

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 Pastor:

Salt, Light, and Discipleship

Jesus has a way of using very ordinary things to say very extraordinary truths. In today's Gospel, He doesn't compare His disciples to rare spices or dazzling fireworks. Instead, He says, "You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world." In other words, discipleship is lived out not in dramatic gestures alone, but in the small, daily choices that quietly shape the world around us.

Let's start with **salt**. Salt is easy to overlook—until it's missing. Have you ever eaten food that was completely unsalted? You don't need a theological degree to know

something is wrong. Salt brings out flavor. It preserves. It prevents decay. Jesus is saying that disciples are meant to give the world its "flavor," to slow down the decay of bitterness, injustice, and indifference. Christians are not called to blend in until no one can tell the difference between faith and the surrounding culture. Salt that loses its taste is useless, Jesus says.

Salt also stings. Anyone who has ever poured salt on a wound knows it's not comfortable. In the same way, authentic discipleship can be challenging and even uncomfortable at times. Living the Gospel may sting our pride, confront our habits, or call us to truth and repentance—but that sting is often part of the healing God wants to bring.

But notice something important, salt only works when it's **mixed in**. If it stays in the shaker, nothing changes. Likewise, discipleship is not meant to be locked inside church walls. Our faith is meant to season our workplaces, our families, our conversations, our social media posts (yes, even those). The question Jesus quietly asks us is this: *Does my presence make life more life-giving for others?* Then Jesus shifts the image to **light**. Light doesn't argue. It doesn't shout. It simply
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Weekly Schedule

Saturday

Confessions 3:30 pm

Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday

Mass 11:00 am

Wednesday and Thursday

Adoration 11:00am

Confession 11:30 am

Mass Noon

Baptism and Marriage

Call for information or email

bgeist@oloskc.org

FEBRUARY 8, 2026
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, February 7— The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Mary Saluzzi Pileggi

SUNDAY, February 8— The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, February 9

TUESDAY, February 10— St. Scholastica

WEDNESDAY, February 11— Our Lady of Lourdes
Noon † Anthony and Anastasia Martinez

THURSDAY, February 12
Noon

FRIDAY, February 13

SATURDAY, February 14— The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Andrew Leonard Sandhoefner

SUNDAY, February 15— The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

Liturgical Assignments

2/7 & 8	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

2/14 & 15	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 5th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-10; Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Ps 81:10-15; Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
 Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

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@olosc.org if you would like to have a Mass said for yourself or a loved one, living or deceased.

Parish Calendar of Events

- Feb 9— Legion of Mary at 4pm (Every Monday)
- Feb 17— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Feb 14-15— Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- Feb 18— Ash Wednesday Mass at Noon.
- Feb 19— Wedding at 5pm
- Feb 22— Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal
- Mar 4—Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Mar 5— Bible Study (Genesis) at 7pm
- Mar 7— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Mar 14-15— Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- Mar 14— Wedding at 6pm
- Mar 17— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Mar 21— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Mar 29— Palm Sunday
- Apr 1— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Apr 3— Holy Land Collection
- Apr 4—Church Cleaning and decoration at 9am
- Apr 5— Easter Sunday
- Apr 9— Bible Study (Genesis) at 7pm
- Apr 11— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Apr 11-12—Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- Apr 24—Wedding at 3:00pm
- Apr 25— Wedding at 6:00pm
- May 2— Church Cleaning at 9am
- May 3— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- May 4— Bible Study (Genesis) at 7pm
- May 8— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Scholastica

St. Scholastica was born in 480 and was the twin sister of St. Benedict, the founder of western monasticism. She was consecrated to God from an early age and, together with some other consecrated virgins, founded a monastery for women. It is likely that she settled at the base of Monte Cassino, below the monastery founded by her brother. The two had a tradition that once a year they would meet together to spend the day worshipping God, having dinner, and discussing spiritual matters at a local farmhouse, as neither were permitted in each other's monasteries. On one of these occasions, knowing that she was likely to die soon, Scholastica asked her brother to stay after dinner. Not wanting to violate his own rule of staying outside of the monastery overnight, Benedict insisted he and his monks who accompanied him go back to their own monastery. In response, Scholastica closed her hands in prayer and, after a moment, a wild storm started outside of the guest house in which they were staying. Benedict asked, "What have you done?", to which she replied, "I asked you and you would not listen; so I asked my God and he did listen. So now go off, if you can; leave me and return to your monastery." The storm was so severe that Benedict was unable to return to his monastery, and they spent the night in deep spiritual discussion. Three days later, as Benedict was working at his desk, he had a vision of Scholastica's soul going to heaven in the form of a dove. She was laid to rest at Benedict's Abbey of Monte Cassino. She is buried next to her brother. Along with St. Benedict, she is considered a patron saint of the Benedictines.

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shines—and darkness has no choice but to retreat. Jesus says no one lights a lamp and hides it under a bushel basket. That would be like buying a beautiful candle, lighting it, and then sticking it in a closet. Pointless. Light exists to be seen, to guide, to comfort, to help others find their way.

This is where discipleship becomes very practical. Being light does not mean being perfect or drawing attention to ourselves. In fact, Jesus is clear: *"that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."* The spotlight is not on us; it's on God. Our role is simply to reflect His light through kindness, patience, forgiveness, generosity, and quiet integrity. Sometimes the brightest Christian witness is not a sermon, but a listening ear, an honest day's work, or mercy offered when no one expects it.

Salt and light share one thing in common: they do their best work **by being what they are**. Salt doesn't try to be sugar. Light doesn't apologize for shining.

Discipleship is not about becoming someone else; it's about letting Christ shape who we already are so that His grace flows through us.

So this week, maybe your discipleship looks less like doing something spectacular and more like doing something faithful. Add a little salt where life feels bland. Shine a little light where things feel heavy or dark. You may never know how much difference it makes—but God does. And sometimes, that's more than enough.



A Special Thank You

We want to extend a special thank you to all those that helped clean and remove decorations in the church this last Sunday. Thank you for keeping our church beautiful, bright, and clean for the worship of our Blessed Lord!

Office of Child & Youth Protection—Sexual Abuse

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting 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.

If the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, report the suspected abuse to the Diocesan Ombudsman, ombudsman@ombudsmankcsj.org 816-213-6024 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 816-714-2357 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Weekly Activities & Events

Last Week's Offering

From Jan 26, 2026 to Feb 1, 2026

Plate	\$545.00
Envelopes	\$2536.00
Candles	\$63.00
Poor Box	\$95.00
Catholic Charities	\$45.00
Weddings	\$1995.00
Maintenance	\$605.00
Lighthouse	\$100.00
Online	\$179.50

The Knights of Columbus

Are you interested in strengthening your bonds as a family, deepening your faith in the Catholic Church, and working with like-minded men to help support your church and community? If so, please consider joining the Knights of Columbus.

FREE MEMBERSHIP: Join the Knights of Columbus between now and June 30th, 2026, and your first year of membership will be FREE! Use code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY at kofc.org/join To join the Knights use the link above or contact John Pileggi at jgapileggi@gmail.com



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, Rose Ann Jett, Jane Carey, Jerry Gumminger, Ken Blundell, Allan Schaff, Grace Weatherford, Joe Creedon, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Nolan Davidson, Jay Keen, Jim Tabor

A Note From The Editor

Announcements and changes for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office in writing no later than Wednesday 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 Legion of Mary

Under the patronage and care of the Mother of God, the Legion of Mary is formed to serve both the spiritual growth of her members and in commitment of work and service to the Church.

The Our Lady of Kibeho Praesidium meets every **Monday at 4pm in the parish hall except for the last Monday of the month, when we meet at St. Monica's at the same time.** This group collaborates with parishioners of St. Monica's, our sister parish.



Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on Thursday, **March 5th at 7pm** and we normally meet monthly on the first Thursday of every month. We will study the Book of Genesis, the first and one of the most important books of the Bible. Please email Brad at bgeist@oloskc.org for updates and details.



Pray for our Catechumens

Please pray for Noah and Drew, who are preparing to enter the Church next Easter.

Social Outreach Ministry

The parish Social Outreach ministry will be taking monthly donations of perishable and non-perishable food, toiletries, unopened 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 14th and 15th** 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.