

# Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H

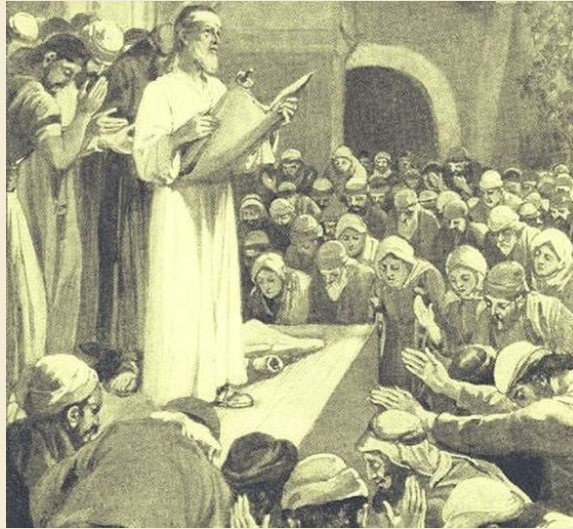


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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

## From our Pastoral Associate:

Our first reading today can be a bit confusing to those who do not know the context. Israel had been given the law of Moses but had not kept it. For centuries, the nation vacillated between a mediocre adherence to the Law and a largescale rejection of the law, falling to worshipping idols over God. God, as punishment, sent foreign armies against Israel from Babylon, who took the people into exile. The exiles took the lesson well, realizing that they needed to turn their hearts to God, who had come into exile with them. After 70 years, they were allowed to return— to find



Jerusalem in shambles. They quickly got to work under the guidance of Nehemiah, the governor, and Ezra, the priest. At long last, they had finished the all too necessary outer wall of the city, which would provide them with protection from foreign invaders and turned their attention to the hearing of the law. This was not a mere ritual. This was the opportunity to learn where their ancestors had failed to live up to God's commandments, so that they would not repeat history.

The people upon hearing the entirety of the Torah read to them, realized that they had failed and began to weep for their failing to keep the law, but Nehemiah told them to stop, for it was a joyful occasion, a day holy to the Lord. This was their true homecoming— not to the city as much as back to the keeping of God's commandments and was therefore the true time to rejoice and be glad. The Israelites then do their first act— to celebrate the festival of Booths, as that was the time of the year that they were currently in.

It's difficult to underestimate the effect that this moment had on the Israelites, who had found a new love for the scriptures and the practice of their faith. It would find them waiting earnestly for the Messiah when Jesus returned, something illustrated in our Gospel reading today. It is one of the reasons why Jesus readily found Apostles and disciples among the crowds— because they knew their scriptures and recognized the coming of the Messiah in their midst.

I encourage you, as this new year is still young, to dive deeper into the scriptures. There is much to learn and gain from them. The scriptures are more than a mere book. They are a real place of encounter with the Lord, where we can converse with him both by hearing his words and responding in prayer. I encourage you to make a resolution to dive deeper into them this year, particularly by finding good Catholic commentaries that can help you understand them on a deeper level. I also encourage you to come to our monthly Bible Study on the first Thursday of the month in our parish hall. Let us take our love for the scriptures to a new level this year.

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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 or email

bgeist@oloskc.org

JANUARY 26, 2025  
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Feasts and Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, January 25— 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 4:00pm † Regina Garcia Foster, Joseph, Ronald I Garcia

**SUNDAY, January 26— 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**MONDAY, January 27— St. Angela Merici**

**TUESDAY, January 28— St. Thomas Aquinas**

**WEDNESDAY, January 29**

Noon

**THURSDAY, January 30**

Noon † Theresa Ann Sandhoefner

**FRIDAY, January 31— St. John Bosco**

**SATURDAY, February 1— The Presentation of the Lord**

4:00pm † Russ Daly

**SUNDAY, February 2— The Presentation 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](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org) if you would like to have a Mass said for yourself or a loved one, living or deceased.

# Liturgical Assignments

1/25 & 26	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Arthur Kovach	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

2/1 & 2/2	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

### Readings for the 3rd Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30  
 Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 10-11; Mk 3:31-35  
 Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20  
 Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25  
 Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34  
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41  
 Sunday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

# Parish Calendar of Events

- Feb 3— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Feb 5— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Feb 6— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Feb 7— Wedding at 5:00pm
- Feb 8-9— Social Ministry Collection
- Feb 16— Catholic Movie Night (The Song of Bernadette) at 5pm
- Feb 18— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Mar 5— Ash Wednesday at Noon
- Mar 5— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Mar 6— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Mar 9— Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal
- Mar 15— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Mar 18— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Mar 30— Catholic Relief Service Collection
- Apr 3— Bible Study at 7pm
- Apr 13— Palm Sunday
- Apr 15— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Apr 18— Good Friday Holy Land Collection
- Apr 20— Easter
- Apr 25— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 2— Bible Study at 7pm
- May 3— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 3— Wedding at 6pm
- May 9— Wedding at 4:30pm
- May 17— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 17— Wedding at 6pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. Angela Merici

Born in Desenzano, Italy, Angela Merici was orphaned in her teens. As a young woman with her heart centered on Christ, Angela joined the Third Order of St. Francis and embraced austerity. In a visionary experience, she felt called to found a “company” of women. Angela was invited to become a live-in companion for a widow in the nearby town of Brescia. There she became the spiritual advisor of a group of men and women with ideals of spiritual renewal and service to those in need. While on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 1524, Angela was struck with blindness. She proceeded to visit the sacred shrines, seeing them with her spirit. On the way back while praying before a crucifix, Angela’s sight was restored. At age 60, Angela and 12 other women began the Company of St. Ursula, named for a patroness of medieval universities and venerated as a leader of women. This constituted a new way of life: single women consecrated to Christ and living in the world rather than in a monastery. With Angela as their “mother and mistress,” Company members did not live in community, wore no special clothing, and made no formal vows. Angela Merici died in Brescia, Italy, in 1540. Clothed in the habit of a Franciscan tertiary, her body was interred in Brescia’s Church of Saint’ Afra. Four years later the Company’s Rule that Angela had composed, prescribing the practices of chastity, poverty and obedience, was approved by the pope. In the early 1600s, Companies that had expanded into France were re-organized into the religious Order of St. Ursula, to teach girls. Angela’s words continue to inspire the Ursuline nuns’ mission of education, a mission that spread worldwide. The Company of St. Ursula also continued to exist and is federated worldwide today with members in 30 countries. Angela Merici was canonized by Pope Pius VII in 1807.

## For Your Reflection:

Notice at the conclusion of our prayer we never say, “through the Holy Spirit” but rather “through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.” Through the mystery of the Incarnation, Jesus Christ became man, the mediator of God and man. He is a priest for ever according to the order of Melchizedek. By shedding his own blood he entered once and for all into the Holy Places. He did not enter a place made by human hands, a mere type of the true one; but, he entered heaven itself, where he is at God’s right hand interceding for us. Quite correctly, the Church continues to reflect this mystery in her prayer. This mystery of Jesus Christ the high priest is reflected in the apostle Paul’s statement: *Through him, then, let us always offer the sacrifice of praise to God, the fruit of lips that profess belief in his name.* We were once enemies of the Father, but have been reconciled through the death of Christ. Through him then we offer our sacrifice of praise, our prayer to God. He became our offering to the Father, and through him our offering is now acceptable. It is for this reason that Peter the apostle urges us to be built up as living stones into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices pleasing to God through Jesus Christ. This then is the reason why we offer prayer to God our Father, but through Jesus Christ our Lord. Through this mystery, the Son of God, though his state was divine... emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave. As a slave, he humbled himself and in obedience he even accepted death. Even though he possessed equality with the Father, he became a little less than the angels. Christ lowered himself when he emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave. By this condition, Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, though himself ever remaining God, became a priest. To him along with the Father, we offer our sacrifice. Yet, through him the sacrifice we now offer is holy, living and pleasing to God. Indeed, if Christ had not sacrificed himself for us, we could not offer any sacrifice. For it is in him that our human nature becomes a redemptive offering. When we offer our prayers through him, our priest, we confess that Christ truly possesses the flesh of our race. We do not, however, only say “your Son” when we conclude our prayer. We also say, “who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. In this way we commemorate the natural unity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is clear, then, that the Christ who exercises a priestly role on our behalf is the same Christ who enjoys a natural unity and equality with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

-From a letter by St. Fulgentius of Ruspe, Bishop

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## 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](mailto: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 at 816.392.0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org)



# Weekly Activities & Events

## Last Week's Offering

From January 13, 2024 to January 19, 2025

Plate _____	\$384.11.00
Envelopes _____	\$22,520.00
Catholic Home Missions _____	\$385.00
Candles _____	\$25.50
Poor Box _____	\$40.01
Maintenance _____	\$4,175.00
Weddings _____	\$2,995.00
Lighthouse _____	\$3.00

## Prayer of the Week

### An Act of Faith

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because you have revealed them who are eternal truth and wisdom, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. In this faith I intend to live and die. Amen.

## The Legion of Mary

Our Lady of Kibeho Praesidium of the Legion of Mary meets every **Monday at 6:00pm in the parish hall except for the last Monday of the month, when we meet at St.**

**Monica's.** The Legion of Mary is a Marian group that seeks to bring Jesus and Mary to the world through acts of evangelization and spiritual outreach. This group collaborates with parishioners of St. Monica's, our sister parish. Our praesidium does homebound visits of parishioners, takes communion to the sick, leads ministries, and many other vital ministries in our parish.



## Email Prayer Chain

If you would like to request prayers, please email our prayer chain at [AnnMarie@oloskc.org](mailto:AnnMarie@oloskc.org). If you would like to join the prayer chain to pray for these intentions, please send an email request to be added to the list.

## Prayers Requested

Pray for Mary Weatherford, Grace Diaz, Sarah Eck, Jim Healy, Mary Healy, Rose Ann Jett, Jane Carey, Jerry Gumminger, Ken Blundell, Allan Schaff, Grace Weatherford, Joe Creedon, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Nolan Davidson, Jay Keen

## 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 email Brad at the office at [bgeist@oloskc.org](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org).

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## The Knights of Columbus



Are you looking to make a difference in your community, grow in faith, and build lasting friendships? The Knights of Columbus are calling you! The Knights of Columbus:

- \*\*Serves Others\*\*:** Participation in charitable works that support those in need.
  - \*\*Strengthen Faith\*\*:** Deepening spiritual life through prayer, education, and service.
  - \*\*Enjoy Brotherhood\*\*:** Connection with like-minded men who share Catholic values with commitment to faith, family, and community.
- Please contact Arthur Kovach at (816) 574-0900

## Catholic Movie Night

The Legion of Mary will have its next Catholic Movie Night on **Sunday, February 16th at 5pm** in the parish hall. We will be watching **the Song of Bernadette**, based on the true story of Mary's appearance at the French grotto of Lourdes. Food will be provided. We hope to see you there!

## Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on Thursday, **February 6th at 7pm** and we normally meet monthly on the first Thursday of every month. We are studying the Gospel of John, known as the Spiritual Gospel due to its emphasis on Christ's divinity. Our next session will walk through Jesus' passion, beginning with his arrest and trials. You do not want to miss this session! Please email Brad at [bgeist@oloskc.org](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org) for updates and details.



## Social Outreach Ministry

The parish Social Outreach ministry will be taking monthly donations of perishable and non-perishable food, toiletries, hygiene products, diapers, and laundry items for donation to the food pantry at St. Monica's. **Our monthly collection of these items will take place on February 8th and 9th**, and takes place on the second weekend of each month. You can leave your items in the back of the church. If you would like to help with the social outreach ministry, please contact Bill Capotosto at [bcapotosto@gmail.com](mailto:bcapotosto@gmail.com).