

## 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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# JULY 9, 2017

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For Reflection

*How can I yoke myself to Jesus, my Lord and king? What burdens, stressors, or disappointments can I hand over to God this week?*

### Childlike Faith

Humble souls have a special ability to see things. We exclaim, “Out of the mouth of babes” when kids say the darnedest (and most profound) things (Matthew 21:16 and Psalm 8:2-3). What their uncluttered minds can catch and express with blatant honesty can be refreshing and funny.

Jesus enjoys this simplicity as well. He rejoices because, while “the wise and the learned” have rejected his preaching and mighty deeds, the childlike have embraced them. They are not afraid of the implications; they simply are amazed, impressed, and accept that no one but God could do such things. Perhaps this is why angels are often painted like little children!

Jesus can speak of heavenly mysteries because he is the Son. The Father and he are one and share in the fullness of knowledge. Christ sits in glory surrounded by cherubs and angels, yet comes down to reveal what the Father has given him. Let’s embrace all of his revealed word with childlike faith and not just pick and choose what suits us.

Another characteristic of little children is unending energy. It comes partly from their age but also endures because they don’t waste energy worrying or thinking about things they cannot control. They don’t plan, project, or prioritize.

They live in the grace of the present. We will find that as we live simply and give our burdens to Jesus, we live more rested, peaceful lives. Let’s take on his childlike humility, which makes the burdensome easy and light.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



### The Word From Father Thomas

#### THE YOKE

When you would be happy, Lord, I will not be happy unless I have given all things to you and unless I have given myself to you without reserve. As I am obliged to serve only you, therefore I want to serve only you. All other servitude is shameful to me, is unbearable to me. I will obey willingly the one who commands nature; but I never will be the slave of another slave: My Lord, and my God.

If I necessarily must choose a master, I want no other one than you, O my God, who have deigned to choose me, among so many other people, in order to number me among your servants; who have delivered me from the tyranny of the demon; who have been pleased to descend even to the condition of slave in order to free me. Hey! What yoke could I embrace that were lighter than yours, since you yourself help to carry it; since, quite far from overwhelming by its weight, it even has the power to make all other burdens light? What could be gentler than your authority! You give everything that you require; you yourself accomplish, by your grace, all that you command, in such a way that, although your rewards be very magnificent, all the same you never reward but your own gifts.

You are not content to facilitate the execution of your wishes; you execute in turn all the wishes of those who obey you. Either you make everything you do suit them, or you do only what pleases them. So that if we still want to seek glory in servitude, this raises us above all the miseries of the world, above all the grandeurs of the world; it subjects to us all that is subject to God and makes us free in the freedom of God himself.

Let us then love it. Christian company, this gentle, this glorious servitude. Let us bind ourselves exclusively to the only Master who has the right to govern us. He is good; he is faithful; he is rich; he is generous; he is immortal. To serve him, that is, to reign beginning in this life and to assure ourselves for the next life a kingdom that will never end. So be it.

~Saint Claude La Colombiere



“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28).

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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> July 10	8:00AM	Everette Family Fackler Family
<b>TUE</b> July 11 <i>St. Benedict</i>	8:00AM	Fairfield Family Fanson Family
<b>WED</b> July 12	8:00AM	Priest Intentions
<b>THU</b> July 13 <i>St. Henry</i>	5:30PM	Fetzner Family Fields Family
<b>FRI</b> July 14 <i>St. Kateri</i>	8:00AM	Fischer Family Fisher Family
<b>SAT</b> July 15 <i>St. Bonaventure</i>	5:00PM (OLL)	+Luella Koopman
<b>SUN</b> July 16 <i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00AM (IC) 10:30AM (OLL)	+ William Schwarz +Parish Family

**Thank You  
For Your Gifts  
OLOL**

Sunday Total	\$2859.50
Capital Imp.	\$302.00
Food Pantry	\$70.00
May Total	\$569.00
Yr to Date FP	\$1977.61

**Imm Conception**

Sunday Total	\$140.00
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: \$11240**  
(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, July 15 5:00PM	Caine Jost Daxter Chaddock	Fran Mardis	Jerry Brown	Frank Titus John Carlson	Paul & Sarah Sarantakos
Sun, July 16 10:30AM	Isabella & Sophia Helmig	Peyton Leonard	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.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

*Jay Jensen*



*CatieDoran*

*July 8, 2017*

*May you be blessed with a lifetime of love and happiness.*



Kaytlynn Goodin (7/10)  
Pearl Smith (7/10)  
Bernadette Ray (7/12)  
Zachary Smith (7/14)  
Steve Shilts (7/16)



Tim & Miranda Leonard (7/11)  
Richard & Patti Huppert (7/16)

**Pray for the Sick & Homebound**

Mardelle Duffy  
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.

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

Mardelle Duffy



# DEAR PAPER

## What should Jesus look like?

When people close their eyes and imagine the person of Jesus, no two images are exactly the same. Our images of Jesus are usually the result of our cultural influences and experiences. When I imagine Jesus, I often call to mind a picture of Jesus that was on one of my first holy cards.

With recent archeological investigation, combined with the work of medical artists who are often called to testify as forensic witnesses in capital murder trials, and finally starting with the assumption that Jesus resembled a typical peasant from first-century Palestine, some clues may have emerged. According to experts like Richard Neave, Jesus was possibly a person with a broad peasant's face, dark olive skin, short curly hair, and a prominent nose. His height would have been on the order of 5 feet 1 inch and he would have weighed about 110 pounds.

Of course, all of this is unnecessary speculation. What is important in matters of faith is not this level of detail but what is expressed and celebrated by the Church—that Jesus became man, born of the Virgin Mary, and we are all offered a share in the divinity of Christ.

Fr. Tom Santa, CSsR  
Source: November 2007 *Liguorian*  
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



Jesus probably stood about 5 foot 1 and looked like a typical peasant from Palestine in the first century

## Calendar

**Monday**  
July 10  
*Weekday*  
Gn 28:10–22a  
Mt 9:18–26

**Tuesday**  
July 11  
*St. Benedict, Abbot*  
Gn 32:23–33  
Mt 9:32–38

**Wednesday**  
July 12  
*Weekday*  
Gn 41:55–57; 42:5–7a, 17–24a  
Mt 10:1–7

**Thursday**  
July 13  
*Weekday*  
Gn 44:18–21, 23b–29; 45:1–5  
Mt 10:7–15

**Friday**  
July 14  
*St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin*  
Gn 46:1–7, 28–30  
Mt 10:16–23

**Saturday**  
July 15  
*St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
Gn 49:29–32; 50:15–26a  
Mt 10:24–33

**Sunday**  
July 16  
*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Is 55:10–11  
Rom 8:18–23  
Mt 13:1–23 or 13:1–9



A HUGE thank you to the OLOL Youth Group for the face lift to the outside of the Hall, the picnic tables and the ramp access to the building. What a huge improvement. We are so grateful for your time and hard work and for bringing your CHWC talents to your home parish at Our Lady of Lourdes! In addition to all of the new stain, the group put a new "no sliver" handrail on the ramp! Your efforts are so appreciated in helping keep our parish campus beautiful!



## Historic Downtown Gibson City Walk

July 16

Tours at 1PM or 3PM

**Tickets are \$10 each for adults and \$5 for youth under 18, with those under 13 to be accompanied by an adult, and under 5 are free. Tickets are currently available at Moyer Library, and they will also be available at the July 16 event.**

GIBSON CITY – Area residents are urged to save the date of July 16 to enjoy an entertaining historical walk through two blocks of downtown Gibson City, with tours at 1 p.m. or 3 p.m. Funds raised will support the town's sesquicentennial celebration in 2021.

The tour, with walking or golf cart options to patrons, will visit another five downtown locations. Portrayals by area residents will give details of a character associated with the location and the story of what the location has been over the years.

Locations being featured are: 101 E 8<sup>th</sup> St. (city hall and former fire department and jail, starting point for historical walk), 107 N. Sangamon (former Wachs and Loys stores with Burwell Opera House above, now The Store resale shop), 129 N. Sangamon (former People's Store with dentist office above, now north corner of Ace Hardware), 134 N. Sangamon (former First National Bank, now Weeks & Brucker Law Office and other businesses), 204 N. Sangamon (former White Building, now part of The Fashion Shop), and 211 N. Sangamon, former Illinois Central Railroad depot.

Between locations, historical sidelights will be given by portrayers or guides on subjects such as Sangamon Avenue history, the city's early city clerk who was a former slave, and the large Moyer Fountain that stood at the intersection of 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Sangamon Avenue.

Those portraying historical persons are: Ron Knapp as his grandfather, Dr. C.W. Knapp, dentist and business owner; Derrick Babbs as Jonathan B. Lott, city founder; Dan Kearfott as J.H. White, mercantile owner; Ellen Hanks as Esther Wachs, variety store owner and sister of Carl Sandburg; Walker Willis as an early train station agent; Phil Whitehouse as Evan Mattinson, early banker; and Terrel Slaughter as Mark Anthony, former slave, town barber, and early city clerk.

**Tickets are \$10 each for adults and \$5 for youth under 18, with those under 13 to be accompanied by an adult, and under 5 are free. Tickets are currently available at Moyer Library, and they will also be available at the July 16 event.** All proceeds benefit "Gibson City Through the Years History Walks," a special line item established within city funds that allows donations to be tax-deductible.

### **Religious Liberty**

**If lay people don't love their Catholic faith enough to struggle for it in the public square, nothing the bishops do will finally matter.**

The Liberty Bell stands in Philadelphia as an icon of American freedom and independence since 1776. Today, Philadelphia Archbishop Charles Chaput warns that the bell is tolling for religious liberty in the United States, and lay Catholics must determine whether it rings in the rebirth or the end of that cherished freedom. The bishops have asked Catholics to engage in two weeks of prayer, education and action to address the many challenges to religious liberty in the United States, especially as the August 1st deadline for religious organizations to comply with the HHS mandate approaches. But while the U.S. bishops have highlighted this issue, Archbishop Chaput makes the case that the fate of religious liberty falls squarely upon the shoulders of the lay faithful.

How should we Catholics understand the different responsibilities of the lay faithful and their pastors and bishops in this fight for religious freedom? American Catholic culture has a strong dose of "let Father do it." This erroneous notion of leaving "important matters" to the clergy is contrary to the teachings of the Second Vatican Council. What's our relationship with our bishops, then, and our proper role? Priests do have a special task of leadership within the believing community through the sacrament of holy orders. But we all share a fundamental Christian equality in baptism, and priests can't — and shouldn't — take the lead where lay people can do a better job. When it comes to politics, economics and social policy, the main duty of a bishop is to preach basic principles. Sometimes, on some pivotal issues, bishops need to be more engaged in the details of legislation. But, over all, Catholic witness in the secular world should be the work of prudent, faithful lay people. Note that the two key words there are "prudent" and "faithful." Both qualities are vital to the lay vocation. Why does the fight for religious liberty depend on lay leadership more than ever? Religious liberty as an ideal sounds lovely. But in the abstract, it has very little power. It has political force only to the degree that ordinary people believe and practice their faith and refuse to tolerate anyone or anything interfering with their faith.

The current White House has a clear track record of ignoring the traditional American understanding of religious freedom and interfering with the activity of religiously inspired organizations. If lay Catholics accept that sort of government behavior without inflicting a political cost on the officials responsible for it, then they have no one to blame but themselves when they find that their liberties have gone thin. The religious freedom fight needs to be owned and led by lay people. How do we work together? Lay people have the freedom and the obligation to actively witness their faith, alone and together with other believers. Obviously, zeal should be accompanied by common sense. That means keeping your local bishop informed and seeking his blessing for any major apostolate. But the missionary vocation belongs to all of us — clergy, religious and lay — and we should commit ourselves to pursuing it as our circumstances in life permit. *By Peter J Smith - National Catholic Register*