

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH CHURCH: 1923-2023

From our Pastoral Associate

Our Gospel reading today focuses on Jesus healing the leper. I've always be struck by the beauty of this moment. This man, who has been an outcast for many years and has seen precious little compassion for just as long. Leprosy did not have a cure at that time and people were



harshly quarantined to keep it from spreading. One who had leprosy had to walk along, constantly shouting out "unclean, unclean" so that people would know not to approach them. Physical contact, hugs, embraces, and all that we typically rely on to show affection were denied them, as that is how the disease is spread. It's very hard to imagine the suffering, not only from the illness, but also the isolation. This man, having learned of Jesus' remarkable power to heal nearly any illness or ailment, decides to seek him out for healing. Finding Jesus, he approaches him in confident faith and states, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." Jesus does not recoil. He does not scold him for not keeping back. Rather, he touches him— probably the first friendly touch he's had in years- and says, "I do will it. Be made clean." It is not hard to hear these words spoken to us as well. We, in our sin, have made ourselves odious and a thing of disgust and unlovely. We have separated ourselves from God either partially or, in the case of mortal sin, completely. But if we have faith in Jesus, we can approach him in the sacrament of confession and hear him say "Be made clean" through the words of absolution that the priest recites. When was the last time you went to confession? Lent is drawing near and it is a good time to turn from our sin and to seek God's mercy, which is boundless. I encourage you, particularly during this Lent, to avail yourself of this beautiful and healing sacrament. If we are truly contrite and know how desperately we need God, we will have the same relief that the leper felt when Jesus suddenly restored to him human comfort, society with those around him, healing of the pain of his body, and most importantly, a new life in Jesus. Jesus wants to be clean. So let us seek the cleansing.

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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

FEBRUARY 11, 2024
THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, February 10—The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, February 11—The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am † Maurice Carey

MONDAY, February 12

TUESDAY, February 13

WEDNESDAY, February 14— Ash Wednesday

Noon † Maurice Carey

THURSDAY, February 15—Thursday After Ash Wednesday

Noon † Maurice Carey

FRIDAY, February 16— Friday After Ash Wednesday

SATURDAY, February 17—The 1st Sunday of Lent

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, February 11—The 1st Sunday of Lent

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

Mass Assignments

2/10 & 11	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Arthur Kovach	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

2/17 & 18	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Arthur Kovach	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Ed and Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 6th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9; Ps 51:3-6, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
 Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

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

- Feb 12— Legion of Mary Meeting at 6pm
- Feb 10-11— Social Ministry Collection
- Feb 14— Ash Wednesday Mass at Noon
- Feb 17-18— Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal
- Feb 18— Catholic Movie Night at 6pm
- Feb 20— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- Mar 2— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Mar 6— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Mar 7— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Mar 9-10— Catholic Relief Services Collection
- Mar 19— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- Mar 29— Good Friday Holy Land Collection
- Apr 1— Easter Sunday
- Apr 3— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Apr 4— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Apr 6— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Apr 6— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Apr 13— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Apr 16— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- Apr 20— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Apr 27— Wedding at 6pm
- May 2— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- May 3— Wedding at 2:00pm
- May 18— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 19— Tomorrow's Priests Collection
- May 26— Peter's Pence Collection
- Jun 16— Communications Collection

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— The Seven Founders of the Servite Order

In 1233, seven Florentine laymen—two married, two widowed, three single—all well-known merchants and members of a Marian confraternity, abandoned homes, jobs, and wealth for a life of poverty, prayer, and penance at Monte Senario, where they built a chapel and hermitage. They all witnessed a vision of the Blessed Virgin in the leadup to their flight from the world. Within a few years, they formed the Order of Friar Servants of Mary, or Servites, a mendicant order that received formal papal approval in 1304. They received another vision of Mary in which she instructed them in their mission, clothed them in the habit and gave them their rule of life. At the center of their mission was spreading and encouraging devotion to the Seven Sorrows of Mary, particularly in the Seven Sorrows Chaplet. Their order soon received papal approval and quickly spread throughout Europe. Today it has foundations even in the Americas. The seven founders, jointly canonized in 1888, are: Sts. Bonfillius, Bonajuncta, Amadeus, Hugh, Manettus, Sostene, and Alexis. Alexis, who out of modesty refused ordination, served the order in various ways as a lay brother; he outlived the other founders and reportedly died at age 110.

Catholic Movie Night

Our first Catholic Movie Night, hosted by the Legion of Mary, **will be on Sunday, Feb 18th at 6pm.** Our next movie will be **There Be Dragons** (2011), a fictional retelling of the life of St. Josemaría Escrivá, the founder of *Opus Dei*: *Arising out of the horror of the Spanish Civil War, a candidate for canonization, Josemaría Escrivá, is investigated by a journalist who discovers that his own estranged father had a deep, dark and devastating connection to the saint's life. As he uncovers the truth, he learns more about his origins and learns much about forgiveness and the power of faith. Don't miss such an excellent movie!*

For Your Reflection:

Lord, who can comprehend even one of your words? We lose more of it than we grasp, like those who drink from a living spring. For God's word offers different facets according to the capacity of the listener, and the Lord has portrayed his message in many colors, so that whoever gazes upon it can see in it what suits him. Within it he has buried manifold treasures, so that each of us might grow rich in seeking them out.

The word of God is a tree of life that offers us blessed fruit from each of its branches. It is like that rock which was struck open in the wilderness, from which all were offered spiritual drink. As the Apostle says: *They ate spiritual food and they drank spiritual drink.*

And so whenever anyone discovers some part of the treasure, he should not think that he has exhausted God's word. Instead he should feel that this is all that he was able to find of the wealth contained in it. Nor should he say that the word is weak and sterile or look down on it simply because this portion was all that he happened to find. But precisely because he could not capture it all he should give thanks for its riches.

Be glad then that you are overwhelmed, and do not be saddened because he has overcome you. A thirsty man is happy when he is drinking, and he is not depressed because he cannot exhaust the spring. So let this spring quench your thirst, and not your thirst the spring. For if you can satisfy your thirst without exhausting the spring, then when you thirst again you can drink from it once more; but if when your thirst is sated the spring is also dried up, then your victory would turn to your own harm.

Be thankful then for what you have received, and do not be saddened at all that such an abundance still remains. What you have received and attained is your present share, while what is left will be your heritage. For what you could not take at one time because of your weakness, you will be able to grasp at another if you only persevere. So do not foolishly try to drain in one draught what cannot be consumed all at once, and do not cease out of faintheartedness from what you will be able to absorb as time goes on.

-From a commentary on the Diatessaron by Saint Ephrem, deacon

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 January 29 to February 4, 2024

Plate	\$3.00
Envelopes	\$1995.00
Weekday Collection	\$51.00
Weddings	\$1995.00
Candles	\$42.50
Maintenance	\$395.00
Other	\$109.00

Prayer of the Week

The Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

"To pray "Jesus" is to invoke him and to call him within us. His name is the only one that contains the presence it signifies.
(Catechism of the Catholic Church 2666)

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Mass will be at noon on Wednesday. We will have the Mass even if there is a Chiefs Super Bowl Parade. Confessions will also be offered at their normal time of 11:30am.

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 jjapileggi@gmail.com.



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

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.

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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**. 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. Our praesidium, does homebound visits of parishioners, takes communion to the sick, leads ministries, and many other vital ministries in our parish.



Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on **March 7th 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 the Resurrection of Lazarus and Jesus' teaching on the Resurrection. 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 for updates and details.



Rediscover Your Faith

Our next meeting will be announced soon and will be at St. Monica's, our sister parish in the building connected to the church. During each meeting we focus in on a special topic to explore. Our next topic will be on the Holy Week Liturgy and how to understand what is happening. We will meet on **Saturday, March 23 at 10am** at St. Monica Catholic Church in the building across the parking lot from the church.



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 February 10-11**, 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.