

Our Lady of Sorrows Church



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Pastoral Thoughts

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today our scriptures rev-up the anticipation of the coming of Child with the story of the Visitation of Mary. For Mary has just experienced the incredible Annunciation, where she was informed that she had found favor with God, and that she would be the Christ bearer, the Mother of God.

So many things must have been going through her mind – the Why and How is this happening; but instead of relishing in her great honor she packs a bag and heads towards the village of Ein Karem, which sets to the west of Jerusalem, to see Elizabeth.

Even today with a modern road it is still quite a walk over rough terrain and up a long steep road to the top.

Mary is going to help her cousin, who is advanced in age and is also expecting a miraculous child as well (John the Baptist). With her arrival she becomes the first evangelist – bringing the good news. Her Magnificat, that she recites to Elizabeth, is a hymn of praise and humility.

Mary is the perfect example of surrendering to the Lord and putting His will ahead of our own. She displays no ego, no pride, no need for attention, but rather a want for service, something we should strive to emulate.

As we prepare for the Christ child, there is no better gift we can give than to follow Mary's example and prepare our hearts and extend love, kindness, and Joy to those in need.

Blessings,
Dcn Tyrone



Regardless of where you are from, your occupation, your family, your marital status, your personal history, your age, your background, your race, your ethnicity, your political affiliation, your religion, your gender, or your gender identification, we are happy you are here with us today to worship! We invite you to learn more about our parish and its activities by contacting our office, website or simply by mingling with our parishioners after mass.

DECEMBER 19, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, December 18—4th Sunday of Advent

4:00pm † Joseph & Paula Garcia

SUNDAY, December 19—4th Sunday of Advent

8:30am Preservation of Sacred Holyland Sites

10:30am Amy-Cecilia-Hall-Gomez Families
OLOS Parishioners

MONDAY, December 20—Late Advent Weekday

† Philip & Patricia Fowle

TUESDAY, December 21—St. Peter Canisius

WEDNESDAY, December 22—Late Advent Weekday

Noon † Loretta Riss

THURSDAY, December 23—St. John of Kanty

Noon † Dr. Richard & Elia dela Garza Ibarra

FRIDAY, December 24—Christmas Eve

3:30pm OLOS Parishioners

5:30pm OLOS Parishioners

SATURDAY, December 25—Christmas Day

10:00am OLOS Parishioners

SATURDAY, December 25—Feast of the Holy Family

4:00pm † Joseph & Paula Garica

SUNDAY, December 26—Feast of the Holy Family

8:30am OLOS Parishioners

10:30am Angelina Creedon, spec.int.

Please Note: MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass Intentions list above reflect the intention for each day that are being said. If the intention is on a day when there is no public Mass they are said Privately by Fr. Leonard during his personal daily Mass.

Our Weekend Masses will have the intention for that day. We do have days with openings for intentions coming up. Call or email the office to schedule a Mass intentions you would like to have. 816.421.2112 stephanief@oloskc.org

Readings for the Week of December 19, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/
Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a/PS 33/Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Samuel 2/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25/LK 1:57-66

Friday: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/
Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Saturday: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/
Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-8

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/
Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52

Resources for the readings can be found at USCCB.org.

Prayers Requested

Pray for Mary Weatherford, Grace Diaz, Sarah Eck, Jim Healy, Mary Healy, Debbie Bruening, Rose Ann Jett, Jane Carey, Mike Burke, Maurice Carey, Jerry Gumminger, Susan Walsh, Ken Blundell, Shirley Briscoe, Allan Schaff, Sandra Freeman, Bill Zaner, Grace Weatherford, Nicholas Borrelli, Gloria Amador, Mike Jones

Praying for our Military Service Members:

Isaac Eyph, Cruz Ibarra, Brian Jansen, Christopher Lamkey, Kyler Brotherton Major Amanda Lamkey, John Huntz, Gabriel Huntz and all military members serving our great nation.

Praying for our First Responders, Doctors, Nurses & Healthcare workers

Emily Tylski, Kathryn Blundell, Lynette Wheeler, Tom Papreck, and ALL who are working to care for our sick through this pandemic. Know that this includes our Police and Fire and ALL first responders.

If you, a loved one or friend are serving in the military, or as a First Responder roll, Fire Department, Police Department, Ambulance, Paramedic, Doctor, Nurse, or Healthcare Worker, please call or email the office to have their names added to our prayer list. We ask our parishioners to remember them, and all who are on our prayer list in their prayers. 816.421.2112 stephanief@oloskc.org

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You may also make donations through our website.

Or use our QR Code for PayPal!



Contributions Received



From December 6-12, 2021

Mail Plate.....\$1,169.00

Envelopes.....\$1,735.00

Thank You to ALL our parishioners who have provided support, either financially or through your prayers, to the parish during this difficult time. [Click here](#) to donate online

Weekly Activities & Events

Church Christmas Decorating

Our date to decorate for Christmas is upon us. Join us this Thursday, December 23 at 1:00pm in the Church. We will decorate the Church for the Christmas Season. We look forward to seeing many helping hands for this process. It generally takes around 1-2 hours. The more people we have the merrier and more festive a time will be had.



Pictures from Our Annual Christmas Party

If anyone took any pictures of our Annual Christmas Party, that was held on December 4, please send them over to the office. stephanief@olosc.org We would like to have these for future parties.

Gift Card Scam Alert

Please be aware that a parishioner was emailed by someone impersonating Dcn Tyrone. The email went on to ask for help in purchasing (in this case) Amazon Gift Cards.

Please know that Dcn Tyrone, Fr. Leonard, or any of the staff at Our Lady of Sorrows or any parish in the Diocese would email to ask for you to purchase anything like this.

If you receive any emails like this, please let the office know. 816.421.2112.

Flowers for Christmas

Last call for names of loved ones you would like to have remembered at Christmas.

Envelopes for you to honor the memory of loved ones, both living and deceased are at the entrances to the church for donation towards the purchase of our Christmas Flowers.

Please print the names of loved ones you would like to have remembered on the envelope and return by December 16th. Names will be in our Christmas bulletin.

Upcoming Events

January 29—Harvesters visit at 8:30am. Car pooling or caravanning to Harvesters we will meet at the Parish Hall at 8:00am

February 10—Parish Wine Tasting—We will gather in the Parish Hall at 6:00pm with the wine tasting from 6:30-8pm

More information and sign up sheets coming soon.

No Confession December 24 and 25

There will be NO confessions before our Christmas Eve Masses.

There will be NO Confessions on December 26 before the 4pm Mass.

Mass Intentions for 2021

Our book for Mass Intentions for 2021 is open. If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one, living or deceased, we are ready to help you with this.

Call or email the office to request Masses to be said. We will need the name for the intention, if they are living or deceased, if you have a specific day you would like the Mass said on (We will attempt to accommodate your request). Email stephanief@olosc.org or call 816-421-2112

Confessions

Confessions are being heard on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11:40am and on Saturdays at 3:30pm.

To make arrangements outside these times, please email Fr. Leonard directly by emailing him at frleonard@olosc.org.

If you are unable to email Fr. Leonard, you may call the office and leave a name and number for Fr. Leonard to return the call. 816.421.2112

Office of Child & Youth Protection—Sexual Abuse

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500, or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Advocate Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Volunteers

12/18 & 19	4:00pm	8:30am	10:30am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Volunteer	Anissa Garcia
Eucharistic Ministers	John Pileggi	Rita Witt	Kathryn Hogan
Servers	Paden Huntz	Ben Bongers	George Bryde
Ushers	Jude Huntz	Ted Tschirhart	Christopher Grada

12/24 & 25	3:30pm	5:30pm	10:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler Debbie Tangen	Anissa Garcia Ann Marie Creedon	Rick Grindel
Eucharistic Ministers	Ruth Rider-Seck	Sylvia Gutierrez Joseph Creedon	Rita Witt
Servers	Jude Huntz	John Pileggi	Ben Bongers
Ushers	Pat Tangen Ted Tschirhart	Christopher Grado	Sean Akridge Rick Grindel

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Eucharistic Ministers	Volunteer	Rita Witt	Rick Grindel
Servers	John Pileggi	Ben Bongers	George Bryde
Ushers	Volunteer	Ted Tschirhart	Christopher Grado

12/31	4:00pm
Reader	Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Volunteer
Servers	Volunteer
Ushers	Volunteer

Parish Calendar of Events

- **December 22—Confessions & Mass** (11:40 & Noon)
- **December 23—Adoration, Confessions & Mass**—11:00am-12, Noon-(Confessions at 11:40am)
- **December 23—Christmas Decorating** at 1:00pm
- **December 23—Office Closed** at 12:30pm
- **December 24-27—Office Closed** for the Christmas Holiday.
- **December 24—Christmas Eve Masses 3:30 & 5:30pm** -Carols start 30 minutes before each Mass.
- **December 25—Christmas Day Mass** at 10:00am
- **December 25—Feast of the Holy Family**—4pm Mass
- **December 26—Feast of the Holy Family**—8:30 & 10:30am
- **December 31—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**—Mass at 4:00pm
- **December 31—Office Closed** for New Years Holiday
- **January 5—Knights of Columbus Meeting**—Hall 6-8pm
- **January 7—POMC**—Hall 6-9pm
- **January 18—Water Garden Society**—6:30pm Hall
- **January 23—Baptism** after 10:30am Mass
- **January 29—Harvesters**—8:30am. Carpool or caravan meet at the parish hall at 8am.
- **February 2—Knights of Columbus meeting**—Hall 6-8pm

Keep Watching for more info & dates to come!

Volunteers for Mass December 31

Please sign-up to help with our Mass for Mary, Mother of God Solemnity on Friday, December 31 at 4:00pm

We need someone to do each of the ministries at Mass.

You may call or email the office. 816.421.2112 or stephanief@oloskc.org

Parish Office Hours

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John Pileggi

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Report Abuse:

Diocesan Ombudsman
Joe Crayon
816-812-2500

Diocesan Victim Advocate

816.392.0011
true.francis@diocesekcsj.org

Weekend Schedule

Saturday
 Mass 4:00 pm
Sunday
 Masses 8:30 & 10:30 am
Weekdays—Wednesday
 Mass 12 Noon
Thursdays
 Mass 12 Noon
Eucharistic Adoration
 Thursdays 11:00 am
Confessions—Wednesday & Thursday
 at 11:40am; **Saturdays** at 3:30pm;
 and **by Appointment**

New Parishioner Information

Please print your name and address below to receive registration information.



Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____

Email address _____

Please drop in collection basket, mail, call the Parish Office 816.421.2112, or email to stephanief@oloskc.org