

Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
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From our Pastoral Associate:

The French novelist Leon Bloy once wrote, "The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint." This is not a mere pious thought, but an expression of the deepest longing of the human heart. God, our Creator, has made us with the deepest longing for union with him. St. Augustine wrote, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." A saint is someone that has pursued that deepest longing above anything else. A saint is, to put it simply, one who has "preferred nothing to the love of Christ." (St. Benedict) God created us to be saints. It is our purpose. It is the very reason that Christ died for us.



Among the countless myriad of saints are those that have lived particularly well known lives of sanctity and holiness. These are those that we commonly know as the saints— those that have been canonized and confirmed by the Church to be saints. This does not mean that those who are not canonized are not also saints. But these are ones that we know are for sure and we usually honor them with a designated feast day. There are countless more that we don't know of. On All Saints day, which is Wednesday, we honor them all.

The saints illustrate for us a myriad of ways to come to know God, to follow his will, how to overcome vice, increase in virtue, and how to pray. They witness to us the great and amazing love of Jesus Christ and how important it is to follow him. They understand the difficulties we face from day to day and pray for us in our struggles. We have writings from them, stories of their lives, even pictures to inspire us in our own relationship with God. They are our family and they are our friends.

During this month of November, I encourage you to find a book about a saint or to read one written by a saint. Maybe it's one that you know very well, maybe it's one that you don't know at all. However it be, take time to learn about their lives, understand what made them who they were and ask yourself how they can help you in your own journey of faith. Ask yourself these questions: What am I doing to deepen my relationship with God? What needs or vices should I be asking the saints for assistance in prayer and wisdom? What virtues of this or these saints should I be working on in my own life?

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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 29, 2023
THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions and Feasts

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

MONDAY, October 30

TUESDAY, October 31—All Hallows Eve

WEDNESDAY, November 1— All Saints
Noon Joe Creedon

THURSDAY, November 2— All Souls Day
Noon † All Faithfully Departed Souls

FRIDAY, November 3—St. Martin de Porres

SATURDAY, November 4—31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, November 5— 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00am Regina Geist

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

10/28 & 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

11/4 & 5	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 30th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Rom 8: 12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7, 20-12;
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1-6; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rev 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6, 1 Jn 3:1-3;
Mt 5:1-12

Thursday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29;
Ps 94:12-15, 17-18; Lk 4:1, 7-11

Sunday: Mal 1:14-2:2, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3,
1 Thes 2:7-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

Parish Calendar of Events

- Oct 30— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- Nov 1— All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation) at Noon
- Nov 2— All Souls Day 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 9-10— Social Ministry 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
- Jan 1— Mary, Mother of God (TBD)
- Jan 3—Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jan 4—Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Jan 13-14— Social Ministry Collection

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Martin de Porres

St. Martin de Porres was born in 1579 in Peru, the illegitimate son of a Spaniard and a freed African slave. When he was still young his father abandoned him and he soon found himself as an apprentice to a barber, during which time he would spend his nights in prayer. At the time, it was against Peruvian law for descendants of Africans or Native Americans to be full members of a religious order but the superior of the Dominicans, seeing Martin's faithfulness over the years, turned a blind eye to the law and received his vows as a lay brother. This didn't sit well with all the brothers, some of whom flung racial slurs at him in the hallways. He was soon assigned to the infirmary, having exhibited the virtues necessary for the care of the sick. It was not long before miracles began to happen, even outside the religious house where people would be cured simply by being handed a glass of water by St. Martin. He ministered without distinction to all he met, regardless of race and sometimes hosted the sick or wounded in his own bed. When reprimanded by one of his brothers for this, he responded, "Compassion, my dear Brother, is preferable to cleanliness." He died in 1639, and his funeral was attended by thousands. He was canonized by Pope St. John XXIII in 1962.

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, see the sign up sheet in the back of the church.

For Your Reflection:

It was by the death of one man that the world was redeemed. Christ did not need to die if he did not want to, but he did not look on death as something to be despised, something to be avoided, and he could have found no better means to save us than by dying. Thus his death is life for all. We are sealed with the sign of his death; when we pray we preach his death; when we offer sacrifice we proclaim his death. His death is victory; his death is a sacred sign; each year his death is celebrated with solemnity by the whole world.

What more should we say about his death since we use this divine example to prove that it was death alone that won freedom from death, and death itself was its own redeemer? Death is then no cause for mourning, for it is the cause of mankind's salvation. Death is not something to be avoided, for the Son of God did not think it beneath his dignity, nor did he seek to escape it.

Death was not part of nature; it became part of nature. God did not decree death from the beginning; he prescribed it as a remedy. Human life was condemned because of sin to unremitting labor and unbearable sorrow and so began to experience the burden of wretchedness. There had to be a limit to its evils; death had to restore what life had forfeited. Without the assistance of grace, immortality is more of a burden than a blessing.

The soul has to turn away from the aimless paths of this life, from the defilement of an earthly body; it must reach out to those assemblies in heaven (though it is given only to the saints to be admitted to them) to sing the praises of God. We learn from Scripture how God's praise is sung to the music of the harp: *Great and wonderful are your deeds, Lord God Almighty; just and true are your ways, King of the nations. Who will not revere and glorify your nature? You alone are holy; all nations will come and worship before you.* The soul must also desire to witness your nuptials, Jesus, and to see your bride escorted from earthly to heavenly realities, as all rejoice and sing: *All flesh will come before you.* No longer will the bride be held in subjection to this passing world but will be made one with the spirit.

-St. Ambrose of Milan, *From a book on the death of his brother Satyrus*

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 October 16 to October 22, 2023

Plate_____	\$601.00
Envelopes_____	\$1661.00
Maintenance_____	\$110.00
Special Collection_____	\$583.00

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. Further topics will be explored. We plan to do this on a monthly basis. If you are interested in coming or learning more, see the sign up sheet in the back of the church.

All Saints Day and All Souls Day

Wednesday, November 1st, is the Solemnity of All Saints. **This day is a Holy Day of Obligation and Catholics are required by the Church to attend Mass.** The celebration of this Solemnity will be at noon on Wednesday at Our Lady of Sorrows and 9am at St. Monica's. All Souls Day Mass (not a Holy Day of Obligation) will be at noon on Thursday.

The Knights of Columbus

Our Knights Council wishes to thank all those that contributed to the Tootsie Roll drive last weekend. Due to your generosity, many of our brothers and sisters with developmental disabilities in Missouri will be reached! To learn more about the Knights of Columbus here at Our Lady of Sorrows, please contact John Pileggi at (816) 547-6574, or jgapileggi@gmail.com.



All Souls Memorial Envelopes

Memorial Gift envelopes for those that have died are available in the back of the Church. A memorial gift goes toward Masses said for your loved one. They can be placed in the collection basket or brought to the office.

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.

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 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.

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 for more information or come to a meeting.



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 to sign up for training or call the parish office.

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.

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