

## 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 [office@ololgc.org](mailto:office@ololgc.org) or stop by any time after scheduled Masses.

### Our Lady of Lourdes

Established - 1875

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Gibson City, IL 60936

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General Information  
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#### Website

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#### Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday 11:30 am

Wednesday 8:00 am

Thursday 5:30 pm

#### Eucharistic 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 Schedule

Sunday 9:30 am

Wednesday 7:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Friday following 8AM Mass

#### Confession

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 3, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Easter



So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came (before me) are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly"

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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 \$10.00

<b>MON</b> May 4		No Mass
<b>TUE</b> May 5	Father Bui ONLY No attendance	For the Parishioners of OLL, St Mary and St Joseph
<b>WED</b> May 6	Father Bui ONLY No attendance	For the Parishioners of OLL, St Mary and St Joseph
<b>THU</b> May 7	<b>Father Bui ONLY</b> No Attendance	*Mike Chapman
<b>Friday</b> May 8	<b>Father Bui ONLY</b> No attendance	*Aldo Celeschi
<b>SAT</b> May 9	Father Bui ONLY No attendance	For the Parishioners of OLL, St Mary and St Joseph
<b>SUN</b> May 10	<b>Father Bui ONLY</b> 5th Sunday of Easter <b>Live Stream</b> Mother's Day No attendance	For the Parishioners of St Mary, OLL and St Joseph

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS**

March Total	\$1950.00
April Total	\$4167.72
Capital Imp. April	\$100.00
CMAA 2020 (goal: \$11,900)	\$0.00
Food Pantry April Total	\$0.00
Yr to Date FP	\$551.10

**You may mail your donations to:**

**Our Lady of Lourdes  
 534 N Wood St,  
 Gibson City, IL 60936**

**Thank you !**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Date	Altar Servers	Lectors	Euch. Minister	Ushers	Homebound Ministry
SAT May 9					
SUN May 10 5th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day					

**Baptism**

Call the Rectory at least four weeks before the baptism. Instruction for the parents and God-parents is required.

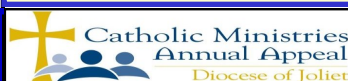
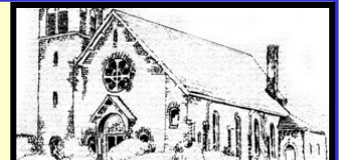
**Sick??**

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.

**If you would like to make your weekly or monthly contribution to OLOL, even with the current situation. please mail your envelope with your contribution (please checks only) Thank you !  
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**PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR SUPPORT OF THE 2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL**

*Your gift to the CMAA makes a difference.*  
 The opening report for the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMAA) in today's bulletin illustrates how the 30 ministries supported through our annual appeal truly exemplify this year's theme, *Be Kind and Merciful*. These ministries allow the diocese to serve our most vulnerable brothers and sisters and assist parishes, including ours. Our parish goal for the 2020 CMAA is **\$11,900**, with 70 percent of any amount we raise over goal will be returned to us for our needs. Please prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's CMAA and make a commitment next week during our CMAA Commitment/InPew Weekend. Thank you for considering the most generous pledge possible to this year's annual appeal. please contact the parish office.

### 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.

#### Sts. Phillip & James—May 3

Philip and James were apostles of Jesus. John's Gospel records several conversations between Jesus and Philip which indicate that he was present throughout the Lord's public ministry and was instrumental in bringing others to Christ. James the son of Alphaeus is called "James the Less" perhaps because he was younger than the other apostle James. He is mentioned in Mark and in Acts. Little is known of his life beyond these biblical details.

#### 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. Beatified in 1995, he is also honored by Hawaii with a statue in the US Capitol.

#### **Join us during the Month of May To honor the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**The month of May is traditionally devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. So to honor her this month, we would like us as a parish to say the Rosary—together— every evening at 9:00 pm.through the month of May.**

The Diocese will also conduct the Renewal of the Consecration of the Diocese of Joliet and the United States of America to the Blessed Virgin Mary from the Cathedral of St Raymond Noonatus following the 10am Mass on Sunday May 3rd at <https://youtube.com/diocesefjolietil>

**Fr. Bui will conduct the renewal (via livestream) after the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 3 at St Mary Church (livestream)**

In your charity, please pray for  
**Fr. Vytas Memenas**  
who was called to eternal rest.  
Pastor at OLL/ St George  
1967– 1972  
Eternal rest grant unto him.  
O Lord, and let perpetual light  
shine upon him  
May he rest in peace.  
May he and all the  
souls of the faithful  
departed rest in peace. **AMEN.**

#### OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRAYER CHAIN

We have organized a PRAYER CHAIN for those in need of prayer support. If you would like to be a 'prayer warrior' in the prayer chain OR if you have a need for prayers, contact Janet Townsend at (217) 621-4812 or [tomandjanettownsend@yahoo.com](mailto:tomandjanettownsend@yahoo.com)  
(your specific prayer need does NOT need to be disclosed to activate the prayer chain).

#### **Sunderland Scholarship**

The Sunderland Scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior from Our Lady of Lourdes. To make a donation toward this year's scholarship award, please use the red offertory envelope marked for this purpose and drop it in the collection basket. Your generosity toward helping our parish youth is greatly appreciated.



#### **PARISH CALENDAR**

Also Check out our website (calendar) for important dates in May, and our weekly bulletin. [ololgc.org](http://ololgc.org)

All Masses, Stations of the Cross, and any gathering of parishioners in the church is suspended in an effort to keep safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**The month of May is Mary's month. Very rarely has our Blessed Mother's intercession been needed as much as it is today in seeking the cessation of the coronavirus.**

Pray for our Parishes and our Country at this trying time.  
God Bless Us and keep us safe !



Beth Hornstein (5/5)  
Nathan Garard (5/5)  
Tyler Killian (5/6)  
Katrina Medernach (5/8)  
Suzanne Vetter (5/8)  
Brett Beyers (5/9)



God Bless all of our families !

#### **Pray for the Sick & Homebound**

Linda Ellington  
Greg Delost  
Dale Enghausen  
Brian Sullivan  
Emma Davis  
Terry Hutchcraft  
Leo Chapman  
Adam Reed  
Fran Mardis  
Joyce Pearson  
Caine Jost  
Rosanne Miller



If you wish to add the name of a loved one who is sick, please contact the parish office at 217-784-4671 or [office@ololgc.org](mailto:office@ololgc.org).

# Dear Padre,

## How will it happen that Jesus will come again and lead us “through the gates”?

**W**e have it from the best of authorities that the date of the world’s end is hidden. Jesus said, “But of that day and hour no one knows... but the Father alone” (Matthew 24:36). In spite of Christ’s admonition that the day of his Second Coming is known but to God, there have been countless false prophets who have confidently but incorrectly predicted a date for the end of the world. Most of these foolish forecasters based their claims on misinterpretations of the Book of Revelation.

The main purpose of the Book of Revelation is to assure us that God’s power will prevail. In the ongoing struggle between good and evil, there are times when evil seems to have the upper hand. No matter. Evil will be conquered and God’s rule will extend over all creation.

The world might end tomorrow, or next year, or in five billion years. Jesus tells us we can’t know for sure. We are sure, however, that this world will pass away. And for each one of us the world will end at the moment of death. What matters is that we should always be ready to meet Christ.

And we shall be ready if we follow Christ, our Shepherd, whom we meet in today’s Gospel. Jesus leads us safely through this life by his teaching, his example, and his grace.

—Fr. Oscar Lukefahr, CM  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*We should never forget: the Church is not a static reality, inert, an end in herself, but is on a continual journey through history, towards that ultimate and marvelous end that is the kingdom of heaven, of which the Church on earth is the seed and the beginning.*

—GENERAL AUDIENCE, NOVEMBER 26, 2014

## Calendar

**Monday**  
MAY 4  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 11:1–18  
Jn 10:11–18

**Tuesday**  
MAY 5  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 11:19–26  
Jn 10:22–30

**Wednesday**  
MAY 6  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 12:24—13:5a  
Jn 12:44–50

**Thursday**  
MAY 7  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 13:13–25  
Jn 13:16–20

**Friday**  
MAY 8  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 13:26–33  
Jn 14:1–6

**Saturday**  
MAY 9  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 13:44–52  
Jn 14:7–14

**Sunday**  
MAY 10  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 6:1–7  
1 Pt 2:4–9  
Jn 14:1–12

# Good News!

May 3, 2020

*Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)*

Acts 2:14a, 36–41; 1 Pt 2:20b–25; Jn 10:1–10

**Sheep are a lot smarter than some people think.** They recognize the voice of their particular shepherd and follow that voice alone. However, that is not the point of Jesus’ teaching today. Because most of us don’t raise sheep or know much about them, we don’t realize that the situation described in the Gospel passage is a matter of life and death.

It’s similar to the relationship between a military squad leader and the troops he leads, another life-and-death matter. In both, unquestioning obedience is required, and absolute trust in the other is presumed.

That’s what Jesus is describing. He’s suggesting: “Listen to me. Follow my lead. Trust in me. I want only what is good for you, so I will be your sure protection.”

It sounds so easy, as parables and metaphors usually do. What does it mean to follow this Shepherd? In the first reading, Peter announces the answer in one word: “Repent!” There is that challenging word—the word we might associate with Lent, not with Easter. If we do so, we miss the point of following the Shepherd, for to follow him means to be like him. It means: “Repent! Stop taking advantage of other people. Open your minds and hearts to newcomers. Respect those who observe different religious traditions. Help those less fortunate than you.” All of this is captured in the final words of the Gospel reading: do what you can so that all “might have life and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). Clearly, that’s smart.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA