

Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From our Pastor:

A Heart of Thanksgiving

As we gather around our tables this Thursday, surrounded by family, friends, and the warmth of shared gratitude, we are reminded of the profound purpose behind Thanksgiving. While the holiday has its roots in early American history, it became a day of national observance through the proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. In the midst of the Civil War, a time of great division and sorrow, Lincoln called the nation to pause and acknowledge the blessings bestowed by the "Most High God," recognizing that even in times of trial, His mercy remains steadfast.

Lincoln's words resonate deeply: "No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered us in his mercy." His humility and trust in God's providence remind us of the source of all our blessings, both great and small.

Thanksgiving calls us to lift our eyes above our circumstances and acknowledge God's goodness. Whether we find ourselves in seasons of abundance or facing challenges, the Bible reminds us to give thanks. Psalm 107:1 declares, "Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever." This verse is a powerful reminder that our thanksgiving is not dependent on our situation but rooted in God's unchanging character. His love and faithfulness sustain us in every season of life.

Similarly, 1 Thessalonians 5:18 encourages us: "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." Gratitude is not an option for the believer—it is a command, a practice of faith that aligns our hearts with God's will. When we choose thanksgiving, we declare our trust in God's sovereignty and invite His peace to reign in our lives.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving, let us take a moment to reflect not only on the blessings we can see but also on the countless unseen ways God sustains us. Let us be mindful of those who may be grieving, struggling, or lonely during this season, and reach out with the love and compassion that God so generously gives to us.

This Thanksgiving, as you bow your head in prayer, may your heart overflow with gratitude—not just for what you have, but for who God is. His love endures forever, and His mercy never fails. In every season, let us be a people of thanksgiving, pointing to the faithfulness of the God who gives us life, hope, and grace.

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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 24, 2024
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, November 23— Christ the King
4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, November 24— Christ the King
11:00am † Brian Waldbillig

MONDAY, November 25— St. Catherine of Alexandria

TUESDAY, November 26

WEDNESDAY, November 27
Noon † James McManus

THURSDAY, November 28— Thanksgiving Day
11am Donny and Randi Lynn Hahn and Friends
(Living and Deceased)

FRIDAY, November 29

SATURDAY, November 30— The First Sunday of Advent
4:00pm † Shelley Louise Pileggi

SUNDAY, December 1— The First Sunday of Advent
11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

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

11/23 & 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

11/30 & 12/1	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Arthur Kovach	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 34th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Rev 14:1-5; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Rev 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Rev 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Rev 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9; Ps 100:1-5;
 Lk 21:20-28
 Friday: Rev 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Ps 84:3-6, 8; Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Rev 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
 Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14;
 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Parish Calendar of Events

- Nov 25— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- 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
- Mar 6— Bible Study at 7pm
- Mar 9— Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— Catherine of Alexandria

St. Catherine of Alexandria was a Greek woman, the daughter of the governor of Alexandria, and lived in the early 4th century. As a young woman she converted to Christianity after receiving a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the child Jesus. At the age of 18, the emperor Maxentius launched a persecution against the Christians. Catherine bravely went to the emperor and rebuked him for his cruelty. The emperor summoned 50 pagan philosophers in the hope that they would best her Christian views in debate. Amazed at her wisdom and debating skills, the philosophers became Christians and were subsequently martyred. 200 soldiers and members of the emperor's family, including his wife approached her while she was in prison and were converted. All of them were martyred as well. St. Catherine was sentenced to be executed on a spiked wheel, but when she touched the wheel it shattered. She was subsequently beheaded. Centuries later, angels are said to have carried the body of Saint Catherine to a monastery at the foot of Mt. Sinai. Devotion to her spread as a result of the Crusades. She is invoked as the patroness of students, teachers, librarians and lawyers.

Prayer of the Week

O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations. We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things. Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth. Guard us we pray Most Faithful One. Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment. Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you. Jesus, You are a King of Mercy. We have deserved Your Just Judgment. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. We trust in Your Great Mercy. O most awe inspiring King, we bow before You and pray; May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth. Amen.

For Your Reflection:

The kingdom of God, in the words of our Lord and Savior, does not come for all to see; nor shall they say: Behold, here it is, or behold, there it is, but the kingdom of God is within us, for the word of God is very near, in our mouth and in our heart. Thus it is clear that he who prays for the coming of God's kingdom prays rightly to have it within himself, that there it may grow and bear fruit and become perfect. For God reigns in each of his holy ones. Anyone who is holy obeys the spiritual laws of God, who dwells in him as in a well-ordered city. The Father is present in the perfect soul, and with him Christ reigns, according to the words: We shall come to him and make our home with him.

Thus the kingdom of God within us, as we continue to make progress, will reach its highest point when the Apostle's words are fulfilled, and Christ, having subjected all his enemies to himself, will hand over his kingdom to God the Father, that God may be all in all. Therefore, let us pray unceasingly with that disposition of soul which the Word may make divine, saying to our Father who is in heaven: *Hallowed by thy name; thy kingdom come.*

Note this too about the kingdom of God. It is not a *sharing of justice with iniquity*, nor a *society of light with darkness*, nor a *meeting of Christ with Belial*. The kingdom of God cannot exist alongside the reign of sin.

Therefore, if we wish God to reign in us, in no way *should sin reign in our mortal body*; rather we should *mortify our members which are upon the earth* and bear fruit in the Spirit. There should be in us a kind of spiritual paradise where God may walk and be our sole ruler with his Christ. In us the Lord will sit at the right hand of that spiritual power which we wish to receive. And he will sit there until all his enemies who are within us become *his footstool*, and every principality, power and virtue in us is cast out.

All this can happen in each one of us, and the last enemy, death, can be destroyed; then Christ will say in us: *O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?* And so, what is *corruptible* in us must be clothed in holiness and *incorruptibility*; and what is *mortal* must be clothed, now that death has been conquered, in the Father's *immortality*. Then God will reign in us, and we shall enjoy even now the blessings of rebirth and resurrection.

- From a Notebook on Prayer by Origen of Alexandria

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 11 to November 17, 2024

Plate	\$318.00
Envelopes	\$2916.00
Candles	\$40.50
Poor Box	\$67.00
Maintenance	\$10.00
Military Archdiocese	\$50.00
Donation	\$500.00

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.