

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:

Today is what is known as Gaudete Sunday, which falls on the third Sunday of Advent, when the rose candle on the Advent wreath is lit and the priest customarily wears rose vestments (though this is optional). Gaudete means "Rejoice!" and comes from the Entrance Antiphon that quotes Phil 4:4-5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near." This



invitation to rejoice is echoed in our first reading in which we are told shout for joy and sing joyful because "the King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear." It is also in our second reading from Philippians where we are told to rejoice because "The Lord is near."

We are encouraged to rejoice during this time of Advent because the readings focus on three comings of Christ: his first coming— represented by the prophecy of Jeremiah, his present coming in the Eucharist – represented by the reading from Philippians, and his Second coming— represented by John the Baptist's preaching to be ready for the coming of the Messiah. Joy is not the same as happiness, which is our final end— but a response of love— which reaches its fullest extent when focused upon God.

This is a time, not to fret about how well we have prepared for Christmas during this Advent, but to reflect upon what God has given us and to be thankful. So I encourage you to take some time and think upon your blessings.

And so I encourage you to thank God for each and every one. Ask yourself this: Do I have family? Do I have friends? Do I live in the comfort of a warm home? Consider these and many more blessings as you reflect on what God has given you. Be sure to take time to give him proper thanks. And most importantly, don't forget to rejoice in all the good that he has given for you and all that he will yet do. Take time also to thank him for coming to us in our misery to share in our lot and to redeem us by the cross.

Take time also to do an inventory of your spiritual life. Have I done much prayer during this Advent? What can I do to improve? When was the last time I went to confession? Taking time to thank God, grow in prayer, and to prepare for Christ's coming is exactly what Advent is about.

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 15, 2024
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, December 14— The Third Sunday of Advent
 4:00pm Dan & Theresa Sullivan and Family (54th
 Wedding Anniversary)

SUNDAY, December 15— The Third Sunday of Advent
 11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, December 16

TUESDAY, December 17

WEDNESDAY, December 18
 Noon Anthony Martinez and Holy Souls

THURSDAY, December 19
 Noon Donny and Randi Lynn Hann (living and
 deceased)

FRIDAY, December 20

SATURDAY, December 21— The Fourth Sunday of Advent
 4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, December 22— The Fourth Sunday of Advent
 11:00am Anthony Martinez and Holy Souls

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

12/21 & 22	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	James Hardy	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

12/28 & 29	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Maureen Kramanak
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	James Hardy	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 3rd Week of Advent

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17; Ps 25:4-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23;
 Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn5:33-36

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12; 20-21;
 Lk 1:39-45

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; O
 Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Parish Calendar of Events

- Dec 14-15— Social Ministry Collection
- Dec 16— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- 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 7— Wedding at 5:00pm
- 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 15— Wedding at 1:30pm
- March 30— Catholic Relief Service Collection
- Apr 18— Good Friday Holy Land Collection
- Apr 25— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saints of the Week— St. Peter Canisius

Peter Canisius was born in 1521 in the Netherlands. At the age of 19 he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards he met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced Peter so much that he joined the recently formed Society of Jesus. At this early age Peter had already taken up a practice he continued throughout his life—a process of study, reflection, prayer, and writing. After his ordination in 1546, he became widely known for his editions of the writings of St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great. Besides this reflective literary bent, Peter had a zeal for the apostolate. He could often be found visiting the sick or imprisoned. In 1547, Peter attended several sessions of the Council of Trent, whose decrees he was later assigned to implement. After a brief teaching assignment at the Jesuit college at Messina, Peter was entrusted with the mission to Germany. He taught in several universities and was instrumental in establishing many colleges and seminaries. He wrote a catechism that explained the Catholic faith in a way that common people could understand—a great need of that age. Renowned as a popular preacher, Peter packed churches with those eager to hear his eloquent proclamation of the gospel. At 70, Peter suffered a paralytic seizure, but he continued to preach and write with the aid of a secretary, until his death in his hometown of Nijmegen, Netherlands, on December 21, 1597.

Christmas Decoration

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Monday, December 23rd starting at 10am in the church. This is a great time to get together and make our parish beautiful for Christmas. We hope to see you there!

For Your Reflection:

Though holy doctors have uncovered many mysteries and wonders, and devout souls have understood them in this earthly condition of ours, yet the greater part still remains to be unfolded by them, and even to be understood by them.

We must then dig deeply in Christ. He is like a rich mine with many pockets containing treasures: however deep we dig we will never find their end or their limit. Indeed, in every pocket new seams of fresh riches are discovered on all sides.

For this reason the apostle Paul said of Christ: *In him are hidden all the treasures of the wisdom and knowledge of God.* The soul cannot enter into these treasures, nor attain them, unless it first crosses into and enters the thicket of suffering, enduring interior and exterior labors, and unless it first receives from God very many blessings in the intellect and in the senses, and has undergone long spiritual training.

All these are lesser things, disposing the soul for the lofty sanctuary of the knowledge of the mysteries of Christ: this is the highest wisdom attainable in this life.

Would that men might come at last to see that it is quite impossible to reach the thicket of the riches and wisdom of God except by first entering the thicket of much suffering, in such a way that the soul finds there its consolation and desire. The soul that longs for divine wisdom chooses first, and in truth, to enter the thicket of the cross.

Saint Paul therefore urges the Ephesians *not to grow weary in the midst of tribulations, but to be rooted and grounded in love, so that they may know with all the saints the breadth, the length, the height and the depth—to know what is beyond knowledge, the love of Christ, so as to be filled with all the fullness of God.* The gate that gives entry into these riches of his wisdom is the cross; because it is a narrow gate, while many seek the joys that can be gained through it, it is given to few to desire to pass through it.

-From a *Spiritual Canticle* by St. John of the Cross



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 December 2 to December 8, 2024

Plate	\$544.00
Envelopes	\$5328.00
Candles	\$47.50
Poor Box	\$73.05
Maintenance	\$50.00
Weddings	\$1000.00
Christmas Flowers	\$50.00
Roof	\$2000.00
Lighthouse	\$3.00

Prayer of the Week

The Alma Redemptoris Mater

Loving mother of the Redeemer, gate of heaven, star of the sea, assist your people who have fallen yet strive to rise again. To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator, yet remained a virgin after as before. You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting, have pity on us poor sinners.
Amen.

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.



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 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



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, **January 9th 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 walk through Jesus' passion, beginning with his arrest and trials. You do not want to miss this session! 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.