

# 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 Pastor:

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Dear Friends and Beloved Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows, I hope this message finds you well and filled with the joy of the holiday season. Today, I would like to draw your attention to the significance of the Annual Catholic Appeal, a crucial initiative that profoundly impacts our parish and the wider diocese.

As an independent parish, we are intricately connected to the workings of our diocese, and the Annual Catholic Appeal plays a pivotal role in supporting over 30 ministries overseen by the Diocesan Chancery Offices. These ministries extend their assistance not only to our parish but also to Catholics across the entire diocese. In essence, the ACA serves as the lifeblood that fortifies our parish and empowers every parish within the diocese to carry out the ministry's work as one united family of disciples of Our Lord.

Our collective goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal this year is \$2 million, with each parish being allocated a specific portion. For **Our Lady of Sorrows, our share is \$12,850, constituting a mere 0.0064% of the overall goal.** Unfortunately, at this point, our parish has contributed only \$2,200, representing 17% of our annual goal. In contrast, one-third of the parishes in the diocese have already met their annual goals, and over 85% have surpassed the halfway mark. This signals a concerning situation for us, and it's crucial that we address it collectively.

Looking ahead, I earnestly urge each one of you to consider supporting our diocese during this season of giving. You can contribute by sending your Annual Catholic Appeal envelopes directly to the diocese. If you don't have envelopes, a simple yet impactful way to contribute is by writing a check payable to:

Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph

Annual Catholic Appeal

**Our Lady of Sorrows** (please include this in the envelope for tracking purposes)

P.O. Box 419037

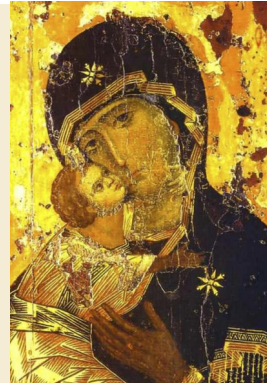
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It's important to note that unlike previous years, where parishes falling short of their goals were forgiven by the Bishop, this year is different. Bishop has 'run out mercy' and we may need to dip into our parish savings to make up the difference. Your generous support is vital in preventing this, and I implore you to consider contributing to this essential appeal.

May the spirit of giving and love guide us as we come together to support our diocese and strengthen the bonds of our parish community.

Wishing you all a blessed holiday season,

Fr. Leonard



## Parish Office

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Next to the church at the top of the stairs.

## Office Hours

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Monday-Friday

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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

## 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

DECEMBER 10, 2023  
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# Mass Intentions and Feasts

**SATURDAY, December 9—2nd Sunday of Advent**  
 4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows  
**SUNDAY, December 10— 2nd Sunday of Advent**  
 11:00am † Maurice Carey

**MONDAY, December 11— St. Damasus I**

**TUESDAY, December 12— Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**WEDNESDAY, December 13— St. Lucy**  
 Noon † Maurice Carey

**THURSDAY, December 14— St. John of the Cross**  
 Noon † Maurice Carey

**FRIDAY, December 15**

**SATURDAY, December 16—3rd Sunday of Advent**  
 4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

**SUNDAY, December 17— 3rd Sunday of Advent**  
 11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

# Mass Assignments

12/9 & 10	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Jim Carley	Brad Geist
Eucharistic Minister	Arthur Kovach	Tim Healy
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Ed and Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

12/2 & 3	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

## Readings for the 2nd Week of Advent

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26  
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10-13; Mt 18:12-14  
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30  
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13; Mt 11: 11-15  
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19  
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;  
 Mt 17: 9-13  
 Sunday: Is 61:1-2, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-53;  
 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

### 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.

# Parish Calendar of Events

- Dec 9-10— Religious Retirement Collection
- Dec 9-10— Social Ministry Collection
- Dec 10— Catholic Movie Night at 6pm
- Dec 11— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- Dec 12— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- Dec 16— Rediscover Your Faith at 10am at St. Monica's
- 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
- Mar 9-10— Catholic Relief Services Collection
- Mar 29— Good Friday Holy Land Collection
- May 19— Tomorrow's Priests Collection

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. Lucy

St. Lucy was born to rich and noble parents in 283. Her father was a Roman and her mother may have been a Greek. Her father died when she was 5. St. Lucy consecrated her virginity to God, but her mother, who was suffering from a bleeding disorder, was not aware of it and arranged for her to be married to young man of a wealthy pagan family. Lucy accompanied her mother to the shrine of St. Agatha, who had been martyred 52 years before, and prayed for a miracle for her mother. St. Agatha visited Lucy in a dream and told her that her mother would be cured and Lucy would share the same glory as her. With her mother cured, Lucy convinced her to distribute a great part of her riches to the poor. The news that Lucy was distributing her wealth came to her betrothed, who denounced her as a Christian to Paschasius, their governor. She was brought before him and ordered to sacrifice to the emperor's image. When she refused, he sentenced her to be defiled in a brothel. When the soldiers came to take her away, they could not move her, even when they hitched her to a team of oxen. Bundles of wood were then heaped around her but would not burn. She finally met her end when a sword was thrust into her throat.

## Catholic Movie Night

Our first Catholic Movie Night, hosted by the Legion of Mary, **will be on Sunday, Dec 10th at 6pm.** 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. Msgr. O'Flaherty is soon identified by the SS as the leader of the escape organization 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.**

## For Your Reflection:

*The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight the paths of our God. The prophecy makes clear that it is to be fulfilled, not in Jerusalem but in the wilderness: it is there that the glory of the Lord is to appear, and God's salvation is to be made known to all mankind.*

It was in the wilderness that God's saving presence was proclaimed by John the Baptist, and there that God's salvation was seen. The words of this prophecy were fulfilled when Christ and his glory were made manifest to all: after his baptism the heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove rested on him, and the Father's voice was heard, bearing witness to the Son: *This is my beloved Son, listen to him.*

*The prophecy meant that God was to come to a deserted place, inaccessible from the beginning. None of the pagans had any knowledge of God, since his holy servants and prophets were kept from approaching them. The voice commands that a way be prepared for the Word of God: the rough and trackless ground is to be made level, so that our God may find a highway when he comes. Prepare the way of the Lord: the way is the preaching of the Gospel, the new message of consolation, ready to bring to all mankind the knowledge of God's saving power.*

*Climb on a high mountain, bearer of good news to Zion. Lift up your voice in strength, bearer of good news to Jerusalem.* These words harmonize very well with the meaning of what has gone before. They refer opportunely to the evangelists and proclaim the coming of God to men, after speaking of the voice crying in the wilderness. Mention of the evangelists suitably follows the prophecy on John the Baptist.

What does Zion mean if not the city previously called Jerusalem? This is the Zion, the Jerusalem, that received God's salvation. It stands aloft on the mountain of God, that is, it is raised high on the only-begotten Word of God. It is commanded to climb the high mountain and announce the word of salvation. Who is the bearer of the good news but the company of the evangelists? What does it mean to bear the good news but to preach to all nations, but first of all to the cities of Judah, the coming of Christ on earth?

-From a commentary on Isaiah by Eusebius of Caesarea,

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org)

# Weekly Activities & Events

## Last Week's Offering

From November 27 to December 3, 2023

Plate	\$429.32
Envelopes	\$866.00
Other	\$120.00
Weddings	\$1000.00

## The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Council #2457 meets in the parish hall on the first Wednesdays beginning with recitation of the Rosary at 6:30pm.

We are also establishing a Women's Auxiliary to help support the Knights charitable works both practically and spiritually. Please contact John Pileggi at (816) 547-6574, or [jgapileggi@gmail.com](mailto:jgapileggi@gmail.com).



## Religious Retirement Collection

This weekend, December 9-10, we will have a second collection for retired religious in our country. This goes to helping pay for retirement costs for those that have given a lifetime of service to the Church. Please be as generous as you are able.

## Email Prayer Chain

If you would like to request prayers, please email our prayer chain at [AnnMarie@oloskc.org](mailto: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.

## Healing Mass

Are you in need of prayer for physical healing - chronic conditions, broken bones, pain, cancer? Encounter School of Ministry is hosting a healing service from 7-10pm on January 12, 2024 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Overland Park, KS. We encourage anyone in need of physical healing to come as well as anyone wanting to encounter God's presence. Event is open to the public. No cost or registration required.

## 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

## 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](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org).

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Or use our QR Code for PayPal!



## 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 December 9-10**, 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](mailto:bcapotosto@gmail.com).

## Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on **January 4th 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 on being the Good Shepherd. 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](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org) for updates and details.



## Rediscover Your Faith

Our next meeting will be on **Dec 16 at 10am** at St. Monica's and will focus in on the O Antiphons, their history, and their meaning. The O Antiphons are an ancient tradition in the Church's liturgical prayer in the week leading up to Christmas. Come learn more about these beautiful, but often overlooked, parts of the Liturgy and more about our beautiful Catholic Faith!



## 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](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org) for more information or come to a meeting.

