms have different numbers ?**

I've been looking at a Spanish translation of the Bible. Why are the Psalms numbered differently?

Among the various translations of the Bible, two numbering systems are commonly used: a Greek numbering and a Hebrew numbering. Each system is primarily based on one of two original texts: the older Septuagint, or Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures; or the Masoretic text, a later Hebrew translation. When St. Jerome translated the Bible into the Latin Vulgate, he followed the Greek Septuagint.

In Bibles using Greek numbering, certain pairs of psalms are merged into one, such as with Psalms 9 and 10 and with Psalms 114 and 115. Other psalms are divided into two psalms each, such as with Psalms 116 and 147. Hebrew-numbered Bibles, therefore, may list psalms a bit lower or higher than Greek-numbered ones. The resulting numerical difference is what you are witnessing in your Spanish Bible.

Other examples of Greek-numbered Bibles would be the *Douay-Rheims* and those used in Eastern Orthodox churches. Many modern English Bibles, especially those used in Protestant churches, follow the Hebrew numbering. But numbers aside, most contemporary versions of the Bible draw from several sources—including the Greek Septuagint, Masoretic Hebrew, Latin Vulgate, and Dead Sea Scrolls—to create an accurate and effective Old Testament translation, whether in English or Spanish.

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