

Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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A Meditation on Today's Gospel by Venerable Fulton Sheen

The defenses of the soul are seen at their strongest when the evil which as been resisted is also strong. The presence of temptation does not necessarily imply moral imperfection on the part of the one who is tempted. In that case, Our Divine Lord could not have been tempted at all. An inward tendency toward evil, such as man has, is not a necessary condition for an onslaught of temptation. The temptation of Our Blessed Lord came only from without, and not from within as ours so often do. What was at stake in the trial of Our Lord was not the perversion of natural appetites to which the rest of men are tempted; rather, it was an appeal to Our Lord to disregard his Divine Mission and His Messianic work. The temptation that comes from without does not necessarily weaken character;



indeed, when conquered, it affords an opportunity for holiness to increase. If he was to be the Pattern Man, He would have to teach us how to gain holiness by overcoming temptation. The tempter was sinful but the One tempted was innocent. The entire history of the world revolves around two persons, Adam and Christ. Adam was given a position to maintain, and he failed. Therefore his loss was humanity's loss; for he was its head. When a ruler declares war, the citizens declare war also, though they do not make an explicit declaration themselves. When Adam declared war against God, man declared war too.

Now, with Christ, everything was at stake again. There was a repetition of the temptation of Adam. If God had not taken upon Himself a human nature, He could not have been tempted. Though His Divine and human natures were united in one Person, the Divine nature was not diminished by His humanity, nor was the humanity swollen out of proportion through union with His Divinity. Because He had a human nature He could be tempted. If He were to become like us in all things, He would have to undergo the human experience of withstanding temptation. That is why, in the Epistle to the Hebrews, we are reminded of how closely bound He was to humanity by His trials:

For ours is not a high priest unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who, because of his likeness to us, has been tested every way, only without sin. (Heb 4:15)

It is part of the discipline of God to make His loved ones perfect through trial and suffering. Only by carrying the Cross can one reach the Resurrection. It was precisely this part of Our Lord's Mission that the devil attacked. The temptations were meant to divert Our Lord from His task of salvation through sacrifice. Instead of the Cross as a means of winning the souls of men, Satan suggested three short cuts to popularity: an economic one, another based on marvels, and a third, which was political. Very few people believe in the devil these days, which suits the devil very well. He is always helping to circulate the news of his own death. The essence of God is existence, and He defines Himself as: "I am Who am." The essence of the devil is the lie, and he defines himself as: "I am who am not." Satan has very little trouble with those who do not believe in him; they are already on his side.

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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

FEBRUARY 26, 2023
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, February 25—1st Sunday of Lent

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, February 26—1st Sunday of Lent

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, February 27— St. Gregory Narek

TUESDAY, February 28

WEDNESDAY, March 1

Noon

THURSDAY, March 2

Noon

FRIDAY, March 3— St. Katherine Drexel

SATURDAY, March 4—2nd Sunday of Lent

4:00pm Persecuted Christians

SUNDAY, March 5— 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.

Parish Calendar of Events

- February 27— Legion of Mary at 6pm
- March 1— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- March 2— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- March 3— Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm
- March 3— Lenten Study at 7pm
- March 6— Legion of Mary at 6pm
- March 11-12— Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- March 16— The Holy Hour for Marriage from 6-7pm
- April 6— Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday)
- April 9— Easter Sunday
- April 16— Food Pantry Collection after Mass

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Volunteers

2/25 & 26	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Edward Stevens	

3/4 & 5	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	AnnMarie Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	John Pileggi	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Edward Stevens	

Readings for the 1st Week of 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, 7c-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 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

The Stations of the Cross

We will have the Stations of the Cross every week during Lent at 3pm in the church. Each week we will explore a different set of meditations by various authors. This week's meditation will be by St. Josemaría Escrivá.



CC Emergency Assistance Appeal

This weekend we have a collection for the Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal. Your money will go toward providing emergency assistance to families in need of basic emergency assistance such as food pantries, educational and vocational advancement services, family safety and stabilization services, immigration and refugee assistance, behavioral health and substance use treatment, and youth and family support services. Last year, Catholic Charities assisted 134,00 individuals, families and children. Please be as generous as you are able.

Weekly Activities & Events



Saint of the Week—St. Katharine Drexel

St. Katharine was the second American born saint to be canonized by the Church. She was born in Philadelphia in 1858 into a very wealthy Catholic family known for their charitable works. She lived her life humbly with a good sense of who she was despite all the riches. While traveling in the western states she became acquainted with the plight of Native and African Americans. In 1887, while in Rome, she was given a private audience with Pope Leo XIII. She asked for missionaries for these groups. Pope Leo looked her directly in the eye and asked why she should not be the missionary. Her father died when she was 30, leaving her the heiress of a massive fortune—over 150 million in today's market. St. Katharine decided to found her own religious order. In 1891 she made religious vows and a short while later she founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored and gave of her massive fortune to help these people. By the time of her death at the age of 96 in 1955, she had founded Xavier University, 50 missions for Native Americans in 16 states, and had more than 500 sisters teaching in 63 schools. One of the missions that she helped to financially support was St. Monica's, our sister parish. She was canonized in 2000, by Pope John Paul II.

Social Outreach Ministry

The parish Social Outreach ministry will be taking monthly donations of non-perishable food, toiletries, hygiene products, diapers, and laundry items for donation to the food pantry at St. Monica's. Our next monthly collection of these items will be during the weekend of March 11-12th and will take place on the second weekend of each month. You can leave your items in the back of the church. If you forget, you can always bring the items later. If you would like to help with the social outreach ministry, please contact Bill Capotosto at bcapotosto@gmail.com.

For Your Reflection:

On Detachment

If you truly love God and long to reach the kingdom that is to come, if you are truly pained by your failings and are mindful of punishment and of eternal judgment, if you are truly afraid to die, then it will not be possible to have an attachment, or anxiety, or concern for money, for possessions, for family relationships, for worldly glory, for love and brotherhood, indeed for anything of earth. All worry about one's condition, even for one's body, will be pushed aside as hateful. Stripped of all thought of these, caring nothing about them, one will turn freely to Christ. One will look to heaven and to the help coming from there, as in the scriptural sayings: "I will cling close to you" (Ps 62:9) and "I have not grown tired of following you nor have I longed for the day or the rest that man gives" (Jer 17:16).

It would be a very great disgrace to leave everything after we have been called—and called by God, not man—and then to be worried about something that can do us no good in the hour of our need, that is, of our death. That is what the Lord meant when He told us not to turn back and not to be found unless for the kingdom of heaven. He knew how weak we could be at the start of our religious life, how easily we can turn back to the world when we associate with worldly people or happen to meet them. That is why it happened that when someone said to Him, "Let me go away to bury my father," He answered, "Let the dead bury the dead" (Mat 8:22). There are demons to assail us after our renunciation of the world. They make us envy those who remain on the outside and who are merciful and compassionate. They make us regret that we seem deprived of these virtues. Their hostile aim is to bring us by way of false humility either to turn back to the world or, if we remain... to plunge down the cliffs of despair.

—St. John Climacus, *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*

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 Whitney True-Francis, at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

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Last Weekend's Collection

From February 13 to February 19, 2023

Plate.....\$312.00

Envelopes.....\$1,986.00

Prayer of the Week

The Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

"Penance requires . . . the sinner to endure all things willingly, be contrite of heart, confess with the lips, and practice complete humility and fruitful satisfaction." Among the penitent's acts contrition occupies first place. Contrition is "sorrow of the soul and detestation for the sin committed, together with the resolution not to sin again."

-Catechism of the Catholic Church 1450-1451

Lenten Study

There is a Lenten study group that meets on Fridays during Lent at 7pm in the parish hall. This group studies the readings for the upcoming Sunday Mass and discusses its themes. Contact Rita Witt rita.l.witt@gmail.com (the letter between the periods is an L) for more information.

The Knights of Columbus

Our 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 Brad Geist or John Pileggi for more information."



Prayers Requested

Pray for Mary Weatherford, Grace Diaz, Sarah Eck, Jim Healy, Mary Healy, Rose Ann Jett, Jane Carey, Mike Burke, Maurice Carey, Jerry Gumminger, Ken Blundell, Allan Schaff, Sandra Freeman, Grace Weatherford, Jim Randolph, Joe Creedon, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera

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.

Parish Bible Study— The Gospel of John

The next Bible study session is on **March 2nd at 7pm** and it will 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 dive into the preaching of John the Baptist and the calling of the first disciples, including John the Evangelist himself, Andrew, Peter, Phillip, and Nathanael. All are welcome! Come learn more about these men! Please email Brad at bgeist@oloskc.org for updates and details.

The Legion of Mary

The 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 evangelizing and performing spiritual works of mercy. This group collaborates with parishioners of St. Monica's, our sister parish. If you would like more info contact Brad at bgeist@oloskc.org for more information or come to a meeting.



The Holy Hour for Marriage

The next Holy Hour for Marriage will be held at 6pm on March 16th at Our Lady of Sorrows and is monthly on the third Thursday of every month. The Holy Hour is for married and engaged couples to come and pray in eucharistic adoration over each other and for the needs of their marriage. There will be a short reflection on an aspect of married life and confession. When it is over, all couples are encouraged to go on a date with their spouse or fiancé. This event is open to any Catholic couple throughout the city.



Church Cleaning Invitation

March 11th, 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.

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.

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