

Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH CHURCH: 1923-2023

From our Pastoral Associate:

The Gospel reading for this Sunday is the parable of the talents. In this parable, a master of a house goes on a journey. While he is away, he entrusts various talents to 3 servants. In Jesus' time, a talent was worth about 80 pounds of Silver, which amounted to about 20 years worth of labor. It was not a light thing to be entrusted with so much money—the first servant himself is given a centuries' worth of earnings to take care of. Being bold, the first two servants put the money to good use and double their capital, helping to expand the master's estate. The third servant is overcautious and fearful, deciding rather to bury it in the ground rather than do something so simple as put it in the bank for interest.



The third servant is chastised for this and what he has is given to the one who made the most. We can see this as a parable for the Church. Jesus is the master, who goes on a journey (his Ascension into heaven). He leaves us a treasure—the Gospel. Those that boldly put the Gospel into action, who take risks, who share their faith—these will see an ever growing increase. They will bring joy to their master, be allowed to keep what they have been given and made, and be entrusted with still greater matters. They will ultimately be made sharers in the master's own happiness and blessings.

The other servant, however, is afraid to share it or do much with it. He goes to great effort to do nothing with it and to hide it—the effort, after all, of digging a hole, is far more exhausting and strenuous than putting money in a bank. He is terrified to represent his master or be associated with him. He fundamentally misunderstands his master and mistrusts him. He has no love or confidence in him. He only takes thoughts for his own safety and so what he has been given will ultimately be taken away from him. So ask yourself this—am I ashamed or scared to share the Gospel with others? Do I go to great lengths to avoid doing so? Do I make a great effort to insulate myself from any risk? Or do I boldly and confidently share the great love of Jesus Christ?

Christmas Mass Times

Dec 24- 8:30am— 4th Sunday of Advent
Dec 24- 3pm- Christmas Eve Mass
Dec 24- 5pm- Christmas Eve Mass
Dec 25— 10am— Christmas Day Mass

Parish Office

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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 19, 2023
THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, November 18—33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, November 19— 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, November 20

TUESDAY, November 21— The Presentation of the BVM

WEDNESDAY, November 22—St. Cecilia

Noon † Maurice Carey

THURSDAY, November 23—St. Clement I, St. Columban, Bl Miguel Pro

Noon † Frank Scimeca

FRIDAY, November 24—St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

SATURDAY, November 25—Solemnity of Christ the King

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, November 26— Solemnity of Christ the King

11:00am † Russ Daly

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

| 11/18 & 19 | 4:00pm | 11:00am |
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| Reader | Lynette Wheeler | AnnMarie Creedon |
| Eucharistic Minister | Deacon Michael Elsey | Deacon Michael Elsey |
| Server/Sacristan | John Pileggi | George Bryde |
| Usher | Ted Tshirhart Judy Stevens | Bill Capotosto |

| 11/25 & 26 | 4:00pm | 11:00am |
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| Reader | Arthur Kovach | Tim Healey |
| Eucharistic Minister | Nancy Lowdon | Rita Witt |
| Server/Sacristan | John Pileggi | George Bryde |
| Usher | Ted Tshirhart Ed and Judy Stevens | Bill Capotosto |

Readings for the 33rd Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-29; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

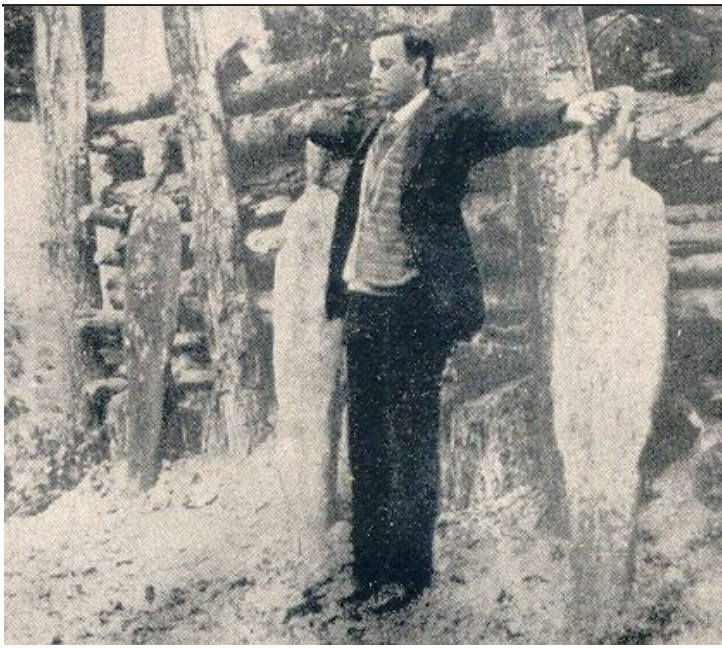
Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Parish Calendar of Events

- Nov 20— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- Nov 23— Thanksgiving Day Mass at 10:30am
- Nov 23-24— Parish Office Closed
- 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 24— Christmas Eve Mass at 3pm
- Dec 24— Christmas Eve Mass at 5pm
- Dec 25— Christmas Mass at 10am
- Dec 30— Wedding at 2pm
- Dec 31— Sunday Mass at 11am
- Dec 31— Wedding at 4pm
- Jan 1— Mary, Mother of God Mass at 11am
- Jan 3—Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jan 4—Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Jan 13-14— Social Ministry Collection
- Jan 20-21— Catholic Home Missions Appeal
- Feb 1— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Feb 8—Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Feb 10-11— Social Ministry Collection
- Feb 17-18— Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— Blessed Miguel Pro

Miguel Pro was born into a mining family in 1891 in Guadalupe, Mexico. Joining the Jesuits, he studied in Mexico until 1914, when a wave of government anti-Catholicism led him to flee to the country. Miguel was ordained a priest in Belgium in 1925. He returned home in 1926 to a very hostile political environment toward priests. Fr. Miguel served the underground Church, clandestinely celebrating the Eucharist and providing the other sacraments to small groups of Catholics. In 1927, a failed attempt to assassinate a politician caused Fr. Miguel to be wrongfully arrested. He was executed by firing squad on Nov 23 without a trial. Before he died, Pro blessed the soldiers, knelt in prayer, and then faced his executioners without a blindfold with a crucifix in one hand and a rosary in the other, arms outstretched in imitation of his crucified Lord. He cried out that he forgave them all and then shouted, "Long live Christ the King!" The Mexican president had the execution photographed and the photos were published on the front page of newspapers the next day to demoralize Catholics. It had the opposite effect. 60,000 people came to his funeral, which was held without a priest, his father saying the final words. He was beatified in 1988 by Pope John Paul II.

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:

'Why then,' you say, 'do you complain that we attack you, if you are willing to suffer; when you ought to love those at whose hands you suffer what you desire?' We are, certainly, willing to suffer; but it is in the same way as a soldier desires war. No one endures war willingly, since alarm and risk are involved in it: the battle nevertheless is carried on with every nerve; and he complains of it, yet rejoices in it when victorious, because he is acquiring glory and spoil. It is our battle to be summoned to your tribunals, there to contend for the truth at the risk of our lives. It is our victory, too, in that we obtain that for which we contend. This victory gains for us both the glory of pleasing God, and the spoil of eternal life. But we are overwhelmed; yet only when we have won our cause; therefore we conquer, when we are slain; and in fact we escape, even when we are overwhelmed. This is the robe of our victory, this is our triumphal vestment, in such a chariot do we celebrate our triumph. But pursue your course, excellent governors, and you will be more popular with the multitude if you sacrifice the Christians to their wishes. Crucify, torture, condemn, crush us. For the proof of our innocence is found in your injustice. It is on this account that God suffers us to suffer this. Yet no cruelty of yours, though each were to exceed the last in its exquisite refinement, profits you in the least; but forms rather an attraction to our sect. We spring up in greater numbers as often as we are mown down by you: the blood of the Christians is a source of new life. Many amongst yourselves have exhorted to the endurance of pain and death. Yet they by their words secured not so many disciples as the Christians have gained by their practical example. That very obstinacy which you assail is the teacher. For who is not aroused by the sight of it to enquire what the inward motive can be? Who, when he has enquired, does not adopt it? And who, when he has adopted it, does not choose to suffer, in order that he may acquire the whole grace of God, and also obtain all pardon from Him by the yielding up of his blood? For all sins are pardoned by this act. Hence, at the moment of your sentencing us, we give thanks: and since there is an antagonism between divine and human things, when we are condemned by you, we stand acquitted by God.

—Tertullian, *Apology (Defense) for the Christians* (c. 197)

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 6 to November 12, 2023

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| Plate | \$681.00 |
| Envelopes | \$2376.00 |
| Maintenance | \$20.00 |
| Other | \$235.00 |

Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on Thanksgiving day, Nov 23, and Friday, Nov 24.

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. Further topics will be explored. We plan to do this on a monthly basis. Stay tuned for our first meeting!

The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus has welcomed the following new Knights to Council 2457: Stanley Coppedge, Joe Creedon, Anthony Effertz, Brandon Fry, Floyd Gaddy, Lorenzo Johnson, and Arthur Kovach. Congratulations! 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.



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.

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, 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 **December 7th 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' healing of the man born blind and the controversy that surrounds the healing. 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.

Come to Our Christmas Party!

Our annual Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 2nd (next weekend) following the 4pm Mass in the parish hall. There will be food, drinks, music, and a white elephant gift exchange. To sign up to attend, please see the sign up sheet in the back of the Church or contact the parish office.



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

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.

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