

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From our Pastor:

Living the Golden Rule: A Call to Radical Love and Mercy

In this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 6:27-38), Jesus presents one of the most challenging yet transformative teachings of our faith: "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

This simple yet profound command, often referred to as the *Golden Rule*, is not just a call to kindness—it is an invitation to radical love, the kind of love that reflects the very heart of God.

At first glance, the *Golden Rule* seems like common sense. We all appreciate kindness, fairness, and respect, and we naturally expect these from others. However, Jesus pushes us beyond conventional wisdom. He does not say, "Be good to those who are good to you." Instead, He calls us to love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, bless those who curse us, and pray for those who mistreat us. This is not the way of the world; it is the way of Christ. It is a love that expects nothing in return, a love that mirrors the mercy of our Heavenly Father.

This teaching can be difficult to accept because it challenges our instincts. When someone wrongs us, our first reaction is often to seek justice, fairness, or even revenge. But Jesus calls us to something higher: to respond with love, forgiveness, and generosity. This is not weakness—it is strength. It is the strength of a heart transformed by God's grace, a heart that chooses mercy over judgment, compassion over resentment, and peace over conflict.

Jesus gives us a powerful image of what happens when we live this way: "Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap." God's blessings come in abundance when we practice generosity and love. When we measure out kindness, patience, and forgiveness, God returns it to us in ways beyond our imagination.

But how can we put this into practice in our daily lives? It starts with small acts of love. We can choose to be patient with a difficult coworker. We can listen with compassion



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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 23, 2025
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feasts and Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, February 24

TUESDAY, February 25

WEDNESDAY, February 26

Noon † Ty Kaiser

THURSDAY, February 27— St. Gregory of Narek

Noon † Curtis Cates

FRIDAY, February 28

SATURDAY, March 1— 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

SUNDAY, March 2— 8th 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

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

3/1 & 3/2	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 7th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171-172, 174-175; Mk 9:38-40
 Thursday: Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
 Friday: Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35; Mk 10:1-12
 Saturday: Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
 Sunday: Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Parish Calendar of Events

- Feb 24— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- 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 Collection
- May 20— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- May 24— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 31— Wedding at 1:30pm
- June 4— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- June 5— Bible Study at 7pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Peter Damian

Peter was the youngest child born into a poor but noble family in Ravenna, Italy. His parents died when he was young, so he went to live with one of his older brothers who mistreated him and forced him to labor as a swineherd. Eventually, another brother, a priest from Ravenna, took him in and provided him with an excellent education. Peter was so grateful to his priest brother that he added his brother's name to his own, making him Peter Damian. Upon the completion of his education, Peter Damian began to teach with much success. However, he soon found that the university setting was not for him, so he withdrew to a monastery in Fonte-Avellana for a forty-day retreat. Upon completing his retreat, he discerned a call to monastic life and received the habit. As a monk, Peter Damian lived a secluded life of prayer and extreme penance. In 1043, at the age of thirty-five, Brother Peter Damian was named the prior of his monastery. He led the brothers with zeal and fidelity to their rule. He also began founding new hermitages in the surrounding villages. In 1045 a new Pope invited Peter Damian to help reform the church. He wrote many letters in an attempt to bring about reforms of the clergy, fought against simony (the selling of Church offices and spiritual favors), addressed sexual abuses, challenged the bishops, reformed monasteries, and gave a spectacular personal witness of holiness. In 1057, Brother Damian was made the Cardinal-Bishop of Ostia by the pope, despite his attempts to turn down the position. As a new cardinal, he quickly challenged his brother cardinals and tried to weed out corruption. He would eventually return to his hermitage and resume his life of prayer, but Pope after pope called on him for help, even while other Church leaders opposed him. In 1072, at the age of sixty-five Cardinal Peter Damian fell ill. After a week of illness in a monastery near his hometown, the cardinal died. He was named a Doctor of the Church in 1828.

to a family member who frustrates us. We can forgive the friend who hurt us, even if they never apologize. We can extend kindness to a stranger without expecting anything in return.

The *Golden Rule* is not just a moral guideline—it is the foundation of Christian living. Imagine if every encounter we had was guided by this principle. How different would our families be if we treated one another with the same patience and kindness we desire for ourselves? How transformed would our workplaces become if we approached every interaction with respect and fairness? How much more peaceful would our world be if we sought to forgive as we ourselves long to be forgiven?

Loving in this way does not mean ignoring injustice or tolerating wrongdoing. It means responding to evil with goodness, to hatred with love, and to conflict with peace. It means trusting that God's way is always better than the ways of the world.

This week, let us take the *Golden Rule* to heart. Let us practice patience with those who frustrate us, extend generosity without expecting repayment, and offer forgiveness to those who have wronged us. By doing so, we become true children of the Most High, reflecting His boundless love in a world that so desperately needs it.

Fr. Leonard



Prayer of the Week

An Act of Love

O Lord God, I love you above all things
and I love my neighbor for your sake
because you are the highest, infinite and perfect
good, worthy of all my love.

In this love I intend to live and die.

Amen.

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 February 10, 2024 to February 16, 2025

Plate _____	\$341.00
Envelopes _____	\$1430.00
Catholic Charities Emergency Appeal _____	\$120.00
Candles _____	\$43.00
Poor Box _____	\$40.00
Maintenance _____	\$400.00
Mass Stipend _____	\$10.00
Online _____	\$320.58



Church Cleaning Invitation

Next Saturday, March 1st, beginning at 9:00 a.m., is our monthly church cleaning. Please come and lend a hand for the work is light and rewarding. Stay a few minutes or an hour. We need to have about 10 people there to complete the cleaning.

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



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.

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 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.