

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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

From our Pastoral Associate:

In our readings today, there is a heavy emphasis on humility, probably the only virtue that practically every person who has ever lived struggles with on a day to day basis. It is not hard to see why— it is commonly believed that pride, most especially, was the sin that caused Adam and Eve to fall. They stretched out their hands to the fruit of the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, rather than the Tree of Life, because they desired to be more like God in his knowledge than in his immortality. We hear echoes of this in our psalm today that sings



“Oh Lord, my heart is not proud, nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great, nor marvels beyond me.” The psalm teaches us the attitude we should take in the face of pride— humility.

Humility is not simply thinking lowly things about ourselves. Humility is first and foremost the ability to see the truth about ourselves— particularly in relation to God. Pride is therefore the opposite of humility— believing something false about ourselves— particularly in relation to God. How often do we see ourselves as greater than someone else in the room, possibly in regards of our intelligence, our moral fortitude, our strength, our talents, our possessions, maybe even our looks? And let’s be honest, sometimes it may be true. But do we ever attribute those things to the blessing of God instead of ourselves? Or do we think that we have these things simply because of who we are in and of ourselves? This would be the sin of pride. Seeing ourselves for who we are in truth means that we need to recognize that all of these things are gifts of God and do not stem from my own self. Without God, I am nothing. I wouldn’t even have existence. As such, we should turn to God in gratitude for the things we have been given, simultaneously acknowledging the gifts he has given others that he has not given to ourselves. We should also acknowledge our faults and vices that we struggle with as we look at ourselves as they are perhaps the only thing we can truly claim to be ours. When looking on the fault of others, we should not judge, but look in pity, as ones also suffering and say, “but for the grace of God go I.” Ultimately we need to rely on God for all the things that we need and to thank him for the things he has given us. We should pray earnestly for others as we see their needs, always with an eye toward God in hope of his saving help. Let us remember the final line from our psalm today: “O Israel, hope in the Lord, both now and forever.”

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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 5, 2023
THE THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, November 4—31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, November 5— 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00am Regina Geist

MONDAY, November 6

TUESDAY, November 7

WEDNESDAY, November 8
Noon † Geraldine P. DeGuzman

THURSDAY, November 9— The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Noon † Wanda Mae Coffman

FRIDAY, November 10—St. Leo the Great

SATURDAY, November 11—32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

SUNDAY, November 12— 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.

Mass Assignments

11/4 & 5	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

11/11 & 12	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Arthur Kovach	Tim Healey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Ed and Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 31st Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
 Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16; Ps 131:1-3; Lk 14:15-24
 Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
 Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
 Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
 Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
 Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

Parish Calendar of Events

- Oct 30— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- Nov 11— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Nov 11— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 11-12— Social Ministry Collection
- Nov 18— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 21—Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- 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 at 10am
- Dec 30— Wedding at 2pm
- Dec 31— Wedding at 4pm
- Jan 1— Mary, Mother of God at Noon.
- Jan 3—Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jan 4—Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Jan 13-14— Social Ministry Collection
- Feb 1— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Feb 8—Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Feb 10-11— Social Ministry Collection

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— Pope St. Leo the Great

St. Leo the Great was pope from 440 until his death in 461. Before being elected pope, he was a well known Archdeacon in Rome and highly esteemed for being a capable theologian. Following the death of Pope St. Sixtus III, Leo was elected unanimously as his successor. He was a vigorous defender against various heresies of the time. He was a capable preacher and arguably his most famous sermon at Christmas is read every year in the Liturgy of the Hours. His most notable contribution came at the council of Chalcedon in 451 when Leo wrote a Tome to the council regarding the proper orthodox teaching on the two natures of Christ, human and divine. When it was read, the council fathers cried out “This is the faith of the fathers, this is the faith of the Apostles... Peter has spoken thus through Leo.” Leo is also renowned for meeting with Atilla the Hun outside the gates of Rome and convincing him not to sack the city. A few years later, he dissuaded King Genseric from murder and arson as he sacked the city, saving the major churches of Rome and thus the many people who were sheltering there. Leo died in 461 and was buried in St. Peter’s Basilica. He is a Doctor of the Church and is one of only three popes in history to have the title “the Great” follow his name.

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:

Men must not be content simply to support the efforts of others in the work for peace; they must also scrutinize their own attitudes. Statesmen, responsible as they are for the common good of their own nation and at the same time for the well-being of the whole world, are very much dependent on the opinions and convictions of the general public. Their efforts to secure peace are of no avail as long as men are divided or set against each other by feelings of hostility, contempt and distrust, by racial hatred or by inflexible ideologies. There is then a very great and urgent need to reeducate men and to provide fresh inspiration in the field of public opinion.

We must all undergo a change of heart. We must not be misled by a false sense of hope. Unless antagonism and hatred are abandoned, unless binding and honest agreements are concluded, safeguarding universal peace in the future, mankind, already in grave peril, may well face in spite of its marvelous advance in knowledge that day of disaster when it knows no other peace than the awful peace of death.

In saying this, however, the Church of Christ, living as it does in the midst of these anxious times, continues unwaveringly in hope. Time and again, it seeks to proclaim to our age the message of the Apostle: *Now is the hour of God’s favor, the hour for change of heart; now is the day of salvation.*

To build peace, the causes of human discord which feed the fires of war must first be eliminated, and among these especially the violations of justice. Many of these arise from a spirit of domination and from a contempt for others, and, among more fundamental causes, from human envy, distrust, pride and other forms of selfishness. Since man cannot bear so many violations of due order, the result is that, even where war does not rage, the world is constantly plagued by human conflict and acts of violence. The same evils are also found in relations between nations. It is therefore absolutely necessary that international institutions should cooperate more effectively in order to overcome or prevent these evils, and to check unbridled acts of violence. There must also be constant encouragement for the creation of organizations designed to promote peace.

-Second Vatican Council: *Gaudium et Spes*

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 23 to October 29, 2023

Plate	\$622.00
Envelopes	\$1915.00
Maintenance	\$300.00
All Saints	\$220.00
Weddings	\$2990.00
Poor Box	\$50.00
Other	\$63.00

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. If you are interested in coming or learning more, see the sign up sheet in the back of the church.

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.



Church Cleaning Invitation

November 11th, beginning at 9:00 a.m., is our monthly church cleaning.

Please come and lend a hand for the work is light and rewarding. Stay a few minutes or an hour. We need to have about 10 people there to complete the cleaning.

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, Maurice 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' teaching of the Good Shepherd and explore what it means for Jesus to say "I and the Father are one." 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.

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.

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.

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