

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 10:30 am
Monday 8 am
Tuesday 8 am
Wednesday 8am
Thursday 5:30 pm
Friday 8 am
Holy Days: 7 am & 7 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 8:30-9:30 am
Thursday 6-7 pm

Confession

Saturday 4:30 pm (OLOL)
Any time by Appointment



Immaculate Conception

202 E. Green Street
Roberts, IL 60962

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am

Confession

Sunday 7:45 am (IC)



Parish Office

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September 11, 2016 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOW TO MAKE A GOOD CONFESSION CONTINUED...part 2 of 2

FOR THE RELUCTANT

You may go to any priest at any Catholic Church. You need not give the priest your name or any details that would identify you. The priest is never allowed to tell anyone, communicate, or make any record of any sin he has heard in confession (the "Seal of Confession"), even in a court of law or to a religious superior.

HOW TO MAKE A GOOD CONFESSION

Begin by asking the Holy spirit to help you make a good confession. Make an examination of conscience by asking yourself what sins you have committed since your last good confession. Tell God you are sorry for your sins.

Once in the confessional, knee, make the sign of the cross, and say, "Bless me Father, for I have sinned; it has been (however long) since my last confession." Name your sins and how many times you committed each one. Then say, "I am sorry for these sins and all the sins of my past life."

The priest will give you a penance (usually some prayers), and perhaps advise you. While the priest is saying the words of absolution (forgiveness), pray the Act of Contrition or say a prayer expressing your contrition in your own words. The priest will then say, "God bless you," or "Go in peace," or something similar. You say, "Thank you, Father," make the Sign of the Cross, leave the confessional, and complete your penance.

AFTER YOUR CONFESSION

Perform your penance as soon as you can, and offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the Sacrament of Penance.

THE SPIRITUAL BENEFITS OF CONFESSION

The Catechism lists the spiritual effects of the Sacrament of Penance: reconciliation with God by which the penitent recovers grace; reconciliation with the Church; remission of the eternal punishment incurred by mortal sins; remission, at least in part, of temporal punishments resulting from sin; peace and serenity of conscience, and spiritual consolation; and an increase of spiritual strength for the Christian battle. (CCC1496)

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended You, and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend You, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Your grace to confess my sins, do penance, and amend my life. Amen.

IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST AND WILL FORGIVE OUR SINS AND CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS." 1 JOHN 1:9

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

- Did I conceal any sin or fail to do my penance?
- Have I neglected or been a bad example in my home or family duties, work or school?
- Have I used God's name irreverently or taken false or unnecessary oaths?
- Have I missed Holy Mass on Sundays or Holy Days through my own fault, done unnecessary work on Sunday or failed to observe the Church's laws of fasting and abstinence?
- Have I disobeyed, or been disrespectful to, my superiors or those under my authority (parents, teachers, employer)?
- Have I quarreled with or purposely hurt anyone (physically or mentally)?
- Have I sinned against the duties of married life or failed to show love, respect, and good example to my spouse?
- Have I lied, repeated gossip, or hurt another's character?
- Have I been sinfully proud, greedy, angry, envious or jealous?
- Have I neglected my duties to my children concerning their RE instruction, education, or cultivation of good habits?

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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 September 12	8:00AM	+Dina O'Rourke
Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
TUE September 13	8:00AM	Aubry Family Baillie Family
St. John Chrysostom		
WED September 14	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
Exaltation of the Holy Cross		
THU September 15	5:30PM	Raymund Astronomo
Our Lady of Sorrows		
FRI September 16	8:00AM	Benoit Family Beyers Family
St. Cornelius		
SAT September 17	5:00PM	+ Gene Johnson
St. Robert Bellarmine		
SUN September 18	8:00 AM (IC)	Margie Rock Family
St. Joseph of	10:30 AM (OLOL)	Parish Family
Cuppertino		

Thank You For Your Gifts OLOL

Sunday Total	\$2112.50
Capital Imp.	\$170.00
Food Pantry	\$121.00
Sept. Total	\$121.00
Yr to Date FP	\$2299.27

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$125.50
Capital Imp.	\$0

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!

2016 CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$13,775
Goal: (\$12,712)
IC: \$1370
(Goal: \$905)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, September 17 5:00PM	Caine Jost Daxter Chaddock	Fran Mardis	Jerry Brown	Frank Titus Bob Mardis	Paul & Sarah Sarantakos
Sun, September 18 10:30AM	Isabelle & Sophia Helmig	Sarah Sarantakos	Paul Sarantakos	Greg Laughery Sam Baillie	

From the RE Desk .. RE classes begin THIS weekend, September 11. We look forward to a BLESSED year in both our academic and church classrooms! Please contact Alyce at joenalyceh@cawi.org with any registration or RE questions. WELCOME BACK!



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. Thomas at (630) 639-0502 .

Marriage

Call the Rectory at least six months before. A six month preparation time is required.

Beginning in **OCTOBER**, the first Friday of the month adoration will follow 8AM Mass. The remaining weeks of every month Adoration will be on the usual Thursday evening following 5:30PM Mass.

Food Pantry

Saturday, September 24 from 8 A.M. until noon will be our next scheduled opportunity to supply the labor for the local food pantry. At least 25 workers will be needed on that Saturday.

If you have not signed up previously, please contact Chuck Aubry at caubry55@gmail.com. The only age qualification is to be in at least 6th grade.

There will be a need for a few workers for set-up on the evening of Friday, September 23.



In your charity, prayers and Mass offerings, please remember those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May they and all the souls of the faithful dead rest In peace.
Amen

Ruth Cochran

The Word From Father Thomas



The work of forgiveness and mercy is costly. Its success depends chiefly on the grace of God, which alone can convert hearts. It depends also on others. To touch a man, it is not enough to forgive him once. Christ told Peter to forgive seventy times seven times. Through forgiveness, we give to God and to others the best of ourselves, dearly acquired at the price of our rebellious self-love, and we leave them to draw the profit from it, knowing that we shall not always see the results, and that our kindness may even be abused. Once the gift of pardon is given, it is no longer ours. We should even risk losing the grace, were we to cling to it and claim a reward.

However this may be, forgiveness has opened up in our own depths a source of mercy which will never run dry if we let it flow and refrain from placing obstacles in its way. This is the abundance signified by the number seventy times seven given to Peter. It means, "Never stop forgiving, if you want the fountain of mercy to flow always for you. Do not forget that you yourself sin seven times a day."...

The beatitude of the merciful is offered to us daily as we choose between a justice that suits our impressionable and often peremptory taste, and a generous, kind, and understanding justice. The struggle for mercy goes on unceasingly in our hearts.

~Father Servais Pinckaers, O.P.

PARISH EVENTS



Wednesday, September 14

- K of C Mtg 7PM

Tuesday, September 20

- CALM between 6:30PM-7PM

Saturday, September 24

- Food Pantry 9AM-12Noon

Wednesday, September 28

- Staff Mtg 6PM
- Parish Council Mtg 7PM

September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

For a while there were two feasts in honor of the Sorrowful Mother: one going back to the 15th century, the other to the 17th century. For a while both were celebrated by the universal Church: one on the Friday before Palm Sunday, the other in September.

The principal biblical references to Mary's sorrows are in Luke 2:35 and John 19:26-27. The Lucan passage is Simeon's prediction about a sword piercing Mary's soul; the Johannine passage relates Jesus' words to Mary and to the beloved disciple.



Many early Church writers interpret the sword as Mary's sorrows, especially as she saw Jesus die on the cross. Thus, the two passages are brought together as prediction and fulfillment.

St. Ambrose (December 7) in particular sees Mary as a sorrowful yet powerful figure at the cross. Mary stood fearlessly at the cross while others fled. Mary looked on her Son's wounds with pity, but saw in them the salvation of the world. As Jesus hung on the cross, Mary did not fear to be killed but offered herself to her persecutors

9-11 Remembrance

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth. Turn to Your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred.

God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events.

Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain. Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.

- Prayer of Pope Benedict XI, New York, 20 April 2008



Happy Birthday

Pat Harper (9/12)
Benjamin Roesch (9/14)
Alex Rosenbaum (9/14)
Jerry Stoltz (9/14)
Enrique Gonzalez, Jr. (9/14)
Noah Roy (9/14)
Laura Lynch (9/14)
Nicole Carey (9/15)
Nicholas Meunier (9/16)
Marie Davis (9/17)
Leo Chapman (9/17)
Fred Sarantakos (9/18)
Jodi Beyers (9/18)
Patti Huppert (9/18)

Happy Anniversary

Brian & Jody Goodin (9/13)
Roger & Edna Huppert (9/14)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Tony Coons
Loretta Bode
Mary Cothran
Mardelle Duffy
Donovan Gaines
Dick Walter
Mary Masco
Jeff McGuire
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@ololgc.org.

Dear Padre

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

Is it possible to replace a godfather? Since my daughter's baptism, my brother-in-law has divorced his wife and abandoned his children. I no longer want to associate with him.

I can understand your feelings toward your brother-in-law, given his behavior toward his own family. However, at the time of your daughter's baptism, he was accepted as her godfather and his name was placed in the official baptismal register. I don't see how that official document could be changed.

Although this loss may seem significant, it's important to remember that your daughter—and you—are not alone. She seems to have two parents, a godmother, a pastor and parish, and other adults and mentors who will walk with her and assist you as she grows in faith: "For the grace of Baptism to unfold, the parents' help is important. So too is the role of the *godfather* and *godmother*...The whole ecclesial community bears some responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given at Baptism" (CCC 1255).

What I have recommended in similar situations is that you now choose and ask a person whom you know and trust to be your daughter's "acting" godfather." As your daughter gets older you could explain to her that this person really cares about her and will be like a godfather to her. I think this might be a good family solution.

Fr. Daniel L. Lowery, CSsR
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Monday
SEPTEMBER 12
Weekday
1 Cor 11:17-26, 33
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 13
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 14
Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9
Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Cor 15:1-11
Jn 19:25-27
Lk 2:33-35

Friday
SEPTEMBER 16
Sts. Cornelius, Bishop, and Cyprian, Martyrs
1 Cor 15:12-20
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 17
Weekday
1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 18
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Am 8:4-7
1 Tm 2:1-8
Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Good News!

September 11, 2016
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 / 1 Tm 1:12-17
Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

A preacher at a prayer service read the story of the Prodigal Son. The story was so familiar, I tuned out until he reached the part about the reaction of the elder son complaining about his brother's treatment. The preacher continued, "So the father responded, 'You are absolutely right: Let's send him away again.'" The congregation looked startled as this unfamiliar version rang in our ears. The preacher said, "That's the way I always thought the story should have gone." He continued to reflect on the passage and our all-too-human reaction to a father who seems to spoil his youngest kid rotten. The more he talked, the more I realized that there is a little of the eldest son in all of us. We want to be rewarded and we want those who are wrong to be punished.

I think today's Exodus account is written from that perspective. God, as we understand him, wants to strike down all those who made the golden calf—and rightfully so. But Moses reminds God of his promise to Abraham, a memory of love so powerful that God cannot destroy his children regardless of his anger. We don't see how the Prodigal's father responded when his younger son first left. Maybe he was angry or disappointed as we might have been. Rather, we do see that his love was so powerful, the son is welcomed back and falls to his knees in relief and contrition.

"It's pure grace that the father didn't react as we might have," said the preacher, "Thank God." And he read the rest of the passage as it had been written.

—*Mary Katharine Deeley*

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