

# Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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

## From Our Pastor

This weekend, we reflect on the Gospel narrative of Jesus spending 40 days in the desert, during which He faced temptations by the devil. This story mirrors our own experiences with temptation. One might wonder, why do we face temptations? The answer lies in the fact that God created us not as automatons or marionettes, but endowed us with the remarkable gift of free will. This gift presents us with a crucial choice: will we choose God, or will we turn towards something else? It is through our free will that we possess the ability to love, as love itself is a decision - a choice between God and alternatives to Him.

It's important to understand that God neither tempts us nor encourages temptation. However, He can use temptation as a tool for our personal growth in virtue. For example, developing patience requires encountering situations that challenge our patience, providing us with opportunities to practice and strengthen this virtue. Echoing the wisdom of one of the desert fathers, "the soul only develops through struggles." This is not to suggest that we should actively seek out temptation. Quite the contrary, we are advised to actively avoid temptation and steer clear of situations that may lead us into sin. Nevertheless, when faced with temptation, a valuable question for our Lenten meditation might be, "What virtue is God inviting me to cultivate through this particular challenge?"

Wishing you a fruitful and blessed Lenten journey.

Fr. Leonard



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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 18, 2024  
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

# Mass Intentions and Feasts

**SATURDAY, February 17—The 1st Sunday of Lent**

4:00pm † Russ Daly

**SUNDAY, February 18—The 1st Sunday of Lent**

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**MONDAY, February 19**

**TUESDAY, February 20**

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

Noon † Frank Joseph Baccala

**THURSDAY, February 22— The Chair of St. Peter the**

**Apostle**

Noon In honor of Sts. Jude, Faustina, Rita, Andre Bessette, Teresa of Calcutta, Bl. Carlo Acutis, and Fr. Tansi

**FRIDAY, February 23— St. Polycarp**

**SATURDAY, February 24—The 2nd Sunday of Lent**

4:00pm † Russ Daly

**SUNDAY, February 25—The 2nd Sunday of Lent**

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.

# Mass Assignments

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

2/24 & 25	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Arthur Kovach	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

## Readings for the 1st Week in Lent

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46  
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15  
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32  
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7-8; Mt 7:7-12  
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26  
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
 Sunday: Gn 12:1-4; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

# Parish Calendar of Events

- 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 23— Rediscover Your Faith at 10am at St. Monica's
- Mar 24— Holy Week Begins
- 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— Rediscover Your Faith at 10am at St. Monica's
- 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

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.

## Catholic Movie Night

Our first Catholic Movie Night, hosted by the Legion of Mary, **will be this 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:

Let us fix our attention on the blood of Christ and recognize how precious it is to God his Father, since it was shed for our salvation and brought the grace of repentance to all the world. If we review the various ages of history, we will see that in every generation the Lord has offered the opportunity of repentance to any who were willing to turn to him. The Master of the whole universe himself spoke of repentance with an oath: *As I live, says the Lord, I do not wish the death of the sinner but his repentance.* He added this evidence of his goodness: *House of Israel, repent of your wickedness. Tell the sons of my people: If their sins should reach from earth to heaven, if they are brighter than scarlet and blacker than sackcloth, you need only turn to me with your whole heart and say, "Father," and I will listen to you as a holy people.*

In other words, God wanted all his beloved ones to have the opportunity to repent and he confirmed this desire by his own almighty will. That is why we should obey his sovereign and glorious will and prayerfully entreat his mercy and kindness. Brothers, we should be humble in mind, putting aside all arrogance, pride and foolish anger. Rather, we should act in accordance with the Scriptures, as the Holy Spirit says: *The wise man must not glory in his wisdom nor the strong man in his strength nor the rich man in his riches. Rather, let him who glories glory in the Lord by seeking him and doing what is right and just.* Recall especially what the Lord Jesus said when he taught gentleness and forbearance. *Be merciful, he said, so that you may have mercy shown to you. Forgive, so that you may be forgiven. As you treat others, so you will be treated. As you give, so you will receive. As you judge, so you will be judged. As you are kind to others, so you will be treated kindly. The measure of your giving will be the measure of your receiving.* Let these commandments and precepts strengthen us to live in humble obedience to his sacred words. Sharing then in the heritage of so many vast and glorious achievements, let us hasten toward the goal of peace, set before us from the beginning. Let us keep our eyes firmly fixed on the Father and Creator of the whole universe, and hold fast to his splendid and transcendent gifts of peace and all his blessings.

-From a letter to the Corinthians by Saint Clement, pope

## 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 February 5 to February 11, 2024

Plate	\$480.96
Envelopes	\$1870.00
Weddings	\$1990.00
Candles	\$55.60
Maintenance	\$45.00
Lighthouse	\$153.96
Mass Stipends	\$120.00
Easter Flowers	\$30.00

## Stations of the Cross

We will pray the stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 3pm in the Church. Please join us for this ancient and beautiful devotion.



## 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)

## 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 [jqapileggi@gmail.com](mailto:jqapileggi@gmail.com).



## 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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bcapotosto@gmail.com).