

# 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:

Our Gospel reading today can sometimes be a bit difficult to understand. Jesus is presented with a dilemma meant to trap him in the most earthly conception of the Messiah as possible— being a political leader. Interestingly, Jesus never envisions himself as a political leader. He does not try to build an army, take over lands and set up a political system. When people come to make him a king by force, he removes himself from their midst (Jn 6:15). He does not go after



political leaders in his preaching as if they are rivals. The closest he touches on criticizing other leaders is by calling Herod a fox and again here in our Gospel reading today.

We should, however, make no mistake. Jesus did come to bring a kingdom. But this kingdom would not be of this world. Jesus' kingdom is far superior to any here on earth. The reason Jesus did not set up a political system that would ensure that people had proper roads, laws to be obeyed, proper order, and more is that he'd been doing this since the dawn of time. Jesus, being God, has been caring for his creation in ways that even Caesar could never dream of— to bring about seasons in their due order, cause rain to fall, and, among many other things, imparting a moral law that abides not on paper and brought to bear on those subject to it by law enforcement, but in the innermost secret chambers of a man's heart. Running an earthly kingdom— even if it spanned the entire earth— would be nothing by comparison! Jesus' message here is clear— we must render to Caesar what is Caesars— obedience to laws, prayers for wisdom, and yes, maybe the worst of all— taxes. God would operate in his own mysterious way through those political leaders already in place.

We should also render to God what is God's. And what is his? Humble and complete love and obedience. Perfect adherence to the moral law. A generosity of heart that knows no limits to what God may ask of us. A love of our neighbor. As our Father in heaven, God deserves all of this and so much more.

Let us take some time today to ask ourselves— what are we rendering to God already? How can we give it to him more perfectly? What needs to change in my life to make it happen?

## 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

OCTOBER 22, 2023  
THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Mass Intentions and Feasts

**SATURDAY, October 21—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**SUNDAY, October 22— 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
11:00am † Regina Foster

**MONDAY, October 23— St. John of Capistrano**

**TUESDAY, October 24— St. Anthony Mary Claret**

**WEDNESDAY, October 25**  
Noon † Maurice Carey, Joseph Andrew Sandhoefner

**THURSDAY, October 26**  
Noon Ciera Geist

**FRIDAY, October 27**

**SATURDAY, October 28—30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**SUNDAY, October 29— 30th 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

10/21 & 22	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Art Kovach	Tim Healey
Eucharistic Minister	John Pileggi	Tim Healey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

10/28 & 29	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	AnnMarie Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Ed and Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

## Readings for the 29th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21  
 Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38  
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1-8; Lk 12:39-48  
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53  
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59  
 Saturday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16  
 Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

# Parish Calendar of Events

- Oct 23— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- Oct 20—Wedding at 5:00pm
- Oct 21— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 21— Wedding at 6pm
- Oct 21-22— Mission Sunday Collection
- Oct 27— Wedding at 2:30pm
- Oct 28— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 1— All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation) at Noon
- Nov 1— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Nov 2— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Nov 3— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 4— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 11— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 11-12— Social Ministry Collection
- Nov 18— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 21—Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- Dec 2— Parish Christmas Party at 5pm
- Dec 3— Advent Begins
- Dec 6— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Dec 7— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Dec 9-10— Religious Retirement Collection
- Dec 12— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- Dec 24— 4th Sunday of Advent: Sunday Mass time changed to 8:30.
- Dec 25— Christmas (TBD)
- Dec 30— Wedding at 2pm
- Dec 31— Wedding at 4pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. John of Capistrano

St. John was born in 1386 in the Italian town of Capistrano, Abruzzo. He received an excellent education and in 1412 he was appointed the Governor of Perugia. The people there were discontent with their government and during a peace negotiation, John was thrown in prison. During the imprisonment he began to study theology and had a vision of St. Francis who told him to become a friar. He entered the Franciscans and studied under St. Bernardine of Siena. He was ordained and quickly became well known as a very capable preacher throughout the various kingdoms of Europe. Crowds would show up in such immense numbers that he preached in town squares rather than churches. At Brescia in Italy he preached to a crowd of 126,000. When not preaching he wrote various tracts against a large number of heresies and assisted St. Bernardine of Siena in helping to reform the Franciscan Order. He frequently preached devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. Popes Eugene IV and Nicholas V employed him as a legate, which led him to every part of Europe. Near the end of his life he preached a crusade and personally led to victory a force of roughly 45,000 against the Ottoman Turks as they assaulted Belgrade. He died of bubonic plague in 1456.

## Catholic Movie Night

The Legion of Mary plans to host a Catholic movie night every other month.

Our first movie will be **The Scarlet and the Black: When the Nazis took control of Italy during WWII, they occupied Rome. A priest in the Vatican, Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty (Gregory Peck) is in charge of the escape network of those that are wanted by the Nazis. O'Flaherty is soon identified as the leader and the real cat and mouse game between the Irish priest and Colonel Herbert Kappler (Christopher Plummer), head of the Gestapo, begins.** Based on a true story. If you would like to come, please email Brad Geist what day and time works best.

## For Your Reflection:

Let us fix our gaze on the Father and Creator of the whole world, and let us hold on to his peace and blessings, his splendid and surpassing gifts. Let us contemplate him in our thoughts and with our mind's eye reflect upon the peaceful and restrained unfolding of his plan; let us consider the care with which he provides for the whole of his creation.

By his direction the heavens are in motion, and they are subject to him in peace. Day and night fulfill the course he has established without interfering with each other. The sun, the moon and the choirs of stars revolve in harmony at his command in their appointed paths without deviation. By his will the earth blossoms in the proper seasons and produces abundant food for men and animals and all the living things on it without reluctance and without any violation of what he has arranged.

Yet unexplored regions of the abysses and inexpressible realms of the deep are subject to his laws. The mass of the boundless sea, joined together by his ordinance in a single expanse, does not overflow its prescribed limits but flows as he commanded it. For he said: *Thus far shall you come, and your waves will be halted here.* The ocean, impassable for men, and the worlds beyond it are governed by the same edicts of the Lord.

The seasons, spring, summer, autumn and winter, follow one another in harmony. The quarters from which the winds blow function in due season without the least deviation. And the ever-flowing springs, created for our health as well as our enjoyment, unfailingly offer their breasts to sustain human life. The tiniest of living creatures meet together in harmony and peace. The great Creator and Lord of the universe commanded all these things to be established in peace and harmony, in his goodness to all, and in overflowing measure to us who seek refuge in his mercies through our Lord Jesus Christ; to him be glory and majesty for ever and ever. Amen.

## 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 October 9 to October 15, 2023

Plate.....\$375.90

Envelopes.....\$1566.00

## Rediscover Your Faith

We will soon begin a new ministry at our parish for adults that will focus on catechesis. The first meeting will be a presentation on the ancient art form of the icon and its role in the liturgy and spiritual life. Emphasis will be given on "reading," or understanding, the various symbols, gestures, and colors, in an icon. After that, we can focus on any topic that the group wants to learn more about. We plan to do this on a monthly basis. If you are interested in coming or learning more, please email Brad Geist and let him know what times work for you.

## Mission Sunday Collection

On October 21-22 we will have a second collection for the Mission Sunday Collection. We ask that you be as generous as you are able in support of the Church's missions throughout the world.

## Eucharistic Ministers

Our parish is in need of Eucharistic ministers for our Masses as well as to take communion to Children's Mercy Hospital on weekends. Training is required. Please contact Brad Geist at [bgeist@oloskc.org](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org) to sign up for training or call the parish office.

## 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. We are also establishing a Women's Auxiliary to help support the Knights' charitable works both practically and spiritually. Please contact John Pileggi for more information."



## Prayers Requested

Pray for Mary Weatherford, Grace Diaz, Sarah Eck, Jim Healy, Mary Healy, Rose Ann Jett, Jane Carey, Maurice Carey, Jerry Gumminger, Ken Blundell, Allan Schaff, Grace Weatherford, 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@oloskc.org](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org).

## Parish Bible Study– The Gospel of John

The next Bible study session is on **November 2nd 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 continue to explore Jesus' visit to Jerusalem during the Feast of Tabernacles, his incredible pronouncement of knowing Abraham and his healing of the man born blind. 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.

## 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 November 11-12**, 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).

## 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 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. If you would like more info contact Brad at [bgeist@oloskc.org](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org) for more information or come to a meeting.



## Eucharistic Pilgrimage Passports

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is offering a Eucharistic Pilgrimage Passport that has different stops churches in our diocese. Our parish is on the list. A special prize will be given to any who complete the passport by May. You can find them in the back of the church.

## 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.

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