Welcome

We are glad you are here with us today. If you would like to join our Faith Community, please contact our parish office at pastor@ololgc.org or stop by any time on Monday or after Masses.

Our Lady of Lourdes

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Mass Schedule Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 11:30 am Wednesday 8:00 am Thursday 5:30 pm Cucharistic Adoration Wednesday following Mass

Confession Saturday 4:30 pm Wednesday during Adoration Any time by Appointment

FOR YOUR INFORMATION St. Mary

407 W. Pells Street Paxton, IL 60957

Mass Schødulø Sunday 9:30 am Wednesday 7:00 pm Friday 8:00 am Cucharistic Adoration Friday following 8AM Mass Conføssion Friday following 8AM Mass

St. Joseph

312 N. Hickory Street Loda, IL 60948 Mass Schedule Sunday 8:00 am Tuesday 5:30 pm Confession Sunday 7:30am

MAY 5, 2019 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea.

Pastor		THIS WEEK'S INTENTIONS						THANK YOU FOR	
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SAT May 11 5:00PM	Alex Killian	Patti Huppert	Jack Kollross Sarah Sarantakos Rosannne Miller	Steve Killian Bruce Killian	Marj Brown			
SUN May 12 11:30AM	Hannah & Haven Hathaway	Sarah Sarantakos		Nathan & Ethan Garard				

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. Dong at (217)784-4671 Emergency (630)456-5406

Marriage/RCIA

Call the Rectory at least six months before. A six month preparation time is required.



O Mary, we crown thee with flowers today, Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May!

SHOES...SHOES...SHOES...

We have a parishioner in need of shoes for their shoe drive.

Shoes need to be used or new (adult, children, men or women) and in good condition... meaning soles intact, laces if necessary, no holes, dry and clean. Tie laces together and rubber band any others in pairs. They can be brought to church in a bag and dropped in the corner by the choir loft steps and I will be happy to collect them on Monday mornings.

If you didn't feel like getting in those closets before, this is some great motivation for spring clean out!

Thanks in advance!

SAINTS OF THE EASTER SEASON

The Easter season, which is actually not just one day but forty days long, is the time when we are encouraged to proclaim the Good News of Christ's resurrection to new life with God. But even more than just proclaiming it, we are invited to be transformed by our contact with the risen Christ and live resurrection lives. The saints whom we remember and celebrate during this season exemplify what we are also trying to do. As Vatican Council II reminded us: "The saints have been traditionally honored in the Church and their authentic relics and images held in veneration. For the feasts of the saints proclaim the wonderful works of Christ in his servants, and display to the faithful fitting examples for their imitation." So may these holy men and women, clergy and laity, rich and poor, popes and peasants encourage and embolden us to live our resurrection lives to the fullest.

Blessed Damien Joseph de Veuster-May 10

Born in Belgium, at 19 he entered the Picpus Fathers. Sent to the Hawaiian Islands and ordained (1864), he served as a parish priest before volunteering as chaplain for the leper colony on the island of Molokai (1873) where he spend the rest of his life working to improve the living conditions of the lepers. He eventually contracted leprosy and died there. Beautified in 1995, he is also honored by Hawaii with a statue in the US Capitol.

PRAYER FOR SPRING

For flowers that bloom about our feet, For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet, For song of bird, and hum of bee, For all things fair we hear or see,

Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

For blue of stream and blue of sky, For pleasant shade of branches high, For fragrant air and cooling breeze, For beauty of the blooming trees, Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

Prayer for a Child's First Communion

Lord Jesus,

- Bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.
- May this day be an initial step into a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred
- food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.
- Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their hands, extended in anticipation of your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament. Kinley Beyers Jude Killian Joey Goodin Erin McCall Anthony Gonzales Enrique Gonzales Alania Maloney Anthony Maloney



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Calendar

Monday MAY 6 Easter Weekday Acts 6:8–15 Jn 6:22–29

Tuesday MAY 7

Easter Weekday Acts 7:51—8:1a Jn 6:30–35

Wednesday MAY 8 *Easter Weekday* Acts 8:1b–8 Jn 6:35–40

> **Thursday** MAY 9

Easter Weekday Acts 8:26–40 Jn 6:44–51

Friday MAY 10 Easter Weekday Acts 9:1–20 In 6:52–59

Saturday MAY 11 Easter Weekday Acts 9:31–42 Jn 6:60–69

Sunday MAY 12 Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 13:14, 43–52 Rev 7:9, 14b–17 Jn 10:27–30



How is the martyrdom of the recently canonized St. Óscar Romero different from most?

In 1980, Archbishop Óscar Romero of El Salvador was gunned down by a right-wing assassin while celebrating Mass. Many believe he died defending

the poor and for denouncing persecution by the repressive, military-controlled regime.

Traditionally, sainthood was reserved for martyrs slain in *odium fidei*—in hatred and persecution of the faith. People were given a choice of renouncing their faith, thus saving their lives, or holding onto their faith and dying.

Romero's death was different. We understand his martyrdom through the lens of *triplex munus*, meaning Jesus fulfilled his role of Messiah by serving as prophet, king, and priest in a hostile environment.

As prophet, Romero denounced oppression by the powerful. He became the voice of the voiceless. He called to conversion those responsible for social evils. Romero's martyrdom was also due to his loving service as king—a good shepherd or pastor of his flock, who came not to

be served but to serve and give his life as ransom for many.

Finally, his martyrdom while celebrating Mass was the ultimate expression of priesthood. Romero offered the Body and Blood of the risen Christ at the altar, but also his own body and blood in memory of he who died on the cross. Following Christ's example, he sacrificed his own life.

Óscar Romero lived fully as Christ's follower, suffering death to fulfill his own mission as prophet, king, and priest. He walked the way of Jesus, the way of the cross, while embracing his own cross.

Fr. Amado L. Picardal, CSsR, SThD Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Archbishop Óscar Romero greeting

worshippers in San Salvador, El Salvador.



A Word From Pope Francis

May the Christian communities be sustained by the intercession and example of our many martyrs and saints who bore courageous witness to Christ and have themselves attained full unity. So what are we waiting for?....As his disciples, we are called to testify everywhere, with Christian fortitude, to his humble love.

-Address to commission for theological dialogue, January 27, 2017

Good News!

May 5, 2019 Third Sunday of Easter (C) Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rev 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19 or Jn 21:1-14

When we receive the power of the resurrection and experience its effects, then we become transformed Christians. Somehow we like to hold on to our fears and failures. They are what we know, and in some way they can make us feel strangely secure. Yet Jesus wants to free us from old fears and set us on a mission motivated by love.

All of the apostles, after encountering the risen Christ and the Holy Spirit, show new courage in proclaiming his name. Whether before politicians, church leaders, or before their fellow Jews, they had no fear of the consequences of preaching the Way. Why? Because Jesus showed them death wasn't something to fear. He had received the fullness of evil's wrath and, by rising victorious, proved love is stronger. The apostles had seen him tortured and dead, and then they saw him alive. Jesus had promised that same power to his followers. It is with this confidence and trust that they travel throughout Judea and all of the Roman Empire. Perfected love casts out all fear.

Although the apostles had failed Jesus and denied his friendship, each had experienced his mercy and forgiveness. Yet Jesus didn't blame them for their sin. He reassured them of his confidence in them. Once we have experienced love, there is no stopping us. We have seen it in a small way when we have fallen in love with someone or set our hearts and minds passionately on a goal. Once our hearts have been captured and we believe, everything else is absorbed into that gravitational pull.

-Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

