

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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A Meditation on Today's Feast:

Jesus's Mother was not like ours, whom we accepted as something historically fixed, which we could not change; He was born of a Mother whom He chose before He was born. It is the only instance in history where both the Son willed the Mother and the Mother willed the Son. She was called by God as Aaron was, and Our Lord was born not just of her flesh but also by her consent.

Before taking unto Himself a human nature, He consulted with *the Woman*, to ask her if she would give Him a *man*. The first man, Adam, was made from the slime of the earth. The first woman was made from a man in an ecstasy. The new Adam, Christ, comes from the new Eve, Mary, in an ecstasy of prayer and love of God in the fullness of freedom.

God never does anything without exceeding preparation. The two great masterpieces of God are creation of man and Re-creation or Redemption of man. Creation was made for unfallen men; His Mystical Body, for fallen men. Before making man, God made a garden of delights—as God alone knows how to make a garden beautiful. In that paradise of Creation there were celebrated the first nuptials of man and woman. But man willed not to have blessings, except according to his lower nature. Not only did he lose his happiness; he even wounded his own mind and will. Then God planned the remaking or redeeming of man. But before doing so, he would make another Garden. This new one would be not of earth but of flesh; it would be a garden over whose portals the name of sin would never be written—a Garden in which there would grow no weeds of rebellion to choke the growth of the flowers of grace—a Garden from which there would flow four rivers of redemption to the four corners of the earth—a Garden so pure that the Heavenly Father would not blush at sending His Own Son into it—and this “flesh-girt Paradise to be gardened by the Adam new” was Our Blessed Mother. As Eden was the Paradise of Creation, Mary is the paradise of the Incarnation, and in her as a Garden were celebrated the first nuptials of God and man. The closer one gets to fire, the greater the heat; the closer one is to God, the greater the purity. But since no one was ever closer to God than the woman whose human portals He threw open to walk this earth, then no one could have been ore pure than she.

-Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, *The World's First Love: Mary the Mother of God*

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9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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Weekly Schedule

Saturday

Confessions 3:30 pm

Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday

Mass 11:00 am

Wednesday and Thursday

Confession 11:30 am

Mass 12 Noon

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday 11:00 am

Baptism and Marriage

Call for information

JANUARY 1, 2023
THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, December 31—Mary, Mother of God
 4:00pm † Charlsie Pileggi, † Fausta Roco Pelayo,
 † Joseph & Paula Garcia

SUNDAY, January 1—Mary, Mother of God
 11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, January 2—Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

TUESDAY, January 3—Most Holy Name of Jesus

WEDNESDAY, January 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 Noon Bob and Nancy Siegel and Family

THURSDAY, January 5—St. John Neumann
 Noon Charlie Creedon

FRIDAY, January 6—St. Andre Bessette

SATURDAY, January 7—The Epiphany of the Lord
 4:00pm Lebarbara Ganz

SUNDAY, January 8—The Epiphany of the Lord
 11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

Please Note: MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are available for the posted times in the bulletin, on our church sign, and on our website. We do have days with openings for intentions coming up. Call or email the office at (816) 421-2112 or bgeist@oloskc.org if you would like to have a Mass said for yourself or a loved one, living or deceased.

Parish Calendar of Events

- **January 2— Legion of Mary** at 6pm
- **January 4— Knights of Columbus** at 6:30pm
- **January 5— Bible Study (The Gospel of John)** at 7pm
- **January 9—Legion of Mary** at 6pm
- **January 14— Wedding** at 6:00pm
- **January 19— Holy Hour for Marriage** from 6-7pm
- **January 28— Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **February 2— Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)** at Noon.
- **February 2— Bible Study (The Gospel of John)** at 7pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Volunteers

12/31 & 1/1	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Edward Stevens	Richard Grindell

1/7 & 8	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	AnnMarie Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Pat Tangen	

Readings for the Week of Mary, the Mother of God to the Epiphany

- Monday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
 Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
 Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Office Closed

Our office will be closed on Monday, January 2nd. If there is something urgent, please feel free to call the office and leave a message. Your voicemail will go directly to Fr. Leonard's or Brad's email addresses.

Annual Catholic Appeal

The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) supports over 30 ministries and the people they serve to provide spiritual, educational, and social needs in our Diocese. This is an opportunity to commit our support to diocesan programs and ministries that no one parish could provide on its own. You will receive an invitation from Bishop Johnston inviting you to participate. Our goal is 100% participation. No gift is too small. Please join the effort.

Weekly Activities & Events



Saint of the Week— St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first saint born in what would become the United States. She was born in 1774 in New York City and grew up in the Episcopal Church. She married William Seton whom she loved deeply and they had 5 children. They would soon be visited by tragedy. Elizabeth's father-in-law passed, her family went bankrupt, and her husband passed away over the course of couple of years. Elizabeth found herself a widow in Italy and was introduced to Catholicism by her hosts. She soon converted. After many other sorrows, Elizabeth started a school in Emmitsburg, MD and started a new religious congregation in America called the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph. This modest beginning marked the start of the Catholic parochial school system in the United States. She spent the rest of her life building and developing the congregation she founded. She died in 1821 at the age of 46. "Mother Seton," as she came to be called, started two orphanages and two schools during her time. She was canonized by Pope St. Paul VI in 1975, who said, "Elizabeth Ann Seton was wholly American! Rejoice for your glorious daughter. Be proud of her. And know how to preserve her fruitful heritage."



Church Cleaning Invitation

Next Saturday, January 7th, beginning at 9:00 a.m., is our monthly church cleaning. Please come

and lend a hand for the work is light, rewarding, stay a few minutes or an hour. We need to have about 10 people there to complete the cleaning.

For Your Reflection:

Then he called the Archangel Gabriel
and sent him to the Virgin Mary,
at whose consent the mystery was wrought,
in whom the Trinity clothed the Word with flesh.
And though Three work this,
it is wrought in the One;
and the Word lived incarnate in the womb of Mary.
And he who had only a Father now had a Mother
too,
but she was not like others who conceive by man.
From her own flesh he received his flesh,
so is called son of God and of Man.

When the time had come for him to be born
he went forth like the bridegroom
from his bridal chamber,
embracing his bride,
holding her in his arms,
whom the gracious Mother laid in a manger
among some animals that were there at that time.
Men sang songs
and angels melodies
celebrating the marriage
of Two such as these.
But God there in the manger cried and moaned;
and these tears were jewels
the bride brought to the wedding.
The Mother gazed in sheer wonder on such an
exchange:
in God, man's weeping, and in man, gladness,
to the one and the other things usually so strange.

-From a Christmas Poem by St. John of the Cross (16th century)

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 the Victim Advocate Whitney True-Francis, at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Weekly Activities & Events

Last Weekend's Collection

From December 19 to December 25, 2022

Plate.....\$2,997.00

Envelopes.....\$1,595.00

Prayer of the Week

The Hail Mary

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Known as the Angelic Salutation, the Hail Mary is derived from several parts of Scripture, including the salutation of the Archangel Gabriel to Mary (hence the name) and the exclamation of Elizabeth at the Visitation.

The Knights of Columbus

Our Knights of Columbus Council #2457 meets in the Parish Hall on the first Wednesdays beginning with recitation of the Rosary at 6:30pm. In addition to serving our Pastor, the Council has established Roundtables for Our Lady of Perpetual Help as well as Our Lady of Good Counsel. We are also establishing a Women's Auxiliary to help support the Knights' charitable works both practically and spiritually. Please contact Brad Geist or John Pileggi for more information."



Email Prayer Chain

If you would like to request prayers, please email our prayer chain at AnnMarie@olosc.org. If you would like to join the prayer chain to get alerts to pray for these intentions, please feel free to send an email request.

Prayers Requested

Pray for Mary Weatherford, Grace Diaz, Sarah Eck, Jim Healy, Mary Healy, Rose Ann Jett, Jane Carey, Mike Burke, Maurice Carey, Jerry Gumming, Ken Blundell, Allan Schaff, Sandra Freeman, Grace Weatherford, Jim Randolph, Joe Creedon, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera

A Note From The Editor

Announcements and changes for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office in writing no later than Thursday by Noon. Please indicate which dates you would like the notice to run.

Please mail the information to the office or fax it to 816.421.6037 or email Brad at the office at bgeist@olosc.org.

The Legion of Mary

The Our Lady of Kibeho Praesidium of the Legion of Mary meets every **Monday at 6:00pm in the parish hall**. The Legion of Mary is a Marian group that, confident in the help of Mary, seeks to imitate her in serving Jesus in those they meet by evangelizing and performing spiritual works of mercy. This group collaborates with parishioners of St. Monica Catholic Church, our sister parish. If you would like to join the Legion or want more information, please contact Brad at bgeist@olosc.org for more information or come to the meeting.



Parish Bible Study— The Gospel of John

A new Bible Study group will start on January 5th at 7pm and it will be done monthly on the first Thursday of every month. The first book that we will study will be the Gospel of St. John. The Gospel of John is known as the Spiritual Gospel due to its emphasis on Christ's divinity. Come learn about the history of the Gospel and learn about its many themes. We'll dive down deep into what Jesus teaches, explore the miracles and their meaning, and explore the differences between John's Gospel and the other three.

The Holy Hour for Marriage

The Holy Hour for Marriage, a new ministry that will be starting after the new year, will be held at 6pm on January 19th at Our Lady of Sorrows and will be done monthly on the third Thursday of every month. The Holy Hour will be for married and engaged couples to come and pray in eucharistic adoration over each other and for the needs of their marriage. There will be a short reflection on an aspect of married life, confession, and ample time to pray. When it is over, all couples are encouraged to go on a date with their spouse or fiancé. This event is open to any Catholic couple throughout the city. Please plan on attending this beautiful time of prayer and support the vocation of marriage in our community and diocese.

Lector Workbooks

Workbooks for our Lectors are available in the Sacristy. If you are a lector, please come get yours. These books are to help in your practice of proclaiming the Word of God at Mass.

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