

Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



ESTABLISHED 1890

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

From our Pastoral Associate

In our Gospel today, Jesus heals a man born blind. Jesus mixes clay and spittle (a practice common with physicians of his day) rubs it on his eyes, and sends him to go wash it off. The use of physical material for the healing also anticipates the sacraments. The man comes back seeing. The people are astonished to see this man, whom they had known simply as a blind beggar suddenly looking at them, able to see and move about on his own. The crowd begins to argue with one another whether it is him or not.



Jesus has had such a profound effect on him that he is as if he is a new man. The man stops the argument by stating, "I am the man." As the disagreement about Jesus continues, it's clear that it's not just his physical sight that has been changed. We see his faith unfolding as they question. First he states that Jesus is simply a man. When asked again, he states that he is a prophet. Upon further questioning the man hints that he is now Jesus' disciple. Then he declares that Jesus is from God. Finally, when Jesus approaches him again (allowing the man to see him for the first time), the man falls at his feet, worships him, and calls him Lord. His spiritual sight, over the course of this reading, comes into clear and present focus. His example is placed in direct juxtaposition of the pharisees— those who, largely, rejected Jesus and opposed him. As Jesus states— they are actually the blind ones. Though they were not blind at birth, these men refuse to see the spiritual reality crashing upon them. They choose to hold with their own understanding, rather than to enter into the new kingdom that Jesus is preparing.

I am reminded of C.S. Lewis' famous argument that said that Jesus could never simply be called a great moral teacher— he did not leave that option available to us. No one else could do the things that he did, and even less had anyone ever spoken of himself the way he had. He must be either called a liar (of which it would be difficult to call him such), a lunatic (which he clearly was not treated as such), or Lord. Everything Jesus did or said left a choice of two options— to reject him, or to respond to him in faith. So how do we respond to him? Do we accept him as Our Lord and God in faith, or do we reject him? And if we do accept him, do we live our lives as if we truly do or do we live as if it didn't matter? Let us never cease to improve and live the Gospel in our own lives.

Parish Office

2552 Gillham Rd
Kansas City, MO 64108
Next to the church at the top
of the stairs.

Office Hours

9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Monday-Friday

Phone (816) 421-2112

Fax (816) 421-6037

Email oloskc@oloskc.org

Rev. Leonard Gicheru

Pastor
frleonard@oloskc.org

Brad Geist

Pastoral Associate
Legion of Mary President
bgeist@oloskc.org

John Pileggi

Knights of Columbus
816-547-6574
jgapileggi@gmail.com

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

MARCH 10, 2024
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, March 9—The 4th Sunday of Lent

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, March 10—The 4th Sunday of Lent

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, March 11

TUESDAY, March 12

WEDNESDAY, March 13

† Edith Robinson

THURSDAY, March 14

Noon † Andrew Leonard Sandhoefner

FRIDAY, March 15

SATURDAY, March 16—The 5th Sunday of Lent

4:00pm † John Pileggi

SUNDAY, March 17—The 5th Sunday of Lent

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

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 devotion.



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.

Mass Assignments

3/9 & 10	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	James Hardy	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

3/16 & 17	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	James Hardy	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Ed and Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 4th Week in Lent

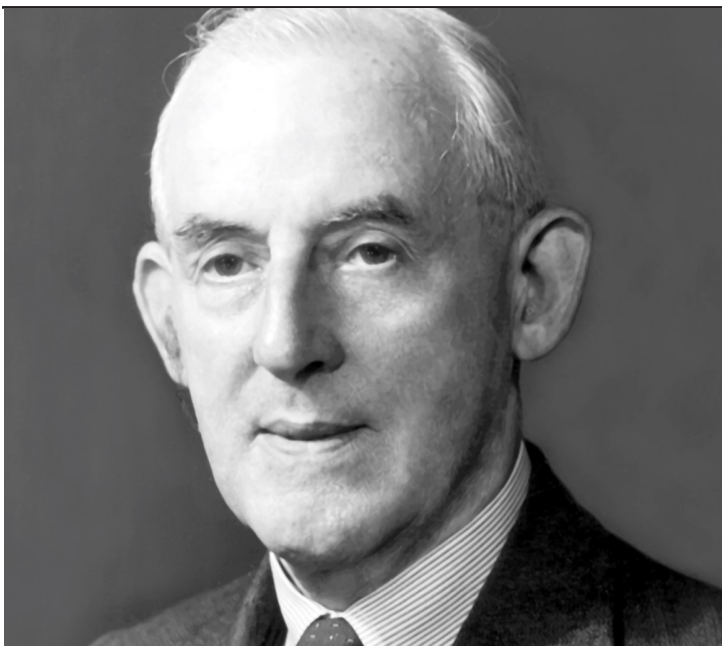
Monday: Is 65:17-21; ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18;
 Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9-12; Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9;
 Jn 12:20-33

Parish Calendar of Events

- Mar 9-10— Catholic Relief Services Collection
- Mar 11— Legion of Mary at 6pm
- Mar 17— Catholic Movie Night (The Passion of the Christ) at 6pm
- 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 5— Catholic Movie Night (Fatima) at 6pm
- May 18— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 19— Tomorrow's Priests Collection
- May 25— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 26— Peter's Pence Collection
- June 1— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— Frank Duff

The Servant of God Frank Duff was born in Dublin, Ireland in 1889. He joined the St. Vincent de Paul society at the age of 24 and became acquainted with the real poverty of Dublin. In 1916, he wrote his first pamphlet *Can We Be Saints?* in which he expressed the idea that all are called to be saints are given the means necessary through Christian faith. In 1921, Duff helped call a meeting of himself, a priest, and 15 other women to create an organization that would perform voluntary work in bringing souls to Christ. The Legion of Mary was formed and Duff modeled the organization on the Roman legion, using many of the same terms. One of the first acts that the Legion would perform would be to convert and close down a prostitution district in the city. In 1932, Duff used the International Eucharistic Congress to convince bishops to bring the Legion to their own dioceses. From this point, the Legion of Mary rapidly spread throughout the world. He sent envoys, or missionaries, to many parts of the world including Africa, Asia, and South America. The Legion became so well known for its work that Duff was invited to be a lay observer at the Second Vatican Council and when he was introduced, received a standing ovation. Today the Legion of Mary is the largest lay apostolate in the world. Frank Duff died in 1980.

Catholic Movie Night

Our next Catholic Movie Night, hosted by the Legion of Mary, **will be Sunday, March 17th at 6pm in the Parish Hall.** Our next movie will be **The Passion of the Christ** (2004), a highly realistic portrayal of the last twelve hours of Jesus' life on earth— detailing the Agony in the Garden to the burial in the tomb. Directed by Mel Gibson, this film is based on the mystical revelations of Anne Catherine Emmerich. Please note that the movie is rated R for severe violence and parental discretion is advised. Our next movies will be: **Fatima on May 5th and A Man For All Seasons on June 22nd.**

For Your Reflection:

True reverence for the Lord's passion means fixing the eyes of our heart on Jesus crucified and recognizing in him our own humanity. The earth- our earthly nature- should tremble at the suffering of its Redeemer. The rocks- the hearts of unbelievers- should burst asunder. No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the cross. No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ. His prayer brought benefit to the multitude that raged against him. How much more does it bring to those who turn to him in repentance? The sacred blood of Christ has quenched the flaming sword that barred access to the tree of life. The age-old night of sin has given place to the true light. The Christian people are invited to share the riches of paradise. All who have been reborn have the way open before them to return to their native land, from which they had been exiled. The business of this life should not preoccupy us with its anxiety and pride, so that we no longer strive with all the love of our heart to be like our Redeemer, and to follow his example. Everything that he did or suffered was for our salvation: he wanted his body to share the goodness of its head. First of all, in taking our human nature while remaining God, so that *the Word became man*, he left no member of the human race, the unbeliever excepted, without a share in his mercy. Who does not share a common nature with Christ if he has welcomed Christ, who took our nature, and is reborn in the Spirit through whom Christ was conceived? Again, who cannot recognize in Christ his own infirmities? Who would not recognize that Christ's eating and sleeping, his sadness and his shedding of tears of love are marks of the nature of a slave? It was this nature of a slave that had to be healed of its ancient wounds and cleansed of the defilement of sin. For that reason the only-begotten Son of God became also the son of man. He was to have both the reality of a human nature and the fullness of the godhead. The body that lay lifeless in the tomb is ours. The body that rose again on the third day is ours. The body that ascended above all the heights of heaven to the right hand of the Father's glory is ours. If then we walk in the way of his commandments, and are not ashamed to acknowledge the price he paid for our salvation in a lowly body, we too are to rise to share his glory.

-From a sermon by Pope St. Leo the Great

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

Weekly Activities & Events

Last Week's Offering

From February 26 to March 3, 2024

Plate	\$368.00
Envelopes	\$2576.00
Weddings	\$2995.00
Candles	\$59.38
Poor Box	\$104.00
Maintenance	\$469.00
Easter Flowers	\$20.00

Parish Brunch

Please join us for our quarterly parish fellowship brunch on **March 10th after the 11am Mass in the Parish Hall**. We promise great food and wonderful fellowship. If you are able to bring a dish to share, great! If you are unable to bring a dish, come anyway! Visitors are welcome! Please sign the sign-up sheet located on the tables at the back or side of the Church to help us know how to plan.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

This week we will have a second collection for the Catholic Relief Services, which support the work of Catholic organizations that aid victims of war and natural disasters. Please be as generous as you are able.

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 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, Mary Healy, Rose Ann Jett, Jane Carey, Jerry Gumminger, Ken Blundell, Allan Schaff, Grace Weatherford, Joe Creedon, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Nolan Davidson, John Pileggi

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.

Visit our Website & Facebook Page

Please visit our website at oloskc.org. Once there Visit our Facebook page by clicking where indicated. There is also a link to our YouTube page. Like our Facebook Page and Subscribe to our YouTube Channel.



You may also make donations through our website.

Or use our QR Code for PayPal!

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 **April 4th 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 Jn 12 and the events leading up to Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. 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 for updates and details.



Rediscover Your Faith

Our next meeting will be announced soon and will be at St. Monica's, our sister parish. 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 more deeply enter the mystery of the Liturgy. 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 March 9th and 10th**, 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.