

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)

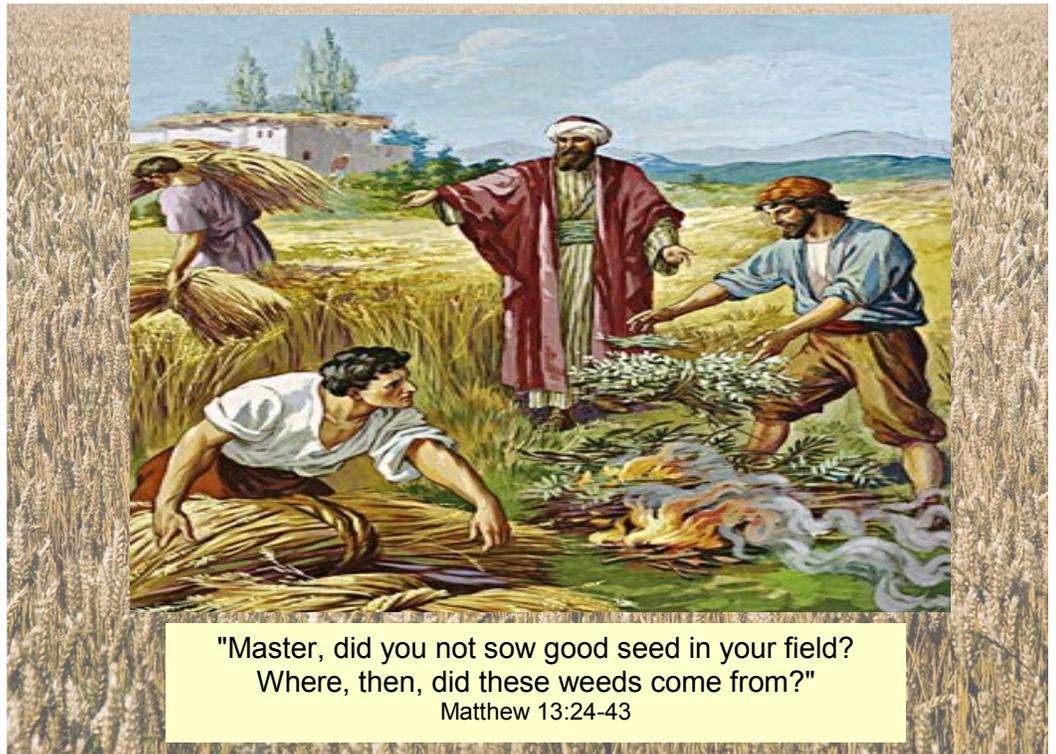


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JULY 23, 2017

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Master, did you not sow good seed in your field?
Where, then, did these weeds come from?"
Matthew 13:24-43

The Word From Father Thomas

MUSTARD SEED FAITH



What do we really believe? It is as though man were realizing for the first time what is involved in this profession of Christianity. It is as though we were going through the Creed slowly, and saying to ourselves, "Do I believe this, and this, and this?"

Faith is required when we speak of obedience. Faith in a God who created us, a God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Faith in a God to whom we owe obedience for the very reason that we have been endowed with freedom to obey or disobey. Love, beauty, truth, all the attributes of God which we see reflected about us in creatures, in the very works of man himself, whether it is bridges or symphonies wrought by his hands, fill our hearts with such wonder and gratitude that we cannot help but obey and worship.

Lord, I believe, help my unbelief. My faith may be the size of a mustard seed but even so even aside from its potential, it brings with it a beginning of love, an inkling of love, so intense that human love with all its heights and depths pales in comparison.

Even seeing through a glass darkly makes one want to obey, to do all the Beloved wishes, to follow him to Siberia, to Antarctic wastes, to the desert, to prison, to give up one's life for one's brothers since he said, inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me.

But how much easier it is to obey the least ones than the great ones of the earth, whether they are princes of the Church or the state.

~Servant of God Dorothy Day
Co-Founder of the Catholic Worker movement.

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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 July 24	8:00AM	+Anthony Coons
TUE July 25	8:00AM	+Sandy Roberts St. James
WED July 26	8:00AM	Priest Intentions St. Joachim & Anne
THU July 27	5:30PM	+Loretta Bode
FRI July 28	8:00AM	+Mardelle Duffy
SAT July 29	5:00PM (OLL)	+Loretta Bode St. Martha
SUN July 30	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	Parish Family +Mary Cothern Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Thank You
For Your Gifts
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2318.02
Capital Imp.	\$
Food Pantry	\$28.00
July Total	\$182.00
Yr to Date FP	\$2089.61

Imm Conception

Sunday Total	\$127.00
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: \$12480
(Goal: \$13,255)
IC: \$550
(Goal: \$913)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
Sat, July 29 5:00PM	Caine Jost Walter Smith	Lisa Heap	Jerry Brown	Frank Titus John Carlson	Carla Moxley
Sun, July 30 10:30AM	Molly & Seth Kollross	Ray Hanks	Paul Sarantakos	Jerry Lynch Jerry Lynch, Jr.	

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.

Memorial of Saint Martha - July 29

Martha was the sister of Mary and Lazarus, her brother whom Jesus raised from the dead. The three shared a household in Bethany, and were friends of Jesus. In the famous incident in Luke's gospel (10:38-42), Martha was hostess to Jesus in her house. She demanded that Jesus tell her sister Mary to help her. Jesus commended Mary as choosing the better part, sitting at his feet and listening to his word.

Martha and her sister Mary were not only related by blood but also by religious aspirations. Christian discipleship is first and foremost devotion to Jesus, the "one thing required" (Lk 10:42). This relationship shows itself in loving service, but without prayer, care for others' needs may not be love. Martha may have been part of an early mission to France. She is known as the "Wonder Worker of Gaul."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Emily Allen (7/24) Alex Killian (7/26) Corey Nuss (7/26)
John Carlson (7/27) Remy Garard (7/28) Jennifer Freehill (7/28)
Robert Bode (7/29)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO YOU! Kevin & LeaAnn Seymour (7/25)

Pray for the Sick & Homebound

Donovan Gaines
Jeff McGuire
Linda Ellington
Greg Delost
Steve Heavilin
Dale Enghausen
Bob Mardis
Ashley Bode
Brian Sullivan



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.



Our Parish Community

July 23, 2017

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16–19

Rom 8:26–27

Mt 13:24–43



angels are shown pleading with Jesus to hold back his wrath against lust, avarice, and pride. Jesus is rearing back to launch arrows upon them, yet Mary begs him to withhold his judgment.

The Book of Wisdom praises God, for “he is master of might, but governs with lenience.” The fact is, he would be fully justified to reprimand every vice of his creatures, yet he chooses mercy. What a wonderful lesson for all persons in authority!

It’s enough to just look at the Gospel. The weeds are not immediately torn out or burned out of

A Show of Mercy

One of the most important signs of true strength is the ability to show mercy. The Roman emperors understood this and were praised when they showed clemency toward a criminal. The one who has the power to condemn also has power to forgive.

The artist Ippolito Scarsella—in his painting *Virgin and Angels Imploring Christ Not to Punish Lust, Avarice and Pride*—depicts this mercy, as it applies to Jesus, in classic allegorical fashion. Mary and the

consideration of the wheat. Both are allowed to grow and develop to maturity to insure the harvest. Permitting the good to struggle with evil allows the good to grow in perfection. It also gives the bad a chance to convert.

For Reflection

Do I more readily imitate God’s judgment, justice, or mercy?

How can I practice all three

God gives every grace to those who love him so that we may not succumb to the challenges around us. His mercy gives the sinner every possible chance to repent and be saved. This is the heart we must have for one another and why we should never gloat about our goodness or despair of our weaknesses. While there is life, there is hope.

—Fr. Mark Haydu

“The Spirit...comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought...” (Romans 8:26).

Calendar

Monday

July 24

Weekday

Ex 14:5-18

Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday

July 25

St. James,

Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15

Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday

July 26

Sts. Joachim and

Anne,

Parents of

the Blessed Virgin

Mary

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15

Mt 13:1-9

Thursday

July 27

Weekday

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-

20b

Mt 13:10-17

Friday

July 28

Weekday

Ex 20:1-17

Mt 13:18-23

Saturday

July 29

St. Martha

Ex 24:3-8

Mt 13:24-30

Sunday

July 30

Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 13:44-52 or

13:44-46

Dear Padre,

If I'm late for Mass, can I receive the Eucharist?

There is no hard-and-fast rule on how "late" one can be for Mass and still receive Communion. Holy Communion is offered outside of Mass at times, so theoretically you could come during the Communion rite and still receive Communion.

But there is more to be considered with this question. If you are going to go Mass, you should be there from the beginning to the end. You should be there before the entrance procession begins and you should stay until the last verse of the final song is sung. Things happen, like an unexpected train on the way to Mass or a sick child who needs attention and care. However, if you find yourself always coming late to Mass, you may need to make a change in your routine.

I remember cleaning out a closet of a church I was stationed at, and I found a sign with ropes attached to it. It stated, "Mass has begun, the next Mass begins at..." and there was a place where you could list the time of the next Mass. I was told the ropes were tied across the entrance so you couldn't come into Mass late.

Those days are gone, though. It's up to you to follow your conscience. It is important to participate in the entire celebration, but if on the rare occasion you come late to Mass, ask yourself, "*Can I prepare myself to worthily receive Communion at this moment?*" If you can answer "yes" to that question, then I would say it would be OK to receive Communion.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR
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A Word From Pope Francis

"With our eyes fixed on Jesus and his merciful gaze, we experience the love of the Most Holy Trinity. The mission Jesus received from the Father was that of revealing the mystery of divine love in its fullness. 'God is love' (1 John 4:8, 16), John affirms for the first and only time in all of Holy Scripture. This love has now been made visible and tangible in Jesus' entire life. His person is nothing but love, a love given gratuitously.

The relationships he forms with the people who approach him manifest something entirely unique and unrepeatable. The signs he works, especially in favor of sinners, the poor, the marginalized, the sick, and the suffering, are all meant to teach mercy. Everything in him speaks of mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion."

—*Misericordiae Vultus*, April 11,