

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From Our Pastor:

Jesus Did Not Bring a Shredder

Every so often, we imagine Jesus showing up with a giant red marker, crossing out half of the Old Testament and scribbling, “Never mind—new rules!” But in today’s Gospel, Jesus gently but firmly tells us: “**Not so fast.**”

“I have not come to abolish the law or the prophets,” He says, “but to fulfill.” In other words, Jesus did not arrive with a shredder for God’s commandments. He arrived as their living meaning.

That word *fulfill* is key. To fulfill something is not to discard it but to bring it to completion—like finishing a sentence so it finally makes sense, or like a melody resolving into harmony. Jesus takes the law, which can

sometimes feel heavy or technical, and fills it with love, mercy, and purpose.

Think of it this way: the law is the recipe; Jesus is the meal. You don’t throw out the recipe once dinner is served—you finally understand why it mattered.

Then Jesus makes a bold claim that probably caused a few jaws to drop:

“*Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.*” That’s like telling a pickup basketball team they need to outplay Michael Jordan. The scribes and Pharisees were professionals at following the law. They knew every comma, every footnote, and every exception clause.

So what does Jesus mean? He’s not calling us to be better rule-followers. He’s calling us to be better lovers.

The Pharisees followed the law meticulously—but often without mercy. They obeyed outwardly but struggled inwardly. Jesus invites us into a deeper righteousness, one that doesn’t stop at being technically correct but moves toward being truly transformed.

It’s the difference between saying, “I didn’t break the rule,” and asking, “Did I love well?”



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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
bgeist@oloskc.org

FEBRUARY 15, 2026
THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, February 14— The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Andrew Leonard Sandhoefner

SUNDAY, February 15— The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, February 16

TUESDAY, February 17— The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

WEDNESDAY, February 18— Ash Wednesday

Noon

THURSDAY, February 19—Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Noon Jennifer Martinez

FRIDAY, February 20— Friday After Ash Wednesday

SATURDAY, February 21— The 1st Week of Lent

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, February 22— The 1st Week of Lent

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

Liturgical Assignments

2/14 & 15	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Nancy Lowdon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

2/21 & 22	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 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 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

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 14-15— Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- Feb 16— Legion of Mary at 4pm (Every Monday)
- Feb 17— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- 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
- May 3— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- May 4— Bible Study (Genesis) at 7pm
- May 8— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Peter Damian

St. Peter Damian was a Benedictine monk who lived from 1007 to 1073 in Italy. He was a brilliant student during seminary, becoming well known as a brilliant teacher at Parma and Ravenna at the age of 25. In 1035, he sought out a monastic life, entering the remote hermitage of Fonte Avellana. He introduced a more severe monastic reform and they soon took hold in many monasteries, including Monte Cassino, which was founded by St. Benedict. His zeal for reform spread outward in the Church, which had endured two centuries of political and social upheaval, doctrinal ignorance, and petty vanity among the clergy. He helped to outlaw simony among the clergy. He wrote many treatises on controversies of his day including the validity of ordination of clergy appointed by simony. He was soon named as a cardinal and though at first he resisted, allowed himself to be ordained as the Cardinal Bishop of Ostia in 1057. He spent much of the rest of his career acting as a legate on behalf of the pope and settled many disputes on anything from who was the correct pope (there were several anti-popes during his time) and disagreements between monasteries and local bishops. He died in 1072 or 1073. Pope Benedict XVI described him as one of the most significant figures of the 11th century.

Prayer of the Week

The Parce Domine

Parce, Domine, parce populo tuo:
ne in aeternum irascaris nobis.

Spare, Lord, spare your people:
Be not angry with us forever.

Jesus isn't impressed by checkbox faith. He wants a heart that beats in rhythm with God's own heart. That's why He warns against breaking even the "least" commandments or teaching others to do so. He's not nitpicking—He's protecting the integrity of love. When we treat God's commandments casually, we risk turning faith into something convenient rather than something faithful.

But notice: Jesus doesn't just say *obey* the commandments. He says *obey and teach* them. Faith is not meant to be hoarded like a secret recipe. It's meant to be lived visibly, shared humbly, and taught by example. Parents teach it at kitchen tables. Grandparents teach it through stories and prayers. Friends teach it by forgiveness. Parishioners teach it by showing up—especially when it's inconvenient. And here's the good news: this kind of righteousness is not about being perfect. It's about being honest. It's about letting God's Word shape how we speak, forgive, serve, and love—especially when it costs us something.

Jesus fulfills the law not by lowering the bar, but by lifting us up. He doesn't say, "Try harder." He says, "Come closer."

So no, Jesus didn't bring a shredder. He brought Himself. And in Him, the law stops being a burden and becomes a path—one that leads not just to heaven, but to a life filled with meaning, mercy, and joy. And that, thankfully, is a rule worth keeping.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Mass will be at noon. It is a day of prayer, penance, and fasting.

Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance

Next weekend we will have a second collection for the Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal, which goes to support relief for those who have suffered a disaster. Please be as generous as you are able.

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 Feb 2, 2026 to Feb 8, 2026

Plate	\$523.00
Envelopes	\$5756.00
Candles	\$90.50
Poor Box	\$40.00
Weddings	\$995.00
Maintenance	\$60.00
Lighthouse	\$5.00
Mass Stipend	\$260.00
Online	\$466.88

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



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, 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, **March 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.



Pray for our Catechumens

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

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.