

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE



From our Pastoral Associate:

As we approach the end of the liturgical year in the next two weeks, our readings take a sharp focus on what many call “the end of the world”— the period of time in which humanity will undergo a difficult trial or tribulation marked especially by lack of faith and great evils, both natural and man-made. We are encouraged to persevere to the end so that we will be saved. However, it’s important to know that this is not the end of the world, but rather the end of humanity’s sinful rebellion against God. When we fell into sin through Adam and Eve, sin entered the world. Jesus came and died on the Cross to save us from our sin and to invite us to a new life with him. He gives us this time to repent, to do great works for him, to bring others into communion with him, and finally to learn to fully rely on and grow in him. Yes, we do still see great evils in the world— some committed by those who profess the name of Christ— but this is an age of mercy, in which we are given time to repent and come to Christ. That time will soon come to end and we will stand to face our judgment.

Our alleluia verse gives us good advice here: “Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to stand before

the Son of Man.” It is imperative that we take the time to turn away from our sin. We do not know the day or hour that Christ will come. We need to stand ready and walk in the light of Christ’s teaching and commandments. We should go to confession and avail ourselves of the sacrament often. We should avoid the near occasions of sin seek to structure our lives to purposely avoid situations that may lead us to sin.

But avoiding sin is not enough. The entire purpose of our lives is to know, love, and serve God in this life, and to be happy with him in the next. That comes by knowing him and spending time with him. We can’t be truly happy with someone that we don’t know. We should spend time in prayer and reflection upon God’s word. We should look for opportunities to help our neighbor and to bring others to know and love our Lord Jesus. We should spend time in adoration and attend (if possible) Daily Mass. It is by this especially that we will find ourselves with the strength to stand before Jesus at the Last Judgment. May he welcome us to eternal life with him.

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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

NOVEMBER 17, 2024
THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, Nov 16— 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, Nov 17— 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, Nov 18— St. Rose Phillipine Duchesne

TUESDAY, November 19

WEDNESDAY, November 20

Noon Donny and Randi Lynn and Friends (Living and Deceased)

THURSDAY, November 21— The Presentation of the BVM

Noon Jennifer Rose Family & Friends (Living and Deceased)

FRIDAY, November 22— St. Cecilia

SATURDAY, Nov 23— Christ the King

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, Nov 24— Christ the King

11:00am † Brian Waldbillig

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

11/16 & 17	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

11/23 & 24	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	John Pileggi	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Arthur Kovach	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 33rd Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Rev 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rev 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rev 4:1-11; Ps 150:1-6; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rev 5:1-10; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rev 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rev 11:4-12; Ps 144:1-2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rev 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37

Parish Calendar of Events

- Nov 18— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Nov 19— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Nov 23— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 28— Thanksgiving Day Mass at 11am
- Nov 29— Wedding at 3:30pm
- Dec 1— Advent Begins
- Dec 4 — Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Dec 5— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Dec 8— Religious Retirement Collection
- Dec 9— Immaculate Conception Mass at Noon
- Dec 14-15— Social Ministry Collection
- Dec 17— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Dec 21— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Dec 24— Christmas Eve Masses at 3pm and 5pm
- Dec 25— Christmas Day Mass at 10am
- Dec 28— Wedding 1:30pm
- Jan 1— Mary, Mother of God (To Be Announced)
- Jan 1— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jan 9— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Jan 11-12— Social Ministry Collection
- 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 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

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saints of the Week— St. Rose Duchesne

Rose Philippine Duchesne was born in Grenoble, France. She entered the Visitation of Mary convent at 19 despite family opposition. As the French Revolution broke, the convent was closed, and she began taking care of the poor and sick, opened a school for homeless children, and risked her life helping priests in the underground. When the situation cooled, Rose personally rented the former convent and tried to revive its religious life. The spirit was gone, however, and soon there were only four nuns left. They joined the new Society of the Sacred Heart, whose young superior, Mother Madeleine Sophie Barat, would be her lifelong friend. In a short time Rose was a superior and supervisor of the novitiate and a school. But since hearing tales of missionary work in Louisiana as a little girl, her ambition was to go to America and work among the Indians. At 49, she thought this would be her work. With four nuns, she spent 11 weeks at sea en route to New Orleans, and seven weeks more on the Mississippi to St. Louis. She then met one of the many disappointments of her life. The bishop had no place for them to live and work among Native Americans. Instead, he sent her to what she sadly called “the remotest village in the U.S.,” St. Charles, Missouri. With characteristic drive and courage, she founded the first free school for girls west of the Mississippi. Though Rose was as hardy as any of the pioneer women in the wagons rolling west, cold and hunger drove them out—to Florissant, Missouri, where she founded the first Catholic Indian school, adding others in the territory. Finally at age 72, retired and in poor health, Rose got her lifelong wish. A mission was founded at Sugar Creek, Kansas, among the Potawatomi and she was taken along. Though she could not learn their language, they soon named her “Woman-Who-Prays-Always.” While others taught, she prayed. Rose Duchesne died in 1852, at the age of 83, and was canonized in 1988.

Why Do We Do That in the Mass?

Why do we have the Liturgy of the Word?

The Church has traditionally spoken of the Mass in two parts—the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. She has also spoken of the Mass in the language of two tables:

‘The liturgy of the Word and liturgy of the Eucharist together form “one single act of worship”; The Eucharistic table set for us is the table both of the Word of God and of the Body of the Lord.’ (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1346)

This pattern reflects what we see during the walk to Emmaus, in which Jesus appeared after his Resurrection to several disciples as they journeyed. During that time he “beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself,” (Lk 24:27) explaining to them why the Christ must suffer at the hands of sinners, die, and rise again. After Christ had revealed himself to them and disappeared, they ask themselves “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” (24:32)

Like the disciples, we have the Scriptures opened up to us so that we may learn all that we need to know about our Christian life and the great things that Christ has done for us.

Following his explanation on the road to Emmaus, Jesus is compelled by them to break bread with them and he does so, in such a way that they immediately recognize him for who he was, despite not knowing before then. It’s clear from the wording that Luke uses that Jesus is celebrating the Eucharist with them. Jesus became known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Scriptures were given to us by God for our instruction, teaching, and even consolation. In them, God speaks once again to his people in a powerful way. By opening the scriptures and hearing their words, we open ourselves to God’s powerful influence in our own lives. It is not surprising that many saints (including St. Antony of the Desert and St. Mary of Egypt) have found their lives radically changed during the Liturgy of the Word. We too should open our hearts and minds to what we hear at Mass and listen with an attentive heart.

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 November 4 to November 10, 2024

Plate	\$891.00
Envelopes	\$1491.00
Candles	\$66.06
Poor Box	\$105.00
Maintenance	\$50.00
Weddings	\$1995.00
Military Archdiocese	\$421.00

Annual Catholic Appeal

The 2024-2025 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.

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



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 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.



Thanksgiving Day Mass

Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 11 am. We encourage you to bring an ingredient from your Thanksgiving meal to be blessed.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Masses will be as follows.

Christmas Eve: 3pm and 5pm

Christmas Day: 10am

Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on Thursday, **December 5th 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 explore Jesus' High Priestly Prayer to the Father after the Last Supper. 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, December 14 and 15th**, 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.