

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE



From our Pastor:

Presentation of the Lord.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a celebration of light. It commemorates the moment when Mary and Joseph brought the child Jesus to the temple to dedicate Him to God. At the temple, Simeon, an old man who had long hoped to see the Messiah, recognized Jesus as the Christ. Taking the child in his arms, Simeon proclaimed: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel."

This feast reminds us that Christ is the light of the world. At baptism, we are given a lighted candle symbolizing the light of Christ dwelling within us. Like Simeon and Anna, who longed to see the Messiah, we too are called to recognize and nurture this light. We all carry hopes and dreams—our own "bucket lists" of meaningful things to accomplish before the end of our lives. Inspired by Simeon and Anna, one of our greatest desires should be to let Christ's light within us shine brightly, illuminating a world often filled with darkness.

This light is not meant for ourselves alone. Many around us—family, friends, and others—live in spiritual darkness caused by despair, addiction, poverty, or hopelessness. They, like Simeon, are waiting for a sign of salvation and hope. In the Gospel Jesus tells us, "You are the light of the world." As followers of Christ, we are called to bring clarity, direction, and hope to those who are lost. Through our charitable actions and Christ-like love, we can attract others to the light of Christ. May this feast inspire us to let the light of Christ within us shine ever more brightly, guiding others toward salvation and hope.

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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 2, 2025
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, February 1— The Presentation of the Lord

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, February 2— The Presentation of the Lord

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, February 3—St. Blaise

TUESDAY, February 4

WEDNESDAY, February 5— St. Agatha

Noon Eloise Sanders

THURSDAY, February 6—St. Paul Miki and Companions

Noon † Mary Saluzzi Pileggi

FRIDAY, February 7

SATURDAY, February 8— 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Regina Garcia Foster, Joseph, Paula,
Ronald I Garcia

SUNDAY, February 9— 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Liturgical Assignments

	4:00pm	11:00am
2/1 & 2/2		
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

	4:00pm	11:00am
2/8 & 2/9		
Reader	James Hardy	Maureen Kramanak
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: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18;
 Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11;
 Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 4, 8-9; Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
 Sunday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11;
 Lk 5:1-11

Parish Calendar of Events

- Feb 3— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Feb 5— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Feb 6— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Feb 7— Wedding at 5:00pm
- Feb 8-9— Social Ministry Collection
- Feb 16— Catholic Movie Night (The Song of Bernadette) at 5pm
- 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 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

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Paul Miki

Nagasaki, Japan, is familiar to Americans as the city on which the second atomic bomb was dropped, immediately killing over 37,000 people. Three and a half centuries before, 26 martyrs of Japan were crucified on a hill, now known as the Holy Mountain, overlooking Nagasaki. Among them were priests, brothers, and laymen, Franciscans, Jesuits, and members of the Secular Franciscan Order; there were catechists, doctors, simple artisans, and servants, old men and innocent children—all united in a common faith and love for Jesus and his Church.

Brother Paul Miki, a Jesuit and a native of Japan, has become the best known among the martyrs of Japan. While hanging upon a cross, Paul Miki preached to the people gathered for the execution: “The sentence of judgment says these men came to Japan from the Philippines, but I did not come from any other country. I am a true Japanese. The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I certainly did teach the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason I die. I believe that I am telling only the truth before I die. I know you believe me and I want to say to you all once again: Ask Christ to help you to become happy. I obey Christ. After Christ’s example I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain.”

When missionaries returned to Japan in the 1860s, at first they found no trace of Christianity. But after establishing themselves they found that thousands of Christians lived around Nagasaki and that they had secretly preserved in the faith. Beatified in 1627, the martyrs of Japan were finally canonized in 1862.

For Your Reflection:

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? How great was that servant who knew how he was given light, whence it came, and what sort of man he was when he was favored by that light. The light he saw was not that which fades at dusk, but the light which no eye has seen. Souls brightened by this light do not fall into sin or stumble on vice.

Our Lord said: *Walk while you have the light in you.* What other light did he mean but himself? For it was he who said: *I have come as a light into the world, so that those who have eyes may not see and the blind may receive the light.* The Lord then is our light, the sun of justice and righteousness, who has shone on his Catholic Church spread throughout the world. The prophet spoke as a figure of the Church when he cried: *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?*

The spiritual man who has been thus illumined does not limp or leave the path, but bears all things. Glimpsing our true country from afar, he puts up with adversities; he is not saddened by the things of time, but finds his strength in God. He lowers his pride and endures, possessing patience through humility. That true light which enlightens every man who comes into the world bestows itself on those who reverence it, shining where it wills, on whom it wills, and revealing itself according to the will of God the Son.

When this light begins to shine upon the man who sat in darkness and the shadow of death, in the darkness of evil and the shadow of sin, he is shocked, he calls himself to account, repents of his misdeeds in shame, and says: *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?* Great is this salvation, my brethren, which fears neither sickness nor lethargy and disregards pain. We should then in the fullest sense not only with our voice but with our very soul cry out, *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?* If he enlightens and saves me, whom shall I fear? Even though the dark shadows of evil suggestions crowd about, *the Lord is my light.* They can approach, but cannot prevail; they can lay siege to our heart, but cannot conquer it. Though the blindness of concupiscence assails us, again we say: *The Lord is my light.* For he is our strength; he gives himself to us and we give ourselves to him. Hasten to this physician while you can, or you may not be able to find him when you want him.

-From a Homily by John the Serene, Bishop

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 at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org

Weekly Activities & Events

Last Week's Offering

From January 20, 2024 to January 26, 2025

Plate _____	\$756.00
Envelopes _____	\$8335.00
Catholic Home Missions _____	\$15.00
Candles _____	\$71.75
Poor Box _____	\$50.41
Maintenance _____	\$550.00
Mass Stipend _____	\$10.00
Online _____	\$130.87

Prayer of the Week

An Act of Hope

O My God, relying on Thy infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Thy grace and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.
Amen.

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. 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.

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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, **February 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 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 February 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.