

## 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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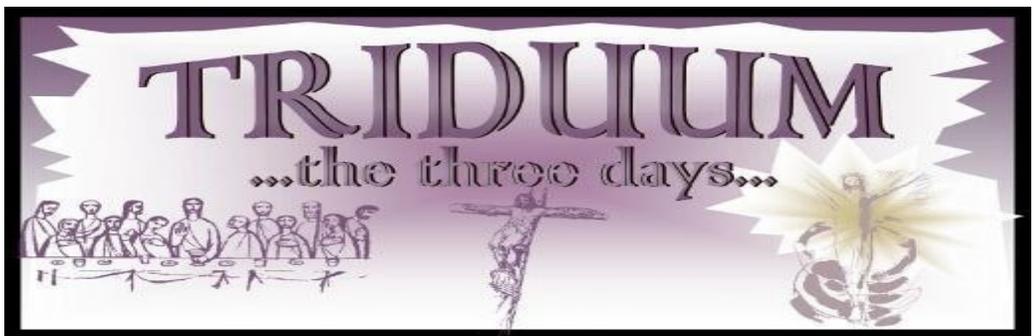
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# APRIL 9, 2017

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



### PRAYING THROUGH LENT WITH POPE FRANCIS

#### **YOU ALWAYS FORGIVE MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

**1 CHRONICLES 30:9**

O God, though I often tire and grow weary of asking for forgiveness, you never tire of forgiving. You are the loving Father who always pardons, who has a heart of mercy for us all. So let me too learn to be merciful to everyone.

#### **HOPE FOR CHANGE TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

**MATTHEW 5:13-16**

O God, help me to bring your hope and salvation to the world, to be a sign of our love that calls everyone to friendship with you, to be the leaven that makes the dough rise, the salt that gives flavor and preserves from corruption, to be a light that enlightens our world that, though at times dark and marked by evil, can change.

#### **ENTERING THE MYSTERY OF FAITH WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

**ROMANS 6:3-6**

O God, help me to live Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday as powerful moments that allow me to enter ever further into the great mystery of our faith—the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. May this be a positive time to rediscover my need for your tenderness and closeness and to return to you with all my heart.

#### **IMITATING JESUS' LOVING SERVICE HOLY THURSDAY**

**JOHN 13:13-17**

Jesus, your example of washing the disciples' feet means "I am at your service." Help me with all my heart to do what you have taught me to do—to be willing to serve, to help others and always do good.

#### **EMBRACE SUFFERING GOOD FRIDAY**

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:15**

O God, when I am tempted to be that kind of Christian who keeps the Lord's wounds at arm's length, help me recall how Jesus wants me to touch human misery, to touch the suffering flesh of others and enter into the reality of other people's lives by listening to their concerns, helping them materially and spiritually in their needs, rejoicing with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep.

#### **WAITING IN SILENCE HOLY SATURDAY**

**ROMANS 8:24-25**

O God, today you are silent, but out of love. On this day, love—your silent love—becomes the expectation of life in the resurrection. Help me await the resurrection in silence—in expectation with a love that has no doubt, but which hopes that it may be made manifest and resplendent on the day of Easter.

#### **WELCOMING JESUS INTO MY LIFE EASTER SUNDAY**

**MATTHEW 28:5-8**

O God, your love is stronger than evil and death itself and can transform our lives. Your love can do this because it is a victory over sin, evil and death, over everything that crushes life and makes it seem less human. Help me to let the risen Jesus enter my life and welcome him as a friend, with trust, knowing he is life! May he be with me and give me the peace I am looking for and the strength to live as he would have me do.

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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> April 10	8:00 AM	Brooke Martin
<b>TUE</b> April 11	8:00 AM	Brooke Martin
<b>WED</b> April 12	8:00 AM	Stan & Ann Alt
<b>THU</b> April 13 HOLY THURSDAY	7:00 PM	HOLY MASS
<b>FRI</b> April 14 GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	3:00 PM 3:30 PM 7:00 PM	STATIONS OF THE CROSS DIVINE MERCY NOVENA PASSION SERVICE
<b>SAT</b> April 15 HOLY SATURDAY	7:00 PM (OLL) 7:30PM (OLL)	DIVINE MERCY NOVENA VIGIL MASS
<b>SUN</b> April 16	8:00 AM (IC) 10:00 AM (OLL) 10:30 AM (OLL)	+Genevieve Schwarz DIVINE MERCY NOVENA +Donald, Ruby & Marvin Kemmer

**Thank You  
For Your Gifts  
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2827.04
Capital Imp.	\$298.00
Food Pantry	\$13.00
March Total	\$13.00
Yr to Date FP	\$1040.35

**Imm Conception**

Sunday Total	\$166.00
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: \$ 550  
(Goal: \$13,255)  
IC: \$5410  
(Goal: \$913)

**MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, April 15 7:30 PM	Caine Jost Daxter Chaddock Walter Smith	Stan Alt Fran Mardis	Marj Brown	Jerry Brown John Carlson	Frank Titus
Sun, April 16 10:30AM	Caine Jost Ethan Garard	Ray Hankes	Paul Sarantakos	Dan Kleist Dan Day	The Divine Mercy Daily Novena will start on Good Friday (April 14) and end on April 22. Please see above for details on times.

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

**LENTEN MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Thurs, April 13 HOLY THURSDAY 7:00 PM	Cane Jost NEEDED	Fran Mardis	Paul Sarantakos	John Carlson Michael Smith	
Fri, April 14 GOOD FRIDAY PASSION SERVICE 7:00 PM	Caine Jost NEEDED	Fran Mardis Lisa Heap	Paul Sarantakos	Michael Smith NEEDED	

**HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED. SEE SHEET ON THE TABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR THE TIMES WE STILL NEED TO FILL.**



# The Word From Father Thomas



## HOW THE TRUTH SETS US FREE

In Ecclesiasticus it is written: *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom... [it] is glory and gladness, and a crown of joy.* This fear, according to Saint Bonaventure, is a humble, trusting reverence toward God, a willing obedience, a free voluntary veneration. It is, further, a filial fear, afraid only of offending God, even in the least matter, refraining even from sins which would not separate one from God, only for the sake of not offending his infinite goodness in the slightest degree.

Beside these dispositions toward God, I shall bring to your attention seven others in which you should exercise yourselves in regard to self.

1. Be confounded at sight of your faults and vices.
2. Weep with lively sorrow over your sins, because they have offended God and stained your soul.
3. Humble and despise yourself as the vilest thing in the world and desire that others despise and trample you underfoot.
4. Discipline your body with extreme severity and desire to do so even more, in that it is stained with sin, or rather, as being only a sink or a heap of corruption.
5. Bear an implacable hatred against all your vices and the roots of your evil inclinations.
6. Be most vigilant over all your senses, actions, faculties; bravely and energetically keep them ever ready and disposed for all manner of good.
7. Maintain the golden mean in all things, avoiding every excess and keeping the balance between too much and too little.

~Saint Vincent Ferrer

## PARISH EVENTS

# April

### Wednesday, April 12

- K of C Mtg 7PM

### Thursday, April 13 Holy Thurs.

- HOLY THURSDAY MASS 7PM

### Friday, April 14 Good Friday

- Stations of the Cross 3PM
- Day 1 Divine Mercy Novena 3:30PM
- PASSION SERVICE 7PM

### Saturday, April 15 Holy Sat.

- Day 2 Divine Mercy Novena 7:00PM
- **VIGIL MASS 7:30pm**

### Sunday, April 16 EASTER

- Holy Mass 8:00AM (IC)
- Divine Mercy Novena 10:00AM (OLL)
- Holy Mass 10:30AM (OLL)

**\*Sacrament of Confession any time by appointment\***

## 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](mailto:caubry55@gmail.com) or text/call at 217-249-8304.

Pat Fields (4/10)  
John Cole (4/10)  
Susan Kolloss (4/11)  
Todd Thomas (4/12)  
Daisy Chaddock (4/12)  
Erin McCall (4/12)  
Kasi Schwarz (4/13)  
Beth Baillie (4/16)



Stan & Ann Alt (4/12)

## HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The Holy Land Collection will be taken on Good Friday. This collection is led by the Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land. This collection supports the maintenance of Holy Places and Shrines, social and charitable activities, educational and scientific activities, pastoral activities, and liturgical, ecumenical, and communications programs.

## RE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join our RE children in a **"Children's Stations of the Cross"** on Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30PM. We would like children/youth volunteers for the readings of the stations. If your child would like to do one of the readings, please have them tell their religious education teacher at class this Sunday. We look forward to sharing this special stations of the cross with the parish.

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

Dick Walter

## **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](mailto:pastor@ololgc.org).

## THE HOLY TRIDUUM

### The Journey of our Redemption

The Paschal Triduum ((TRI-oo-um), Latin for three days, commemorates Christ's redemptive journey through death, burial and resurrection to new life. The Church observes the Triduum as a single event made up of three distinct parts. In accordance with the custom in biblical times, each "day" begins in the evening.



#### HOLY THURSDAY:

The first day of the Triduum is filled with the action of Christ's self-gift. The Mass of the Lord's Supper on the evening of **Holy Thursday** commemorates Christ's command that we "love one another." Symbolized in the washing of the feet, the great commission of Christ is made concrete in the eucharist as well as in Jesus' crucifixion on Calvary. The first day of the Paschal Triduum culminates in the solemn veneration of the cross on Good Friday.

#### GOOD FRIDAY:

The Second of the Triduum is filled with the silence of the tomb. The solemnity of **Good Friday** continues throughout the day of Holy Saturday. The Church celebrates no Eucharistic liturgy during the day, but silently prepares for the Easter Vigil Celebration in the evening. As Jesus remained in the tomb, so the Church as a whole awaits the coming of the Lord's kingdom.

#### EASTER VIGIL:

The third day of the Triduum is filled with the wonder of the resurrection. The **Easter Vigil** is the high point of the liturgical year. The drama of the lighting of the new fire, the blessing of the Paschal candle and the Easter proclamation in the candlelit church set the stage for the recounting of the story of salvation in the Scripture readings. "Alleluia" once again greets the Gospel, and following the homily, we celebrate baptism and the renewal of our baptismal promises. The Paschal Triduum officially concludes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday, but the wonder of the Easter Season extends for a full 50 days.

## EASTER VIGIL & BAPTISM

From the days of the early Church the Easter Vigil has been the time for adult converts to be baptized and enter the Church. The Easter Vigil consists of four general parts: the Service of Light, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of Baptism, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

After the conclusion of the Liturgy of the Word, catechumens (those who have never been baptized) and candidates (those who have been baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination) are Initiated into the Church respectively by baptism and confirmation.

The faithful are sprinkled with holy water and renew their baptismal vows. Then all adult candidates are confirmed and general intercessions are stated.

The Easter Vigil concludes with the Liturgy of the Eucharist and the reception of Holy Communion.



## CUSTOMS OF THE TRIDUUM

### THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The first day of the Triduum begins in the upper room with Jesus sharing his body and blood in bread and wine. Many parishes reenact the washing of the disciples' feet during this Mass as well.



### THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

At the end of Mass on Holy Thursday, all the altar coverings and decorations are removed, symbolizing the fact that Christ was stripped of his garments upon his arrest.

### THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS

The Good Friday liturgy features a reading of the Passion according to St. John, veneration of the cross and Holy Communion as well as prayers for the Church and the whole world.

### FASTING

A tradition in the first centuries of the Church was to fast throughout the Triduum or for 40 hours before Easter sunrise.

### EASTER VIGIL READINGS

The selected set of readings for the Easter Vigil follows the story of salvation from God's creation of the world, the sparing of Noah and his family and the flood and the deliverance of God's people from Egypt to the Gospel accounts of Jesus rising from the grave to redeem all people.