

# 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:

The Legion of Mary Handbook regularly speaks of and deeply explores Mary's role in the Church, especially in regards to her motherhood of the Church and the growth (or rather birth) of Church in the world. The Holy Family represents to us the Church as the mustard seed. In it we see simply a family, in the most unusual circumstances— united around Jesus. But when we consider the fact that the Church is the Body of Christ is in fact Jesus himself mystically present in the world, then it is also true that the Church was mystically present at the tiny of home of Nazareth in the persons of Joseph, Mary and, most importantly, Jesus. Since those days at Nazareth, the Church, God's family, has grown to the ends of the earth. Nevertheless, it is important to remember that God's plans never vary or change and both Mary and St. Joseph retain their roles in the Church— Mary as Mother of the Church, and Joseph as the Guardian and Protector of the Church.



It is of that last point that I want to dwell, as we already know much about Mary's motherhood but little of Joseph's fatherhood. Joseph himself retains his role as foster-father of the brethren of Jesus and his heart has likewise expanded to this new dimension of his fatherhood of the Church. His fatherhood surpasses that of Abraham, who was to be the father of a myriad. Joseph is the father of the Church, the Kingdom of God, the embrace of all humanity to the Cross of Jesus Christ. He, like Mary, is a most powerful intercessor against temptation and demonic possession. His job remains to keep us safe from evil that will try to befall us.

And so I encourage you to spend time before the nativity scene in our Church or in your home, reflecting upon the great and mysterious roles that Mary and Joseph played in the history of our salvation at Bethlehem, Egypt, and Nazareth, but especially on their roles in the Church today. I encourage you to spend time in prayer, asking them for their intercession for your spiritual life and your needs. If your heart stirs you, I also invite you to consider the Legion of Mary at our parish. Let us never cease to turn to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in our need.

## Christmas Mass Schedule

Mary, Mother of God: 10am

## Parish Office

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Kansas City, MO 64108  
Next to the church at the top  
of the stairs.

## Office Hours

9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
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

DECEMBER 29, 2024  
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

# Feasts and Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, December 28— The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

**SUNDAY, December 29— The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**MONDAY, December 30**

**TUESDAY, December 31— Pope St. Sylvester I**

**WEDNESDAY, January 1— Mary, Mother of God**

10:00am † Charlsie Pileggi

**THURSDAY, January 2— Sts. Basil and Gregory Nazianzus**

Noon

**FRIDAY, January 3— The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

**SATURDAY, January 4— The Epiphany of the Lord**

4:00pm Denise Martinez

**SUNDAY, January 5— The Epiphany of the Lord**

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

12/28 & 29	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	John Pileggi	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

1/4 & 5	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Arthur Kovach	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Arthur Kovach	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	James Hardy	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

## Readings for this Week

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18  
 Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3-6; Jn 1:29-34  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42  
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

# Parish Calendar of Events

- Jan 1— Mary, Mother of God at 10am
- Jan 4— Parish Christmas Party after 4pm Mass
- Jan 6— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Jan 9— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Jan 11-12— Social Ministry Collection
- Jan 15— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- 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
- May 3— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 3— Wedding at 6pm
- May 9— Wedding at 4:30pm
- May 18— Tomorrow's Priests: Vocation Fund

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

# Ministries & Reflections



## Feast of the Week— The Holy Name of Jesus

The St. Paul wrote in Philippians that God the Father gave Christ Jesus “that name that is above every name” (see 2:9), and at the sound of this name, “every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.” This name is the terror of demons and the hope of sinners. We celebrate this feast on January 3rd in particular because it is the traditional day corresponding to the age that Jesus received his name from Mary and Joseph, who had been given it by angels. This devotion became popular because of 12th-century Cistercian monks and nuns but especially through the preaching of Saint Bernardine of Siena, a 15th-century Franciscan. St. Bernardine used devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus as a way of overcoming bitter and often bloody class struggles and family rivalries or vendettas in Italian city-states. The devotion grew, partly because of Franciscan and Dominican preachers. It spread even more widely after the Jesuits began promoting it in the 16th century. In 1530, Pope Clement V approved an Office of the Holy Name for the Franciscans. In 1721, Pope Innocent XIII extended this feast to the entire Church.

## Prayer of the Week

### A Prayer to the Holy Family

**JESUS**, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth. **MARY**, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys. **JOSEPH**, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety. **HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH**, make our family one with you. Amen.

## For Your Reflection:

Prophesying about the God-Man, the Prophet foretold: Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved. The holy Apostle Paul repeats the Prophet's words. If you confess the Word in your mouth, he says, the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. The holy Apostle Peter, after healing a man who had been lame from his birth by the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, bore witness before the Jewish Sanhedrin in the following words: Rulers of the people and elders of Israel! If we (the holy Apostles Peter and John) are being cross-examined today for a kindness done to a helpless man, and are questioned how he has been saved and healed, be it known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Whom you crucified, Whom God raised from the dead, in Him this man is standing here before you well and strong. For there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we can be saved. The use of the all-holy, divine name Jesus in prayer, and prayer in His name, was 'appointed by our Lord Jesus Christ Himself. We can be convinced of this from the most sublime and profound conversation recorded in the Gospel of St. John which the Lord had with the holy Apostles after the Mystical Supper, in that momentous hour which preceded the Lord's voluntary departure to the place of His betrayal and agony, for the salvation of mankind. The teaching given by the Lord in that hour has the character of a final, death-bed instruction in which He gathered and expounded before His disciples, and in their persons before the whole of Christendom, the most soul-saving and final commandments, sure and infallible pledges of eternal life.

Among other pledges and spiritual gifts, there is given and ratified the command and permission to pray by the name of Jesus. Whatever you ask the Father may be glorified in the His disciples, I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. Truly, truly I tell you, you ask whatever the Father in My name, He will give you. So far you have asked for nothing in My name. Ask and you will receive, that your joy may overflow.

What is it that will be given to a person who prays in the name of the Lord Jesus that can fill him to overflowing with joy? He will be given—we reply in the words of our Lord—the Holy Spirit Whom the Father will send in My name.

-From *The Arena: An Offering to Contemporary Monasticism* by Ignatius Brianchaninov

## 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 December 16 to December 25, 2024

Plate	\$2011.92
Envelopes	\$1971.00
Immaculate Conception	\$10.00
Candles	\$59.46
Poor Box	\$90.00
Weddings	\$1400.00
Christmas Flowers	\$10.00
Lighthouse	\$18.00
Mass Stipend	\$10.00
Christmas	\$4500.00

## 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!

## 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](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.

## 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](mailto: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



## Church Cleaning Invitation

Next Saturday, Jan 4th, 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.

## 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](mailto: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, January 11 and 12th**, 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).