

# Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH CHURCH: 1923-2023

## From our Pastoral Associate:

As we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany today and the coming of the Magi with gifts to Jesus, I want to take a moment to reflect on the people of Jerusalem when the Magi come asking to see the Messiah. King Herod, who was not descended from King David, was not the proper King of Israel as God had intended. Understandably (though this in no way excuses his next actions), he is troubled by the message of the Magi. Matthew includes the line that “all of Jerusalem was troubled with him.” He calls together the scholars of Jerusalem to ascertain where the Messiah was to be born. They tell him plainly that it is in Bethlehem that he will be born according to the words of Micah and the author of the Second Book of Samuel.

What is interesting (and rather distressing) is that the people of Jerusalem do not receive the tidings of the birth of their Messiah with joy. There is no Mass exodus of the city to see the Messiah in Bethlehem. There is no celebration. There is no sense of expectant hope or joy. Rather, they sit in fear of a tyrannical pretender. There’s an almost indifference by the scholars as they relay where the Messiah was to be born. There does not seem to be any attempt to hide Jesus’ whereabouts in order to protect him. And they surely know just how ruthless Herod could be.

Do we hear the news of the Gospel with a mere shrug of the shoulders? Or do we receive it with tremendous joy? When Jesus comes to us in Mass are we attentive, or do we merely yawn and allow ourselves to be distracted by thoughts of our next meal? Do we seek to honestly know Jesus through the daily reading of the scriptures and in prayer, or do we let life’s pleasures and troubles consume our whole day? Ask yourself this— how often do I think about Jesus through the day? How often do I pray? How much time during the day do I spend educating myself on the Faith. Are there ? Is there a way that I can be better about this?



## Parish Office

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## Office Hours

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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 7, 2024  
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

# Mass Intentions and Feasts

**SATURDAY, January 6—The Epiphany of the Lord**  
4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**SUNDAY, January 7—The Epiphany of the Lord**  
11:00am † Maurice Carey

**MONDAY, January 8—The Baptism of the Lord**  
11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**TUESDAY, January 9**

**WEDNESDAY, January 10**  
Noon † Maurice Carey

**THURSDAY, January 11**  
Noon † Maurice Carey

**FRIDAY, January 12**

**SATURDAY, January 13—The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**SUNDAY, January 15—The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
11:00am † Maurice Carey

## 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.

# Mass Assignments

1/6 & 7	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Jim Carley	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Ed and Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

1/13 & 14	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

## Readings for the 1st Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1:7-11  
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Mk 1:21-28  
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39  
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45  
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12  
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17  
 Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

# Parish Calendar of Events

- Jan 8— Legion of Mary Meeting at 6pm
- Jan 13-14— Social Ministry Collection
- Jan 20— Rediscover Your Faith at 10am at St. Monica's
- Jan 20-21— Catholic Home Missions Appeal
- Feb 1— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Feb 3— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Feb 8—Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Feb 10-11— Social Ministry Collection
- Feb 14— Ash Wednesday Mass at Noon
- Feb 17-18— Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal
- Feb 18— Catholic Movie Night at 6pm
- Mar 2— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Mar 6— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Mar 7— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Mar 9-10— Catholic Relief Services Collection
- Mar 29— Good Friday Holy Land Collection
- Apr 1— Easter Sunday
- Apr 3— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Apr 4— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Apr 6— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Apr 6— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Apr 13— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Apr 20— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Apr 27— Wedding at 6pm
- May 3— Wedding at 2:00pm
- May 18— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!



# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. Hilary of Poitiers

St. Hilary was born to affluent pagan parents at Poitiers, France around 310. He received a very good pagan education, which included a high level of Greek. At some point he studied the Bible and abandoned his Neo-platonism for Christianity. He was baptized into the Church with his wife and young daughter. St. Hilary was so well respected by the Christians at Poitiers that they unanimously elected him as their bishop in 350. At that time Arianism, the heresy that taught that Jesus Christ is not God but the highest of all created beings, was ravaging the Church. St. Hilary was a dominant voice in the discussion and became well known for his orthodoxy. Hilary wrote to the Emperor Constantius II, rebuking him for the persecution of orthodox Christians. For this he was sent into exile for four years in Phrygia (modern day Turkey). From Phrygia, Hilary continued to manage his diocese and wrote several theological works on the Trinity. He made himself so irksome to the emperor there that he was sent back to his own diocese. At Poitiers, Hilary continued to fight for the orthodox understanding of the Trinity, writing several more works. He also encouraged St. Martin of Tours to found a monastery in his diocese. He died in 367 and is known as a Doctor of the Church.

## Catholic Movie Night

Our first Catholic Movie Night, hosted by the Legion of Mary, **will be on Sunday, Feb 18th at 6pm.** Our next movie will be **There Be Dragons** (2011), a fictional retelling of the life of St. Josemaría Escrivá, the founder of *Opus Dei: Arising out of the horror of the Spanish Civil War, a candidate for canonization, Josemaría Escrivá, is investigated by a journalist who discovers that his own estranged father had a deep, dark and devastating connection to the saint's life. As he uncovers the truth, he learns more about his origins and learns much about forgiveness and the power of faith. Don't miss such an excellent movie!*

## 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. 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 dwelt in the region of the shadow of death a light has dawned. 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 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](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 Whitney True-Francis, at 816.392.0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org)

# Weekly Activities & Events

## Last Week's Offering

From December 26 to January 1, 2023

Plate	\$324.45
Envelopes	\$1967.00
Mother of God	\$408.00
Maintenance	\$300.00
Weddings	\$1995.00
Candles	\$60.25
Poor Box	\$5.00

## Prayer of the Week

### Come Holy Spirit

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,  
and you will renew the face of the earth.*

## The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Council #2457 meets in the parish hall on the first Wednesdays beginning with recitation of the Rosary at 6:30pm. We are also establishing a Women's Auxiliary to help support the Knights charitable works both practically and spiritually. Please contact John Pileggi at (816) 547-6574, or [jgapileggi@gmail.com](mailto:jgapileggi@gmail.com).



## 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.

## Healing Mass

Are you in need of prayer for physical healing - chronic conditions, broken bones, pain, cancer? Encounter School of Ministry is hosting a healing service from 7-10pm on January 12, 2024 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Overland Park, KS. No cost or registration is required.

## 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

## 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@oloskc.org](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org).

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## 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 January 13-14**, 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).

## Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on **February 1st at 7pm** and we 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 explore Jesus' teaching on himself as the Good Shepherd. All are welcome! There is no need to have come to prior meetings to come to this one. Please email Brad at [bgeist@oloskc.org](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org) for updates and details.



## Rediscover Your Faith

Our next meeting will be on **January 20th at 10am** at St. Monica's, our sister parish. During each meeting we focus in on a special topic to explore. Our next topic will be on Mary and the Four Marian Dogmas. Emphasis will be on understanding her biblical role in our salvation and how to defend these teachings to others. Please set aside time in your calendar for a deeper dive into your faith!



## The Legion of Mary

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 seeks to imitate Mary in serving Jesus in those they meet by advancing the Gospel. 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.

