

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 (except first
Thursday of month-no Adoration)

First Friday of Month 8:30-9:30

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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DECEMBER 10, 2017 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

During Advent take time, slow down,
be still, be awake to the Divine Mystery
that looks so common and so ordinary -



Yet is wondrously present.

JOY TO THE WORLD BOOK

Please take a JOY TO THE WORLD BOOK from the table at the back of church as a Christmas gift from the parish! Scott Hahn is a wonderful author... ENJOY!

KITCHEN RENOVATION

Just a friendly reminder that we will soon begin our Hall Kitchen remodel, therefore, the hall will be unavailable. This will also affect funeral dinners should we have any. We just want to make everyone aware for any planning purposes! As always thank you all for your cooperation and support as we work to complete our hall renovation project!



The **2018 COLLECTION ENVELOPES** are available to pick up in the back of the church.

If you have not registered with the parish, or if there are not envelopes in your name and you would like them, please contact the office.
(217)784-4671.

Also, please let us know of address, additional children or other contact information changes, by emailing pastor@ololgc.org

2018 FLOWERS

Please sign up for altar flowers for 2018. The sign up sheet is on the table at the back of the church. Flowers are provided by County Market and are \$30. You may have already signed up for a permanent date--if you wish to make any changes, please note them on the sheet. Christmas and Easter signups are on the back two pages. Many thanks in advance for contributing to keeping our church beautiful week to week!



2017 PARISH CALENDARS

Our Parish Calendars are available for 2018. Thank you Day Drainage for providing them for our Parishes. Feel free to pick some up after Masses over the next few weekends. It is hard to believe 2018 is a few short weeks away.

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**Parish Council
 President**
 Michael Smith (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 December 11	8:00AM	+Sandy Roberts St. John Damasus
TUE December 12	8:00AM	+Priest Intentions Our Lady of Guadalupe
WED December 13	8:00AM	+Loretta Bode St. Lucy
THU December 14	5:30PM	NO MASS St. John of the Cross
FRI December 15	8:00AM	+Mardelle Duffy
SAT December 16	5:00PM (OLL)	+Ed Day St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
SUN December 17	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	+Jeff Zick Parish Family Second Sunday of Advent

**Thank You
 For Your Gifts
 OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$3140.00
Capital Imp.	\$372.50
Food Pantry	\$105.00
December Total	\$105.00
Yr to Date FP	\$3235.02

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$342.00
Capital Imp.	\$0

When we meet our CMAA Goals! OLOL and IC will get back **70%** of every dollar received above our goals. Reaching our goals is a great achievement, and continuing to give is even greater!

2017 CMAA Goals
OLOL: \$14460
 (Goal: \$13,255)
IC: \$1620
 (Goal: \$913)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Euch. Minister</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Homebound Ministry</u>
Sat, December 16 5:00PM	Alex Killian Spencer Kleist	Patti Huppert	Stan Alt	Joe Allen John Carlson	Helen Haynes
Sun, December 17 10:30AM	Brooke Beyers Cecilia Goodin	YOUTH MASS Ryen Miller	Paul Sarantakos	Andrew Laughery Greg Laughery	

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 and always Tuesday following 8AM Mass.

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.

Food Pantry Volunteers

Saturday, December 23 from 8:30AM-Noon will be our next scheduled opportunity to supply the labor for the local food pantry. Workers will be needed on that Saturday

Please feel free to contact Chuck Aubry caubry55@gmail.com with any questions.

NOTE: THE FOOD PANTRY IS NOW LOCATED IN THE OLD ALCO BUILDING (NEXT TO BIG R ON ROUTE 9).

The Word From Father Thomas

PREPARING THE WAY



Advent is the time for rousing. Humanity is shaken to the very depths, so that we may wake up to the truth of ourselves.

The primary condition for a fruitful and rewarding Advent is renunciation, surrender. Humans must let go of all their mistaken dreams, their conceited poses and arrogant gestures, all the pretenses with which they hope to deceive themselves and others. If they fail to do this stark reality may take hold of them and rouse them forcibly in a way that will entail both anxiety and suffering.

The kind of awakening that literally shocks a person's whole being is part and parcel of the Advent idea. A deep emotional experience like this is necessary to kindle the inner light which confirms the blessing and the promise of the Lord. A shattering awakening; that is the necessary preliminary. Life only begins when the whole framework is shaken. There can be no proper preparation without this. It is precisely in the shock of rousing while he is still deep in the helpless, semi-conscious state, in the pitiable weakness of that borderland between sleep and waking, that a person finds the golden thread which binds earth to heaven and gives the benighted soul some inkling of the fullness it is capable of realizing and is called upon to realize.

~ Father Alfred Delp, S.J.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

This feast commemorates the 4 apparitions of Mary in 131 to the peasant Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill near Mexico City. Appearing like a Mexican princess, Mary told him that a church should be built there. When Juan told the bishop, he demanded proof. Mary sent Juan to gather some roses (unusual in December) to present to the bishop. When Juan opened his cloak to give the roses to the bishop, they also discovered a painted image the Blessed Virgin imprinted on the cloak, which is now preserved in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Under this title, Mary was declared patron of New Spain (1710), of Latin America (1910), Queen of Mexico and Empress of the Americas (1945) and patroness of the Americas (1999).



Pope Francis reminds us that "like Jesus, Mary is close to all her sons and daughters; as a concerned mother, she accompanies them on their way through life. She shares all the joys and hopes, and sorrows of God's people, which is made up of men and women of every race and nation."

OUR AMERICAN VOCATION

When the image of the Virgin appeared on the cloak of Juan Diego, it was the prophecy of an embrace: Mary's embrace of all the peoples of the vast expanses of America—the peoples who already lived there and those who were yet to come. Mary's embrace showed what America—North and South—is called to be: a land where different peoples come together; a land prepared to accept human life at every stage, from the mother's womb to old age; a land which welcomes immigrants, and the poor and the marginalized, in every age."

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

"O gracious and loving Mary, Lady of Guadalupe, through your presence make us aware of our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. May Christ send us blessings of peace and harmony, and may we receive love and the healing we need to get closer to him."

PARISH CALENDAR



Wednesday, December 13

- K of C Mtg

Thursday, December 14

- St. Peregrine Mass for Healing

Sunday, December 17

- YOUTH MASS

Thursday, December 21

- Penance Service following 5:30PM Mass

Saturday, December 23

- Food Pantry 8AM-12Noon

No Staff or Parish Council in December



- Jody Goodin (12/11)
- Ian Miller 12/12
- Lucy Shilts (12/12)
- Cali Roy (12/13)
- John Martin (12/13)
- Mary Fairfield (12/15)
- Chuck Aubry (12/1)
- Maggie Davis (12/17)



Paul & Mary Geurts (12/13)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

- Donovan Gaines
- Jeff McGuire
- Linda Ellington
- Greg Delost
- Steve Heavilin
- Dale Enghausen
- Bob Mardis
- Brian Sullivan
- Tony Perkins
- Emma Davis
- Marilyn Fischer



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

DECEMBER 10, 2017

Especially before Christmas, I appreciate times of silence at Mass but seldom find them. Priests ask the congregation to open their missalettes after Communion to recite the daily antiphon, which seems more trouble to locate and say than to simply remain silent. Please advise.

Before Mass, it's commendable that silence be observed in the church, sacristy, vesting room, and adjacent areas so that all may "carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting manner" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 45).

During Mass, "Let us pray" is an invitation to observe a moment of silence for the congregation to "place themselves in God's presence and make their personal petitions" (*Introduction to the Order of Mass*, 35). Communal silence is also observed within the penitential act for people to recollect themselves, at the end of a reading or the homily for all to meditate briefly on what they've heard, then after Communion to praise and pray to God in their hearts (*GIRM* 45). In other words, there's a silence that reflects shame before God for our sins, a silence that reflects our need to ponder his word, and a deep silence before God that reflects awe and incapacity for words after receiving the Body of Christ!

If there's no singing after Communion, the antiphon "may be recited either by the faithful, or by some of them, or by a reader; otherwise, it is recited by the priest himself after he has received Communion and before he distributes Communion to the faithful" (*GIRM* 87).

Without liturgical silence, "the celebration can become perfunctory in its haste or burdensome in its unrelieved sound and song" (*Introduction* 48).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

Monday
December 11
Advent Weekday
Is 35:1-10
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday
December 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday
December 13
St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Is 40:25-31
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday
December 14
St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Is 41:13-20
Mt 11:11-15

Friday
December 15
Advent Weekday
Is 48:17-19
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday
December 16
Advent Weekday
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday
December 17
Third Sunday of Advent
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11
1 Thes 5:16-24
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Good News!

December 10, 2017
Second Sunday of Advent (B)
Is 40:1-5, 9-11 2, Pt 3:8-14, Mk 1:1-8

Most of us are not good at waiting. We want things right away and would rather arrive just on time than stand around uselessly. Few things are as annoying as waiting in a doctor's office, a government office, or being stuck in traffic.

Yet waiting can also be an exciting and busy time, like a bride and groom preparing for their wedding. There is no time to waste, since the date is approaching and there is so much to do in order for everything to be prepared perfectly. Advent waiting should be more like this expectant waiting.

John the Baptist was sent to point toward Christ and invite the people to their wedding with God. The divine spouse was coming back to his beloved and sent the groom ahead to let everyone know he was coming.

Thus John preached preparation, conversion, and setting aside everything that would distract people from getting the heart ready for Jesus. Loving, active planning was as necessary for those who listened to John the Baptist as it is for us.

This means going up the mountain and into the desert. Set aside normal distractions and dedicate more time to think about Christ, preparing our hearts and minds for the big day of his arrival.

Advent isn't a nervous time of sitting around and hoping the line goes quickly. It is an active, engaged, and hopeful anticipation of one we eagerly await.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC