

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 Pastoral Associate:

In our Gospel reading today, one of the scribes comes forward to put a question to Jesus. Previously, scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees, and priests had come forward to question Jesus, all with the intention of trapping him in his words through dilemmas that would either make him a heretic or unpopular with the people, who were bound to fall on one side or another. Their intention was to tear



down Jesus, to trap him, to end his ministry, not to actually learn the truth. Their hatred of Jesus made them completely unconcerned with the actual substance of his teachings.

However, a scribe comes forward who is clearly different. Having heard Jesus' teachings, his heart is moved to faith and love of God. He comes forward, not with hatred for Jesus, but to genuinely know the truth that he taught. He asks Jesus, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" This is asked, not as a test, but to genuinely hear Jesus' teaching. Jesus responds by reciting the Shema Yisrael, the most famous prayer of Judaism taken from Number 6:4-5: *Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* He then gives the second commandment: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

The Scribe is clearly pleased by the answer and exclaims that Jesus is right, offering that these commandments go even further in stating that the following of these commandments is better than any sacrifice we could offer. Jesus, seeing a heart open to the truth, tells him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

Do we sometimes hear the words of scripture in a cynical attitude? Do we hear the words but don't take in the import of their meaning? Are we more interested in how something is phrased than what the author is saying? Are we interested in truth? Or do we just want arguments?

The scribe in our reading today wanted the truth and did not let his group affiliation or fear of rejection from that group prevent him from seeking it out and rejoicing when he found it. May our hearts likewise also burn with a desire for the truth and similarly rejoice when we too find it.

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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 3, 2024
THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, Nov 2— 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, Nov 3— 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am Regina Geist

MONDAY, Nov 4— St. Charles Borromeo

TUESDAY, November 5

WEDNESDAY, November 6

Noon † Carole Agnes Faltermeier

THURSDAY, November 7

Noon Jennifer Rose and Family & Friends (living and deceased)

FRIDAY, November 8

SATURDAY, Nov 9— 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Wanda Mae Coffman

SUNDAY, Nov 10— 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

	4:00pm	11:00am
11/2 & 3		
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

	4:00pm	11:00am
11/9 & 10		
Reader	James Hardy	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 31st Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1-3; Lk 14:12-14
 Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26-32; Lk 14:15-24
 Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33
 Thursday: Phil 3:3-8; 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 112:1-2, 5-6, 8-9; Lk 16:9-15
 Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

Parish Calendar of Events

- Nov 4— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Nov 6 — Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Nov 7— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Nov 9-10— Social Ministry Collection
- Nov 10— Catholic Movie Night (Cabrini) at 5pm
- Nov 16— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 16— Wedding at 6pm
- Nov 19—Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Nov 23— Wedding at 1:30pm
- 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 14-15— Social Ministry Collection
- Dec 17—Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Dec 21— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Dec 25— Christmas Masses (To Be Announced)
- 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

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saints of the Week— St. Charles Borromeo

Although he belonged to the Milanese nobility and was related to the powerful Medici family, Charles desired to devote himself to the Church. In 1559, when his uncle, Cardinal de Medici was elected Pope Pius IV, he made Charles cardinal-deacon and administrator of the Archdiocese of Milan. At the time Charles was still a layman and a young student. Because of his intellectual qualities Charles was entrusted with several important offices connected with the Vatican, and later appointed secretary of state with responsibility for the papal states. Soon after being ordained a priest at age 25, Borromeo was consecrated bishop of Milan. Working behind the scenes, Saint Charles deserves the credit for keeping the Council of Trent in session when at several points it was on the verge of breaking up. Borromeo encouraged the pope to renew the Council in 1562, after it had been suspended for 10 years. He took upon himself the task of the entire correspondence during the final phase. Eventually, Borromeo was allowed to devote his time to the Archdiocese of Milan, which was struggling. The reform needed in every phase of Catholic life among both clergy and laity was initiated at a provincial council of all the bishops under him. Specific regulations were drawn up for bishops and other clergy: If the people were to be converted to a better life, Borromeo had to be the first to give a good example and renew their apostolic spirit. Charles took the initiative in giving a good example. He allotted most of his income to charity, forbade himself all luxury, and imposed severe penances upon himself. He sacrificed wealth, high honors, esteem, and influence to become poor. Work and the heavy burdens of his high office began to affect Archbishop Borromeo's health, leading to his death in 1584 at the age of 46. He was canonized in 1610 by Pope Paul V.

Why Do We Do That?

Why do we sing the Gloria?

The Gloria is one of the most beautiful prayers of the Mass. It has been given musical compositions by the likes of Vivaldi and Bach. Its sentiments are echoed by Hymns such as "Angels We Have Heard on High and Hark! The Herald Angels Sing."

The Gloria is based on the joyful singing of the Angels as they announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds tending their flocks by night.

Bishop Arthur Serratelli writes, *"The Gloria recalls the mystery of the Incarnation. In this prayer, we give praise to God by recalling how great He is and how worthy he is to be worshiped. Despite our sinfulness, God loved us enough to send His Son. Hence, our joy in praying the Gloria."*

The Gloria is the song of the Angels that surround the throne of God. In Mass, we are mystically present in heaven and so it is fitting that we too join in this exultant hymn of praise.

Throughout the liturgical year, there are penitential seasons in which we do not sing the Gloria. This is especially the case during Advent and Lent. This is to give the Mass a more somber and sober sense with the expectant hope for the celebration of Christ's coming at Christmas, and his Resurrection at Easter. The Gloria in particular plays an important part in the Triduum liturgy of Holy Week. It is sung on Holy Thursday in which bells are rung. After this, no bells are to be rung until Easter. Instead, during the Consecration of the Mass, clackers (which make a sharp and jarring cracking noise) are used. At the Easter Vigil, the faithful listen to a series of readings culminating in the Gloria, during which candles are lit, bells are rung, and the people sing out in exultant joy at the return of Christ from the dead.

The Gloria is our greatest hymn of praise and has a fitting place in the liturgy near the beginning— reminding us to turn our hearts in praise to God as we prepare to hear his word and to welcome him among us in the Eucharist.

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 21 to October 27, 2024

Plate	\$780.00
Envelopes	\$1821.00
Candles	\$46.55
Poor Box	\$5.00
Maintenance	\$25.00
Weddings	\$995.00

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.



Catholic Movie Night

Our next Catholic Movie Night, hosted by the Legion of Mary, **will be Sunday, November 10th at 5pm in the parish hall**. The movie we will be watching is **Cabrini (2024)**: *After witnessing disease and poverty in the slums of New York, Italian immigrant Mother Francesca Cabrini embarks on a daring journey to persuade the hostile mayor to provide housing and healthcare for hundreds of orphaned children.* Based on true events from the life of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini. This film is rated PG-13.

Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on Thursday, **November 7th 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, November 9th and 10th**, 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.