

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 today, we hear from Jesus about what the time before his Second Coming will be like. By all accounts it sounds terrifying. Signs in the sun, moon, and star. Roaring of the seas and waves. Even the power of the heavens will be shaken. He tells us that people will die of mere fright of what they think is coming upon the world. And yet, Jesus tells us to "stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." How, in the midst of these frightening circumstances, are we to stand erect as if we are confident, afraid of nothing? It comes by our faith in Jesus which will give us assurance in his power, even in the midst of the worst things seen by this world. Nevertheless, this faith is not easily kept. Jesus warns us to not become drowsy. This does not mean that we are not to sleep. Rather it is a warning to not let faith fall asleep in the midst of the burdens and cares of this world. It's too easy to get blindsided by the anxieties of daily life— what we will eat on

Thanksgiving, what deals we want to take advantage of on Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, Cyber Monday, or what gifts we want to give to each family member or friend. Things like this, when not done in a spirit of faith and love for Jesus, become distractions and make our faith drowsy.

We must avoid allowing ourselves to become distracted. We need to keep ourselves in readiness so that we can stand before Jesus with a heart and conscience made clean by the fire of his love. Now is the time to work on this. We do not know at what time or hour he will come. We must always find ourselves in a posture of readiness, even as the watchman on a wall of a heavily fortified city in the early hours of the morning. So I encourage you during this Advent season to take stock of your spiritual life. Sit down and find some things where you can improve. Are you devoting a certain amount of time to prayer every day? Are you frequenting the Sacraments, especially Confession, often enough? Are you helping the poor and those that you meet? Advent is meant to be a penitential season not unlike Lent to spiritually remind ourselves that Christ is coming again soon. Let him not find us drowsy.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: 3pm and 5pm
Christmas Day: 10am
New Years Day: 10am

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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

DECEMBER 1, 2024
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Feasts and Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, December 2

TUESDAY, December 3— St. Francis Xavier

WEDNESDAY, December 4— St. John Damascene
Noon Jennifer Rose Family & Friends (Living and Deceased)

THURSDAY, December 5
Noon †Theresia Claire Pileggi

FRIDAY, December 6— St. Nicholas

SATURDAY, December 7— The Second Sunday of Advent
4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, December 8— The Second 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

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

| 12/7 & 12/8 | 4:00pm | 11:00am |
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| Reader | Lynette Wheeler | Bill Capotosto |
| Eucharistic Minister | Deacon Michael Elsey | Rita Witt |
| Server/Sacristan | James Hardy | George Bryde |
| Usher | Ted Tschirhart | Bill Capotosto |

Readings for the 1st Week of Advent

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27; Mt 7:21-24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5, 6-8
 Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Parish Calendar of Events

- Dec 2— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- 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 4— Parish Christmas Party after 4pm Mass
- 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 Appeal
- March 30— Catholic Relief Service Collection

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saints of the Week— St. Francis Xavier

Francis Xavier was born in what is now Spain in 1506. At the age of 24 one of his good friends, Ignatius of Loyola, won the young man to Christ. Francis then made the spiritual exercises under the direction of Ignatius, and in 1534, joined his little community, the infant Society of Jesus. Together at Montmartre they vowed poverty, chastity, obedience, and apostolic service according to the directions of the pope. From Venice, where he was ordained a priest in 1537, Xavier went on to Lisbon and from there sailed to the East Indies, landing at Goa, on the west coast of India. For the next 10 years he labored to bring the faith to such widely scattered peoples as the Hindus, the Malayans, and the Japanese. He spent much of that time in India, and served as provincial of the newly established Jesuit province of India. Wherever he went, Xavier lived with the poorest people, sharing their food and rough accommodations. He spent countless hours ministering to the sick and the poor, particularly to lepers. Very often he had no time to sleep or even to say his breviary but, as we know from his letters, he was filled always with joy. Xavier went through the islands of Malaysia, then up to Japan. He learned enough Japanese to preach to simple folk, to instruct, and to baptize, and to establish missions for those who were to follow him. From Japan he had dreams of going to China, but this plan was never realized. Before reaching the mainland, he died. His remains are enshrined in the Church of Good Jesus in Goa.



Church Cleaning Invitation

Next Saturday, Nov 2nd, 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.

For Your Reflection:

We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of a divine kingdom. In general, whatever relates to our Lord Jesus Christ has two aspects. There is a birth from God before the ages, and a birth from a virgin at the fullness of time. There is a hidden coming, like that of rain on fleece, and a coming before all eyes, still in the future. At the first coming he was wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger. At his second coming he will be clothed in light as in a garment. In the first coming he endured the cross, despising the shame; in the second coming he will be in glory, escorted by an army of angels. We look then beyond the first coming and await the second. At the first coming we said: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.* At the second we shall say it again; we shall go out with the angels to meet the Lord and cry out in adoration: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.* The Savior will not come to be judged again, but to judge those by whom he was judged. At his own judgment he was silent; then he will address those who committed the outrages against him when they crucified him and will remind them: *You did these things, and I was silent.*

His first coming was to fulfill his plan of love, to teach men by gentle persuasion. This time, whether men like it or not, they will be subjects of his kingdom by necessity. The prophet Malachi speaks of the two comings. *And the Lord whom you seek will come suddenly to his temple: that is one coming.* Again he says of another coming: *Look, the Lord almighty will come, and who will endure the day of his entry, or who will stand in his sight? Because he comes like a refiner's fire, a fuller's herb, and he will sit refining and cleansing.*

These two comings are also referred to by Paul in writing to Titus: *The grace of God the Savior has appeared to all men, instructing us to put aside impiety and worldly desires and live temperately, uprightly, and religiously in this present age, waiting for the joyful hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.* Notice how he speaks of a first coming for which he gives thanks, and a second, the one we still await.

That is why the faith we profess has been handed on to you in these words: *He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.*

-From a Catechetical Instruction by St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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

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| Plate | \$542.00 |
| Envelopes | \$3495.00 |
| Candles | \$62.85 |
| Poor Box | \$60.00 |
| Maintenance | \$300.00 |
| Weddings | \$995.00 |
| Donation | \$100.00 |

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.



Christmas Party

Our Parish will celebrate its annual Christmas Party on January 4th after the 4pm Mass. This is a wonderful time to enjoy one another's company in festive cheer. More details to come. Please plan on attending this wonderful celebration!

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.