

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From our Pastor:

The Epiphany of the Lord: A Revelation of Hope and Salvation

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, we are reminded of the momentous occasion when Jesus Christ was revealed to the nations. The Magi, guided by the light of the star, journeyed from distant lands to pay homage to the newborn King. Their pilgrimage symbolizes the universal call to salvation, showing that Christ came not only for the people of Israel but for all humanity. The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation" or "revelation," and in today's Gospel, we see God's love manifested in Jesus, the Light of the World. The journey of the Magi is rich in symbolism. Their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh reflect the recognition of Jesus' kingship, divinity, and sacrificial mission. Gold acknowledges Him as King, frankincense points to His divinity, and myrrh foretells His suffering and death for our salvation.

The Magi also represent the diversity of people who are drawn to Christ. They remind us that God's grace is extended to every corner of the earth. In the light of Christ, divisions are overcome, and unity is possible. Their journey challenges us to seek Christ actively, to let His light guide us in a world often clouded by darkness.

As we reflect on the Epiphany, we are invited to consider how we can be bearers of Christ's light to one another. This can be as simple as reaching out to someone who is lonely, offering a listening ear and kind words. It could mean helping a neighbor in need, providing meals, or assisting with chores. We can mentor or guide someone seeking direction in their life, sharing our experiences and wisdom with humility. In our families, being light might involve creating a loving and peaceful home, where forgiveness is practiced, and kindness is modeled. At work, it could mean offering encouragement to a colleague, standing up for justice, or contributing to an inclusive environment. Volunteering in our parish community, such as visiting the sick, tutoring children, or participating in charity drives, also shines Christ's love into the world. The story of the Magi teaches us the importance of adoration and humility. They knelt before Jesus in awe and reverence, offering their treasures and their hearts. In our busy lives, we too must find moments to kneel in prayer, offering Jesus the treasure of our time and attention.

This Epiphany, may we be inspired by the Magi's faith, courage, and devotion. Let us follow the light of Christ and share His love with the world, becoming instruments of His peace and joy. Together, we can reflect God's glory, bringing hope and comfort to those around us.

"Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you" (Isaiah 60:1).



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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 5, 2025
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, January 4— The Epiphany of the Lord

4:00pm Denise Martinez

SUNDAY, January 5— The Epiphany of the Lord

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, January 6— St. Andre Bessette

TUESDAY, January 7— St. Raymond of Penyafort

WEDNESDAY, January 8

10:00am

THURSDAY, January 9

Noon

FRIDAY, January 10

SATURDAY, January 11— The Baptism of the Lord

4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

SUNDAY, January 12— The Baptism 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.

Liturgical Assignments

1/4 & 5	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Arthur Kovach	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Arthur Kovach	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	James Hardy	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

1/11 & 12	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for this Week

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7-8, 10-12; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14-15; 17; Lk 4:14-22
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Jn 3:22-30
 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1:7-11

Parish Calendar of Events

- Jan 6— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Jan 9— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Jan 11— Parish Christmas Party after 4pm Mass
- Jan 11-12— Social Ministry Collection
- Jan 15— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jan 19—Catholic Home Missions Appeal
- Jan 21—Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- 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 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
- March 15—Wedding at 1:30pm
- March 30— Catholic Relief Service Collection
- Apr 3— Bible Study at 7pm
- Apr 18— Good Friday Holy Land Collection
- 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. Raymond of Penyafort

St. Raymond of Penyafort was born around 1175 in what is now Spain to noble parents. He lived a long and productive life. By the time he was 20, he was teaching philosophy. In his early 30s he earned a doctorate in both canon and civil law. At 41 he became a Dominican. Pope Gregory IX called him to Rome to work for him and to be his confessor. One of the things the pope asked him to do was to gather together all the decrees of popes and councils that had been made in 80 years since a similar collection by Gratian. Raymond compiled five books called the *Decretals*. They were looked upon as one of the best organized collections of Church law until the 1917 codification of canon law. Earlier, Raymond had written for confessors a book of cases. It was called *Summa de Casibus Poenitentiae*. More than simply a list of sins and penances, it discussed pertinent doctrines and laws of the Church that pertained to the problem or case brought to the confessor. At the age of 60, Raymond was appointed archbishop of Tarragona, the capital of Aragon. He didn't like the honor at all and ended up getting sick and resigning in two years. He didn't get to enjoy his peace long, however, because when he was 63 he was elected by his fellow Dominicans to be the head of the whole Order, the successor of Saint Dominic. Raymond worked hard, visited on foot all the Dominicans, reorganized their constitutions and managed to put through a provision that a master general be allowed to resign. When the new constitutions were accepted, Raymond, then 65, resigned. He still had 35 years to oppose heresy and work for the conversion of the Moors in Spain. He convinced Saint Thomas Aquinas to write his work *Against the Gentiles*. In his 100th year, the Lord let Raymond retire. He died January 6, 1275 and was canonized in 1601. He is buried in the Cathedral of Santa Eulalia in Barcelona, Spain and is known as the patron of canon lawyers.

For Your Reflection:

The loving providence of God determined that in the last days he would aid the world, set on its course to destruction. He decreed that all nations should be saved in Christ. A promise had been made to the holy patriarch Abraham in regard to these nations. He was to have a countless progeny, born not from his body but from the seed of faith. His descendants are therefore compared with the array of the stars. The father of all nations was to hope not in an earthly progeny but in a progeny from above. Let the full number of the nations now take their place in the family of the patriarchs. Let the children of the promise now receive the blessing in the seed of Abraham, the blessing renounced by the children of his flesh. In the persons of the Magi let all people adore the Creator of the universe; let God be known, not in Judea only, but in the whole world, so that *his name may be great in all Israel*. Dear friends, now that we have received instruction in this revelation of God's grace, let us celebrate with spiritual joy the day of our first harvesting, of the first calling of the Gentiles. Let us give thanks to the merciful God, who has made us worthy, in the words of the Apostle, to share the position of the saints in light; who has rescued us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son. As Isaiah prophesied: *the people of the Gentiles, who sat in darkness, have seen a great light, and for those who dwell in the region of the shadow of death a light has dawned*. He spoke of them to the Lord: *The Gentiles, who do not know you, will invoke you, and the peoples, who knew you not, will take refuge in you. This is the day that Abraham saw, and rejoiced to see, when he knew that the sons born of his faith would be blessed in his seed, that is, in Christ*. Believing that he would be the father of the nations, he looked into the future, giving glory to God, in full awareness that God is able to do what he has promised. This came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognize and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ. Dear friends, you must have the same zeal to be of help to one another; then, in the kingdom of God, to which faith and good works are the way, you will shine as children of the light: through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

-From a Sermon on Epiphany by Pope St. Leo the Great

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

Weekly Activities & Events

Last Week's Offering

From December 23 to December 29, 2024

Plate	\$366.77
Envelopes	\$2606.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$20.00
Candles	\$69.75
Poor Box	\$82.00
Maintenance	\$185.00
Religious Retirement	\$100.00

Christmas Party Postponed

Due to inclement weather this weekend, our Parish will celebrate its annual Christmas Party next weekend on Saturday, January 11th after the 4pm Mass. This is a wonderful time to enjoy one another's company in festive cheer. Please plan on attending this wonderful celebration!

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. 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.

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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



A Special Thank You

We want to extend a special thank you to all those that helped clean the church this last Saturday. Thank you for keeping our church beautiful, bright, and clean for the worship of Christ our newborn King!

Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on Thursday, **January 9th 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 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 today, January 11 and 12th**, 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.