

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH

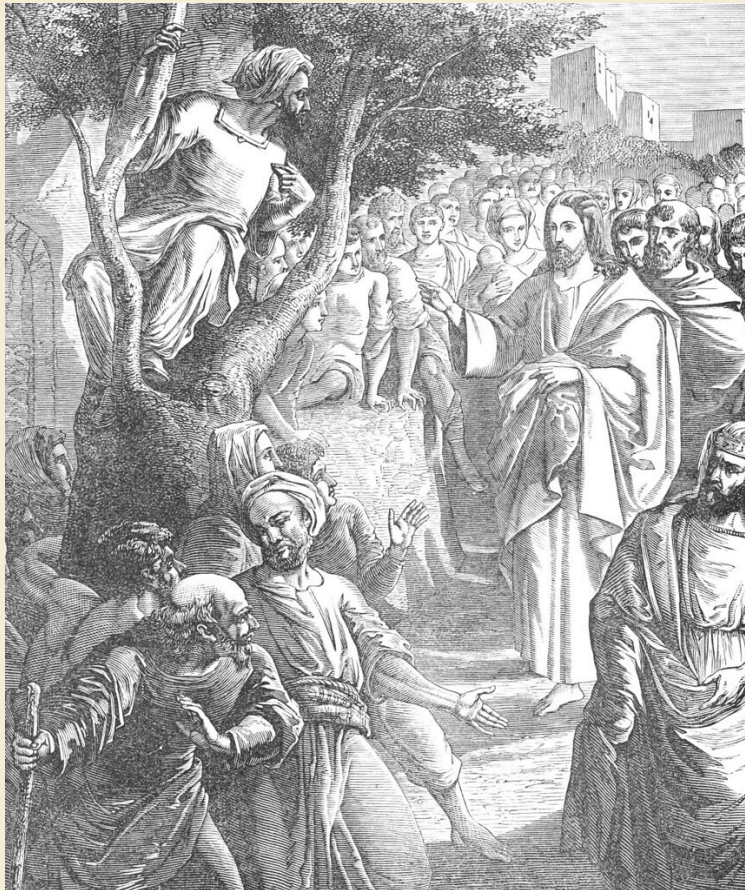


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From the Pastoral Associate:

In our the Gospel for this Sunday, we hear of the meeting of Jesus and Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector. This passage is striking in many ways. Zacchaeus, is a tax collector who is fabulously rich but is so because off of the backs of other Israelites. In Jesus' time, tax collectors were those chosen from among the people by the Romans to collect taxes for Rome. Oftentimes they would collect more than what was needed and keep it themselves. Tax collectors, by nature



of their job and the abuse inherent in to it, were universally despised by the rest of the people and they were ostracized and shunned. Zacchaeus has heard about Jesus, of his message, and how Jesus has often dined with tax collectors and simply wants to have a better look at him. Being short of stature, he climbs a tree to see over the crowd to get a better look at this teacher. This is remarkable in its own way because this surely must have been embarrassing for him for several obvious reasons, not least of which was due to his status among tax collectors, climbing a tree in fine garments, and the for the grin-inducing reason of his height. But something is clearly moving in Zacchaeus that leads him to throw caution to the wind as he attempts to just get a glimpse of this preacher. Instead he gets more. St. Luke relates that when Jesus arrived at the spot, he looks up— showing that it was not Zacchaeus who was looking for Jesus, it was quite the reverse. Jesus calls to him and the crowd grumbles. Zacchaeus gets a sense of this and promises to restore anyone he has defrauded by four times the amount, showing a willingness to pay the maximum penalty according to the law (Ex 22:8). Jesus rejoices that “salvation has come to this house.” (Lk 19:9) Zacchaeus teaches us many things—
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Parish Office Hours

9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Monday-Friday

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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

To register to become a parishioner, return slip on back page or call the office

OCTOBER 30, 2022
30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, October 29—31st Sunday in Ord. Time

4:00 pm † Joseph and Paula Garcia

SUNDAY, October 30—31st Sunday in Ord. Time

11:00 am † Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, October 31— All Hallows Eve

TUESDAY, November 1— All Saints Day

Noon † Loretta Riss, James T. Ridert

WEDNESDAY, November 2— All Souls Day

Noon

THURSDAY, November 3— St. Martin de Porres

Noon Regina Geist

FRIDAY, November 4— St. Charles Borromeo

† Patty Honeycult

SATURDAY, November 5—31st Sunday in Ord. Time

4:00 pm For those married at Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, November 6—31st Sunday in Ord. Time

11:00 am † Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

Note From the Pastor:

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows,

I hope this finds you well. After prayerful consideration, I have accepted the invitation from Bishop Johnston to take a few days away from the parish this coming week, including the weekend of November 5-6, to evaluate my health, interactions, and general well-being as your priest. I ask you to keep me in your prayers that this may be a moment of recollection, discernment, and healing. God bless.

Fr. Leonard Gicheru, Pastor

Volunteers

10/29 & 30	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	AnnMarie Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Mike Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Edward Stevens	Richard Grindell

11/5 & 6	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	AnnMarie Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Joe Creedon
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Readings for the 30th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3;

Mt 5:1-12a

Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9;

Jn 6:37-40,

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9;

Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15;

2 Thes 2:16 — 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

Parish Calendar of Events

- **November 1—All Saints Day** at 12pm.
Holy Day of Obligation
- **November 2—All Souls Day** at 12pm.
- **November 4— Wedding** at 3:00pm.
- **November 5— Wedding** at 1:30pm.
- **November 11— Wedding** at 2:00pm
- **November 11-12— Archdiocese of Military Services Collection**
- **November 19— Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **November 24-25—Thanksgiving** Office Closed
- **December 3— Parish Christmas Party**
- **December 8— Immaculate Conception** at 12:00pm
Holy Day of Obligation, Office Closed
- **December 9— Voces Festivas Concert** at 7:30pm

- **December 10— Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **December 10— Wedding** at 6:00pm
- **December 17— Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **December 17— Wedding** at 6:00pm
- **December 23-24— Office Closed**
- **December 24— Christmas Eve Vigil Mass** at 4pm
- **December 25— Christmas Day** at 11am
- **December 31— Vigil of Mary Mother of God** at 4pm
- **January 1— Mary Mother of God** at 11am

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Weekly Activities & Events



Saint of the Week— All of Them!

All Saints Day celebrates any and all saints in the Church, whether they have been canonized and officially recognized by the Church or died in complete obscurity. A saint is a friend of Jesus Christ and it is something that all Christians should strive to be. The French Catholic 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."* Among the deepest desires of our hearts lies the desire for God and holiness. We are created in his image and he has placed a special longing in our hearts just for him. When we find God, and truly become his friends, we find the most perfect joy for our souls and the fulfillment of all that we were meant to be. The saints are those that have gone before us in this endeavor and show us how it can be done. They also reveal to us much about who God is— they show us that there is no depth to our sin that God cannot pull us out of, not limit to his overabundance of mercy, no difficulty too large that he can't help us with, no concern too small that he doesn't take an interest. They show us through their long-suffering, fidelity, great deeds, beautiful writings, missionary activity, prayer, and so much more how to walk this road on the way to heaven. What's more, they help us with their prayers and accompany us on the way. All saints, pray for us!

The Knights of Columbus

The Knights are reconvening following the pandemic. The Knights of Columbus is the single largest Fraternal organization in Church history. Its 7 million members and their families are dedicated to the ideals of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. We work to benefit our communities, our Church and our fellow men and women. Knights have long placed a special emphasis on programs to benefit people with various needs, giving both financially and through community service. We will be having our annual Tootsie Roll drive for those with intellectual disabilities in October, and have been asked to help Our Lady of Good Counsel at their new Academy this fall, patrolling the parking lot before and after each school day. Please contact Brad Geist or John Pileggi for more information.

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firstly despite all the wealth and power, the human heart will always long for something more— God. Secondly we learn how we should seek out Jesus— with reckless abandon, not counting the difficulty, embarrassment, or cost. Thirdly that Zacchaeus clearly understands that material wealth is absolutely nothing to knowing and being known by Jesus. Zacchaeus' livelihood was mostly built by defrauding the poor people so to restore it back fourfold (after already giving half of it to the poor) would have likely left him poor himself, maybe even working to pay those debts. This however, is nothing to what Zacchaeus has found. It reminds me of Jesus's parable about the pearl of great price "the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it." (Mt 13:45-46). Zacchaeus shows himself to be a living embodiment of this parable, stopping at nothing to have Jesus. Are we willing to give up anything and everything to follow God's will?

Finally, we learn that Jesus is always looking for us, and is seeking to bring us into closer intimacy with him, no matter where we are in our spiritual journey or what we have done in our past. Jesus does not care what others think about us. He sees our hearts and he longs to bring us salvation. Jesus makes it clear that "the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (Lk 19:10) He did not come to find the most holy among us (indeed, he would have searched in vain, as no one is holy without him). He comes to see out me and you, your neighbor that you rarely talk to, the man you see crossing the street, the rude person who cut you off in traffic, the person at the checkout counter, the children going to school. None of them are too inconspicuous for Jesus' notice and care. Let's make sure that when we are in our daily cares that we do not overlook this fact or fail to share his saving love.

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 for more information.

Weekly Activities & Events

Last Weekend's Collection

From October 17 to October 23, 2022

Plate.....\$406.00

Envelopes.....\$7261.00

Prayer of the Week

The Salve Regina

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

OLOS Knights of Columbus Council 2457 is having its annual Tootsie Roll drive for our brothers & sisters with intellectual and developmental disabilities this weekend. 100% of the profits from this effort go directly to those that need help the most. Please feel free to take a Tootsie Roll or two on your way out of Church, donations are optional. And, please leave your name & number or email if interested in learning more about the Knights or Women's Auxiliary here at Our Lady of Sorrows.



Church Cleaning Invitation

Next Saturday, Nov 5th, beginning at 9:00 a.m., is our monthly church cleaning. Please come and lend a

hand for the work is light, rewarding, stay a few minutes or an hour. We need to have about 10 people there to complete the cleaning.

Prayers Requested

Pray for Mary Weatherford, Grace Diaz, Sarah Eck, Jim Healy, Mary Healy, Rose Ann Jett, Jane Carey, Mike Burke, Maurice Carey, Jerry Gumming, Ken Blundell, Allan Schaff, Sandra Freeman, Grace Weatherford, Jim Randolph, 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 Wednesday 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.

The Legion of Mary– First Meeting

A new praesidium of the Legion of Mary will be having its first meeting in the next couple of weeks here at Our Lady of Sorrows. The Legion of Mary is a Marian group that, confident in the help of Mary, seeks to imitate her in serving Jesus in those they meet. Focused on works of evangelization and spiritual works of mercy, the Legion sees itself as the army of Mary, who to the devil and his forces is "fair as the moon, bright as the sun, and terrible as an army set in battle array." The Legion was founded in 1921 in Dublin, Ireland and has since grown to become the largest lay apostolate in the Church with over 10 million members worldwide. There are two types of membership– active, which is detailed above, and auxiliary, which is a group of members who promise to pray for the Legion. Both are necessary and essential. This will be a group that will collaborate with parishioners of St. Monica Catholic Church, our sister parish. If you would like to join the Legion or want more information, please contact Brad at bgeist@oloskc.org for more information. Stay tuned for more information about the first meeting in the coming weeks!



Annual Catholic Appeal

The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) supports over 30 ministries and the people they serve to provide spiritual, educational, and social needs in our Diocese. This is an opportunity to commit our support to diocesan programs and ministries that no one parish could provide on its own. You will receive an invitation from Bishop Johnston inviting you to participate. Our goal is 100% participation. No gift is too small. Please join the effort.

Ministry Surveys

We are still accepting Ministry Surveys! Make your voice heard about what kind of ministries you would like to see offered at our parish. Let us know what needs you have and how we can help you grow ever closer to Christ. Please find them in the back of the Church, fill them out, and return them either to the office or to the collection basket at the next Mass.

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