

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 8 am
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)



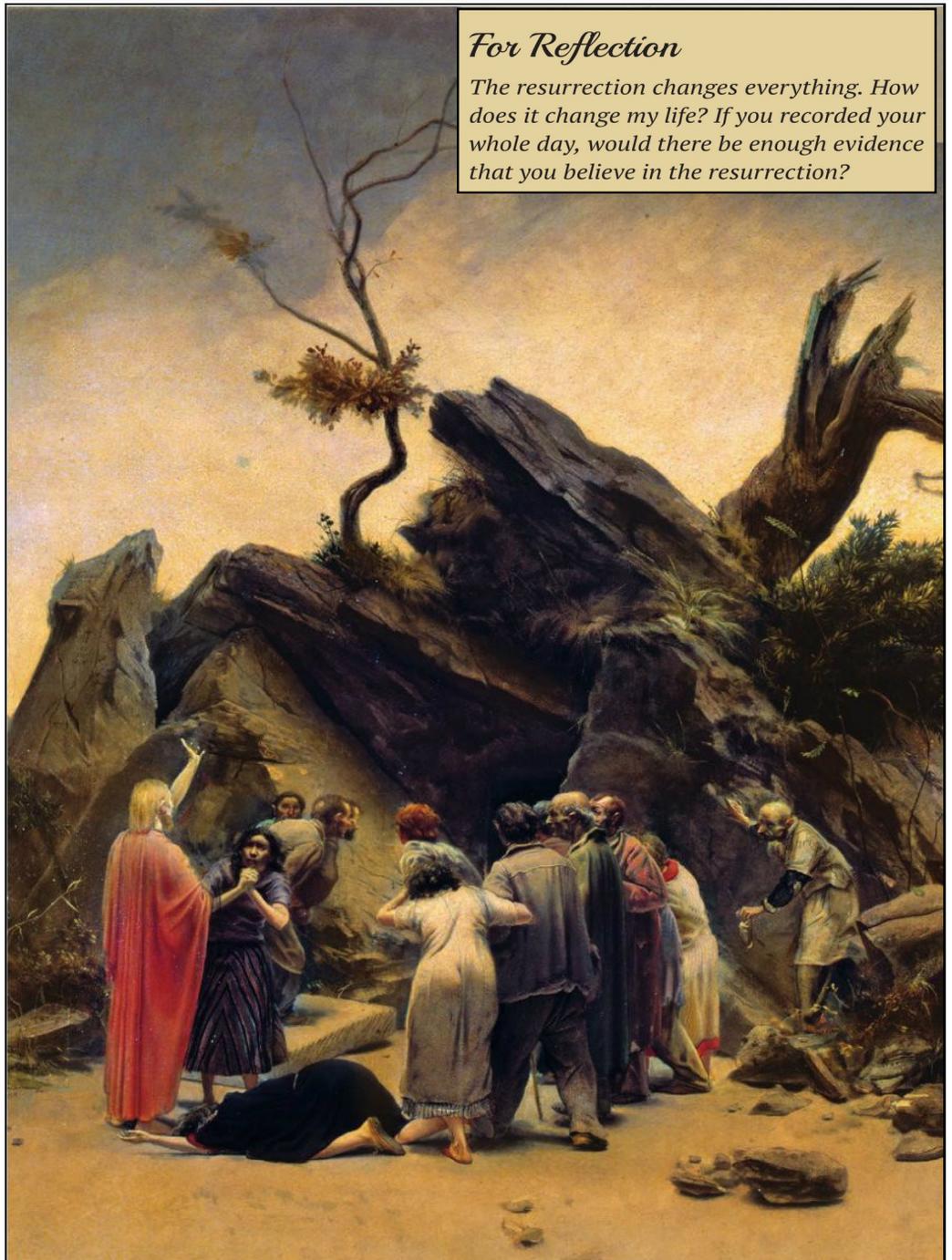
Parish Office

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APRIL 16, 2017

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

"This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible... to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead" (Acts 10:40-41).



For Reflection

The resurrection changes everything. How does it change my life? If you recorded your whole day, would there be enough evidence that you believe in the resurrection?

For Reflection

How is your Lenten journey bringing you deeper in faith and closer to new life in Jesus? Has Jesus raised you from destruction or despair? How?

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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 April 17 8:00AM		NO MASS
TUE April 18 8:00AM	8:00AM	NO MASS
WED April 19 8:00AM	8:00AM	NO MASS
THU April 20 5:30PM	5:30PM	NO MASS
FRI April 21 8:00AM	8:00AM	NO MASS
SAT April 22 5:00PM (OLL)	5:00PM (OLL)	+Mary Cothern
SUN April 23 8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	Genevieve & Dale Schwarz Parish Family

**Thank You
 For Your Gifts
 OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2505.50
Capital Imp.	\$75.00
Food Pantry	\$174.00
March Total	\$531.00
Yr to Date FP	\$1201.35

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$357.00
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: \$5570
 (Goal: \$13,255)
IC: \$550
 (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, April 22 5:00PM	Caine Jost Walter Smith	Jim Meyer	Marj Brown	Jerry Brown John Carlson	Fran Mardis
Sun, April 23 10:30AM	Ethan Garard Keegan Kutemeier	Dennis Fisher	Paul Sarantakos	Dan Kleist Dan Day	

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.



PATRIOTIC ROSARY

We will be saying a PATRIOTIC ROSARY for our country and service men and women on the first Saturday of every month. This will be at the same time and in placed of the regular rosary at 4:30PM. Please join us in prayer.

100 YEAR FATIMA ANNIVERSARY ROSARY

On May 13, at 3:30PM we encourage you to join in the Fatima Anniversary Rosary Rally at Our Lady of Lourdes. America is at a historic crossroad. Secularists are trying to push God from the public square. They reject His beneficial action upon society. But without God, where will our leaders get the wisdom to solve the great problems we face! Stay tuned for more details about this Rosary Rally.



- Jack Kollross (4/17)
- Evan Kollross (4/17)
- Chris Giroux (4/18)
- Tim Bane (4/19)
- Terry Fields (4/20)
- Sam Baillie (4/21)
- Caden Miller (4/21)
- Steve Heavilin (4/22)



- Leo & Audrey Chapman (4/21)
- Eric & Michelle Rosenbaum (4/23)

The Word From Father Thomas

THE HOPE OF EASTER



We, like Peter and the women, cannot discover life by being sad, bereft of hope. Let us not stay imprisoned within ourselves, but let us break open our sealed tombs to the Lord—each of us knows what they are—so that he may enter and grant us life. Let us give him the stones of our rancor and the boulders of our past, those heavy burdens of our weaknesses and falls. Christ want to come and take us by the hand to bring us out of our anguish. This is the first stone to be moved aside this night: the lack of hope which imprisons us within ourselves. May the Lord free us from this trap from being Christians without hope, who live as if the Lord were not risen, as if our problems were the center of our lives.

We see and will continue to see problems both within and without. They will always be there. But today it is important to shed the light of the Risen Lord upon our problems, and, in a certain sense, to “evangelize” them. To evangelize our problems. Let us not allow darkness and fear to distract us and control us; we must cry out to them: **the Lord is not here, but has risen!** (Lk 24:6). He is our greatest joy; he is always at our side and will never let us down.

This is the foundation of our hope, which is not mere optimism, nor a psychological attitude or desire to be courageous. Christian hope is a gift that God gives us if we come out of ourselves and open our hearts to him...Today is the celebration of our hope, the celebration of this truth: nothing and no one will ever be able to separate us from his love (cf. Rom 8:39).

The Lord is alive and wants to be sought among the living. After having found him, each person is sent out by him to announce the Easter message, to awaken and resurrect hope in hearts burdened by sadness, in those who struggle to find meaning in life. This is so necessary today...

Remember the words of Jesus, remember all that he has done in our lives. Let us not forget his words and his works, otherwise we will lose hope and become “hopeless” Christians. Let us instead remember the Lord, his goodness, and his life-giving words which have touched us. Let us remember them and make them ours, to be sentinels of the morning who know how to help others see the signs of the Risen Lord.

~Pope Francis

PARISH EVENTS

April

Divine Mercy Novena

- Monday-Friday, April 17-21
7:00AM & 5:30PM
- Saturday, April 22
6:00PM

Congratulations to

**ANGELA EVERETTE
&
GREGORY MARTIN**

Welcome to the Catholic Church
and welcome to Our Lady of
Lourdes Parish!



Food Pantry

Saturday, May 27, from 8:30 A.M. until noon, will be our next opportunity to supply the labor for the local food pantry. Members of the GCMS Interact Club will also be assisting on this date. At least 25 workers will be needed on that Saturday.

There may also be a need for a few workers to set-up from 6:30 to 7:30 on the evening of Friday, May 26.

For questions, contact Chuck Aubry at caubry55@gmail.com or text/call at 217-249-8304.

NEW CATHOLIC TELEVISION PROGRAM FOR YOU EVERY DAY

Be inspired by a new Catholic television program for every day living that will motivate you to achieve your hopes and dreams as you live a life of power, impact, freedom and purpose. It provides practical ways of living life to the fullest and helping you make faith a part of your daily life.

Bruce Downes The Catholic Guy Television program is seen by millions of people whose lives have been changed by his down-to-earth approach.

**DIRECTV Ch 371, DISH Ch 258, AT&T U-VERSE Ch 565, VERIZON FIOS Ch 288
EVERY DAY
8:30AM (EST) /7:30am (CST) / 5:30am (PST)**

For more information go to BruceDownesTheCatholicGuy.com where you can watch the program daily.

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Mardelle Duffy
Donovan Gaines
Mary Masco
Jeff McGuire
Jesse Cervelli
Linda Ellington
Greg Delost
Steve Heavilin
Dale Enghausen
Bob Mardis



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

APRIL 16, 2017

Why do Catholics teach Christ rose on the third day? Given a Friday crucifixion and Sunday's resurrection, I barely count two days.

There are a couple of issues to consider here. To begin with, Jesus' resurrection from the dead was an event that happened both in and out of time. Theologians say it was a transcendental event with historical consequences. Because Jesus' resurrection is not like anything we have ever seen before and bears little or no resemblance to any other historical event, our concepts of time falter when trying to express exactly what happened.

To put it another way, the length of time that Jesus spent in the tomb is much less important than what he did there. What really matters is that he conquered death, vacated the tomb, and entered into his risen and glorified state.

We must also remember that the Jews of Jesus' day were not as precise in their measurement of time as we are today. We tend to measure time in terms of hours, minutes, and seconds. They thought in terms of sunrises and sunsets. When seen in this light, the typical explanation given to the three-day time frame of Jesus' death and resurrection is that it took place in the course of three separate days: Good Friday (when Jesus was condemned to death and crucified), Holy Saturday (when Jesus lay in the tomb), and Easter (Sunday, when Jesus rose from the dead).

Dennis J. Billy, CSsR
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Monday

April 17

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

April 18

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:36-41

Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

April 19

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1-10

Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

April 20

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11-26

Lk 24:35-48

Friday

April 21

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:1-12

Jn 21:1-14

Saturday

April 22

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13-21

Mk 16:9-15

Sunday

April 23

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 2:42-47

1 Pt 1:3-9

Jn 20:19-31

Good News!

April 16, 2017

Easter

Acts 10:34a, 37-43, Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8,
Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

Today we celebrate the most important mystery of our faith, the greatest event in the Bible and all of history. Nothing before the events of Easter morning contains their full meaning, and nothing after makes sense without them.

Jesus' conquering of death validated all of his preaching, teaching, and miracles. Now his doctrine of love, forgiveness, faith, and baptism is confirmed, as is God's definitive revelation for man's salvation. In short, the resurrection proves that Jesus wasn't simply a good man, a wise teacher, or a revolutionary. He was all those things and more—he was the Son of God.

Without Jesus' rising from the dead, you cannot explain his appearing to the women, apostles, disciples, and crowds before his ascension. You cannot explain the transformation of the timid and baffled apostles into powerful preachers or the conversion of St. Paul from a murdering Pharisee to a persecuted Christian. Without the truth of the resurrection, you cannot explain the courage of any of the martyrs. Indeed, the Romans and Jews took these martyrs seriously. And if either group could have produced a body of evidence or a convincing explanation to debunk the story, they would have.

So today, set aside your Lenten focus on the mocked, beaten, and buried Jesus. Celebrate the resurrection. Christ the Lord—and Christianity—is a reality and a force. Rejoice! Reflect on the truth and power of this day, and allow God's Son to open the tombs of your heart and life.

For Reflection

The resurrection changes everything. How does it change my life? If you recorded your whole day, would there be enough evidence that you believe in the resurrection?

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC