

# Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H

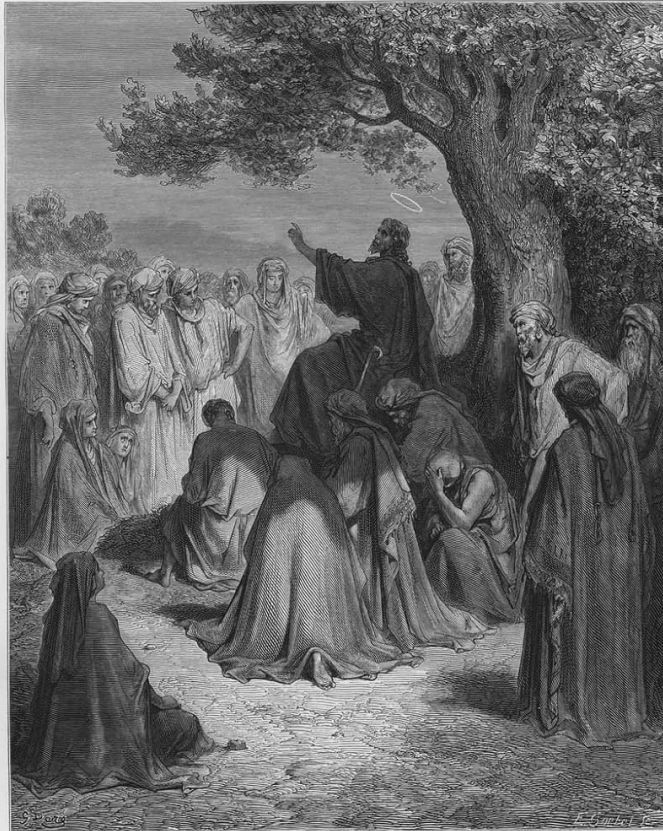


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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

## From our Pastoral Associate:

Our first reading cautions us against trusting in human beings. It's to be understood here that we shouldn't place human beings in the place of God—trusting them as we trust him. Rather, we should put our trust in the Lord, the source of our joy, our existence, our very being. This is why our first reading and the psalm speak of the righteous man as "like a tree planted near running water; that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves never fade." On the flip side, the man who trusts in other men "is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, but stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth." Our entire existence is a gift from God. Our satisfaction comes from him, our deepest longings are fulfilled in him. Without him we shrivel up and die, becoming nothing, and certainly do not thrive. With this in mind, our Gospel reading is chosen from Jesus' Sermon on the Plain in Luke, where Jesus expresses the Beatitudes. Jesus speaks of poverty, hunger, weeping, being hated and insulted. Jesus flips these many things that we take as ill as blessings—not because they are good in and of themselves but because if they are from following God and being rooted in him, you will be truly blessed, despite your difficult circumstances. Holiness runs into trouble in this world because this world is in rebellion to God. Consequently Jesus states that those who are rich, filled, laugh and are spoken well of in this world are on their way of woe. This does not mean that Jesus does not want us to be happy in this life. He does. He made creation for our enjoyment. He died on the Cross so that we could be free of the grip of this world. But as long as it remains in rebellion against God, it will never truly be home for us. It's essential that we trust his word and live by his commandments. Only then will we be like the one described in Jeremiah: "a tree planted beside the waters that stretches its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit."



## Parish Office

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## 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

FEBRUARY 16, 2025  
THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Feasts and Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, February 15— 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm † Russ Daly

**SUNDAY, February 16— 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

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

**TUESDAY, February 18**

**WEDNESDAY, February 19**

Noon † Ty Kaiser

**THURSDAY, February 20**

Noon † Jennifer Martinez and Family (Living and Deceased)

**FRIDAY, February 21— St. Peter Damian**

**SATURDAY, February 22— 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**SUNDAY, February 23— 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11:00am † James McManus

# Liturgical Assignments

2/15 & 2/16	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

2/22 & 2/23	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Maureen Kramanak
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Arthur Kovach
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

## Readings for the 6th Week in Ordinary Time

- Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
- Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:14, 9-10; Ps 94:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
- Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-23, 29; Mk 8:27-33
- Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34-9:1
- Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 16:13-19
- Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

### 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 16— Catholic Movie Night (The Song of Bernadette) at 5pm
- Feb 17— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- 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 (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Mar 9— Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal
- Mar 15— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Mar 18— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Mar 30— Catholic Relief Service Collection
- Apr 3— Bible Study at 7pm
- Apr 13— Palm Sunday
- Apr 15— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Apr 18— Good Friday Holy Land Collection
- Apr 20— Easter
- Apr 25— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 1— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- May 2— Bible Study at 7pm
- May 3— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 3— Wedding at 6pm
- May 9— Wedding at 4:30pm
- May 17— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 17— Wedding at 6pm
- May 18— Tomorrow's Priests: Vocation Fund
- May 20— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- May 24— Wedding at 1:30pm

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. Bonifilius, 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.

## Prayer of the Week

### The Ave Verum Corpus

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side flowed water and blood: Be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet in the trial of death!

O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

## 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*

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## 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 at 816.392.0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org)

# Weekly Activities & Events

## Last Week's Offering

From February 3, 2024 to February 9, 2025

Plate _____	\$766.79
Envelopes _____	\$1761.00
Candles _____	\$77.75
Poor Box _____	\$120.91
Maintenance _____	\$275.00
Weddings _____	\$1995.00
Mass Stipend _____	\$10.00
Lighthouse _____	\$5.00

## Help Needed

Our parish is in need of someone technologically gifted who can help us in designing a virtual tour of the church for our website. Please contact the office or Fr. Leonard if you are interested.

## 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



## Catholic Movie Night

The Legion of Mary will have its next Catholic Movie Night on **Sunday, February 16th at 5pm** in the parish hall. We will be watching **the Song of Bernadette**, based on the true story of Mary's appearance at the French grotto of Lourdes. Food will be provided. We hope to see you there!

## Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on Thursday, **March 6th 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 on March 8th and 9th**, 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).