

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 Pastor:

The Beatitudes: The Strange Road to Real Happiness

The Beatitudes are some of the most quoted words of Jesus—and some of the most quietly ignored. Not because we dislike them, but because we silently wonder, “Lord... were You serious?”

Think about it: Jesus stands on a mountain and announces that the people we usually pity are actually the blessed ones. The poor, the grieving, the meek, the merciful, the persecuted—these are His VIPs. If someone tried to sell that message in modern advertising, it wouldn't get past the first marketing meeting. Yet Jesus isn't joking, exaggerating, or being poetic. He is giving us God's roadmap to real happiness—not the kind that depends on money, success, popularity, or comfort—but the kind that comes from being aligned with the heart of God.

And that's exactly why the Beatitudes challenge us so much. They demand that we re-examine what “the good life” looks like. For most people, the “good life” means having everything under control: finances stable, relationships smooth, health good, reputation intact, and maybe a vacation once in a while. But Jesus suggests that being “blessed” may look more like trusting God when you have nothing left to lean on, seeking justice when it costs you social approval, forgiving when you'd rather hold a grudge, or staying gentle in a world that rewards loudness and aggression.

In real life, we see this all the time. The most joyful people are not necessarily
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Weekly Schedule

Saturday

Confessions 3:30 pm

Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday

Mass 11:00 am

Wednesday and Thursday

Adoration 11:00am

Confession 11:30 am

Mass Noon

Baptism and Marriage

Call for information or email

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FEBRUARY 1, 2026
THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, January 31— The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Those married at Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, February 1— The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, February 2— The Presentation of the Lord

TUESDAY, February 3—St. Blaise

WEDNESDAY, February 4

Noon † Albert and Florence Gormly

THURSDAY, February 5— St. Agatha

Noon Jennifer Martinez

FRIDAY, February 6— St. Paul Miki and Companions

SATURDAY, February 7— The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Mary Saluzzi Pileggi

SUNDAY, February 8— The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

Liturgical Assignments

1/31 & 2/1	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

2/7 & 8	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 4th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 189-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51; Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
 Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

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@olosc.org if you would like to have a Mass said for yourself or a loved one, living or deceased.

Parish Calendar of Events

- Feb 2— Legion of Mary at 4pm (Every Monday)
- Feb 4— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Feb 5— Bible Study (Genesis) at 7pm
- Feb 7— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Feb 17— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Feb 14-15— Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- Feb 18— Ash Wednesday Mass at Noon.
- Feb 19— Wedding at 5pm
- Feb 22— Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal
- Mar 4—Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Mar 5— Bible Study (Genesis) at 7pm
- Mar 7— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Mar 14-15— Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- Mar 14— Wedding at 6pm
- Mar 17— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Mar 21— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Mar 29— Palm Sunday
- Apr 1— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Apr 3— Holy Land Collection
- Apr 4—Church Cleaning and decoration at 9am
- Apr 5— Easter Sunday
- Apr 9— Bible Study (Genesis) at 7pm
- Apr 11— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Apr 11-12—Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- Apr 24—Wedding at 3:00pm
- Apr 25— Wedding at 6:00pm
- May 2— Church Cleaning at 9am

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Agatha

St. Agatha was born around 231 in Sicily to a rich and noble family. She became a consecrated virgin, choosing to remain celibate and give herself wholly to Jesus and the Church in a life of prayer and service. This did not stop men from desiring her. One of the men who desired Agatha, whose name was Quintianus, was of a high diplomatic rank and wanted to marry her. His persistent proposals were consistently spurned by Agatha, so Quintianus, knowing she was a Christian, had her arrested and brought before the judge— himself. To force her to change her mind, Quintianus had her imprisoned in a brothel. Agatha never lost her confidence in God, even though she suffered a month of assaults and efforts to get her to abandon her vow to God. Quintianus heard of her calm strength and ordered that she be brought before him once again. During her interrogation, she told him that to be a servant of Jesus Christ was her true freedom. Enraged, Quintianus sent her off to prison instead of back to the brothel— a move intended to make her even more afraid, but it was probably a great relief to her. Agatha continued to proclaim Jesus as her Savior. Quintianus ordered her to be tortured. He had her stretched on a rack to be torn with iron hooks, burned with torches, and whipped. Noticing Agatha was enduring all the torture with a sense of cheer, he commanded that her breasts be cut off. He then sent her back to prison with an order of no food or medical attention. But the Lord gave her all the care she needed. Ignoring her miraculously cured wounds, Quintianus had her stripped naked and rolled over hot coals which were mixed with sharp shards. She died shortly after around 251.

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the wealthiest or most comfortable. Sometimes they are the cancer patient who encourages others in the hospital waiting room. Or the grandmother who prays quietly for her family every night. Or the teenager who refuses to join in on bullying. Or the man who tells the truth at work even when it jeopardizes his promotion. They are blessed not because life is easy, but because their lives reflect the values of Jesus.

Of course, living the Beatitudes is not glamorous. There are no trophies for meekness, no award shows for mercy, and no viral TikToks celebrating persecution. If anything, the Beatitudes feel like the anti-resume of the world.

And yet, what Jesus is doing is genius. He is telling us that the world is not the final judge of success—**God is**. That means if you are overlooked, God sees it. If you are hurting, God comforts. If you refuse to compromise, God honors it. If you take a hit for doing the right thing, God counts it as victory.

The secret ingredient of the Beatitudes is this: **they are not commands, they are invitations**. Jesus is not scolding us—He is inviting us to live a freedom that no circumstances can steal.

So yes, the Beatitudes are challenging. They poke at our pride, humble our egos, and stretch our love. But interestingly enough, they also rescue us from the exhausting project of trying to look perfect, win every argument, and pretend we are in control.

Because at the end of the day, Jesus doesn't say "Blessed are the impressive." He says "Blessed are the faithful."

And that is a path every one of us can walk—starting today.



Church Cleaning Invitation

Next Saturday, February 7th, 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.

Office of Child & Youth Protection—Sexual Abuse

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting 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.

If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, report the suspected abuse to the Diocesan Ombudsman, ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org 816-213-6024 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, at 816-714-2357 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Weekly Activities & Events

Last Week's Offering

From Jan 19, 2026 to Jan 25, 2026

Plate	\$45.00
Envelopes	\$856.00
Candles	\$13.00
Poor Box	\$25.00
Weddings	\$1000.00
Maintenance	\$180.00
Mass Stipend	\$100.00
Online	\$474.35

The Knights of Columbus

Are you interested in strengthening your bonds as a family, deepening your faith in the Catholic Church, and working with like-minded men to help support your church and community? If so, please consider joining the Knights of Columbus.

FREE MEMBERSHIP: Join the Knights of Columbus between now and June 30th, 2026, and your first year of membership will be FREE! Use code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY at kofc.org/join To join the Knights use the link above or contact John Pileggi at jgapileggi@gmail.com



Pray for our Catechumens

Please pray for Noah and Drew, who are preparing to enter the Church next Easter.

Prayers Requested

Pray for Mary Weatherford, Grace Diaz, Sarah Eck, Jim Healy, Rose Ann Jett, Jane Carey, Jerry Gumminger, Ken Blundell, Allan Schaff, Grace Weatherford, Joe Creedon, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Nolan Davidson, Jay Keen, Jim Tabor

A Note From The Editor

Announcements and changes for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office in writing no later than Wednesday 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

Under the patronage and care of the Mother of God, the Legion of Mary is formed to serve both the spiritual growth of her members and in commitment of work and service to the Church.

The Our Lady of Kibeho Praesidium meets every **Monday at 4pm in the parish hall except for the last Monday of the month, when we meet at St. Monica's at the same time**. This group collaborates with parishioners of St. Monica's, our sister parish.



Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on Thursday, **February 5th at 7pm** and we normally meet monthly on the first Thursday of every month.

We will study the Book of Genesis, the first and one of the most important books of the Bible. Please email Brad at bgeist@oloskc.org for updates and details.



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.

Social Outreach Ministry

The parish Social Outreach ministry will be taking monthly donations of perishable and non-perishable food, toiletries, unopened 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 February 14th 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.