

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 Pastoral Associate:

Having spent the last two years now exploring my family's genealogy and history, I've found it quite mind-boggling to explore just how many descendants can come from just one couple. A number of my ancestors were ethnic Germans that settled in Russia in the mid 1700's. One of those couples, who were my 6th great grandparents, I have made a special study



due to a large number of church records that recently became available. As I've traced their children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and more, I've been astonished to watch the number of their descendants grow exponentially. I am currently halfway through the 5th generation (their great great grandchildren) and I've already detailed close to 750 descendants, and that doesn't include the families I simply can't find or moved to villages without records. By the time I reach the current generations, I will have most likely detailed thousands of people living in the United States, Brazil, Argentina, Canada, Russia, and Germany. Their descendants would include a Hollywood star that danced in a movie with Elvis and a priest who was martyred at the orders of Joseph Stalin. Did my ancestors know just how far reaching and numerous their descendants would one day be? It's possible, given how many grandchildren they had.

But in our reading today, God tells Abram (soon to be renamed Abraham), "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so shall your descendants be." Abram at this point is childless and he and his wife are old. He has named his own servant to be his heir, an embarrassment in the ancient world. And yet at God's promise Abram is described as putting his faith in God and it is reckoned to him as righteousness. It is seemingly impossible that he could have an descendants at all, let alone so many that it would rival the number of stars in the sky, and yet Abram believes. Abraham's descendants do in fact become as numerous as God promises and become a nation—that of Israel. One of these descendants will be the Bright Morning Star— Jesus Christ. But even more than his physical descendants, Abraham has his spiritual descendants—those that believe in his God due to Abraham's own faith, which made the rest of salvation history possible. This includes both Jews and Christians. Indeed, Abraham's
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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

MARCH 16, 2025
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, March 15— 2nd Sunday of Lent

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, March 16— 2nd Sunday of Lent

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, March 17— St. Patrick's Day

TUESDAY, March 18— St. Cyril of Jerusalem

WEDNESDAY, March 19— St. Joseph, Spouse of BVM

Noon † Arlene Wunstel

THURSDAY, March 20

Noon Anthony and Anastasia Martinez and Family and Friends (living and deceased)

FRIDAY, March 21

SATURDAY, March 22— 3rd Sunday of Lent

4:00pm Couples married at Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, March 23— 3rd 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.

Liturgical Assignments

3/15 & 3/16	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Arthur Kovach	Nancy Lowdon
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

3/22 & 3/23	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Arthur Kovach	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 2nd Week of Lent

Monday: Dn 9:4-10; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sunday: Ex 3:1-8, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11;

Parish Calendar of Events

- Mar 17— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Mar 18— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Mar 19— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Mar 21— Stations of the Cross at 3pm
- Mar 30— Catholic Relief Services Collection
- Apr 2— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Apr 3— Bible Study at 7pm
- Apr 13— Palm Sunday
- Apr 15— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Apr 17— Holy Thursday at 6pm
- Apr 18— Good Friday at 3pm
- Apr 18— Good Friday Holy Land Collection
- Apr 19— Easter Vigil at 8pm
- Apr 20th— Easter Sunday at 11am
- 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
- Jun 4— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jun 5— Bible Study at 7pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Patrick

Patrick may have been born in Dunbarton, Scotland, Cumberland, England, or in northern Wales. At 16, he and a large number of his father's slaves and vassals were captured by Irish raiders and sold as slaves in Ireland. Forced to work as a shepherd, he suffered greatly from hunger and cold. After six years Patrick escaped and later returned to Britain at the age of 22. His captivity had meant spiritual conversion. He may have studied at Lerins, off the French coast; he spent years at Auxerre, France, and was consecrated bishop at the age of 43. His great desire was to proclaim the good news to the Irish. In a dream vision it seemed "all the children of Ireland from their mothers' wombs were stretching out their hands" to him. He understood the vision to be a call to do mission work in pagan Ireland. He went to the west and north—where the faith had never been preached—obtained the protection of local kings, and made numerous converts. He ordained many priests, divided the country into dioceses, held Church councils, founded several monasteries and continually urged his people to greater holiness in Christ. He suffered much opposition from pagan druids and was criticized in both England and Ireland for the way he conducted his mission. In a relatively short time, the island had experienced deeply the Christian spirit, and was prepared to send out missionaries whose efforts were greatly responsible for Christianizing Europe.

Sunday Brunch

Everyone is welcome to join us for our quarterly parish fellowship meal on **June 23rd after the 11am Mass** in the parish hall. We promise great food and wonderful fellowship. If you are able to bring a dish, that's great. If you aren't, please come anyway. Please sign the sign up sheet in the back of the church.

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descendants are as numerous as the stars.

The Church places the example of Abraham before us in Lent because it is the sort of faith and trust in God to which we should aspire. Abraham had no reason to believe what God was saying. He was old. Even worse, his wife was well past her childbearing years. And yet, despite the clear evidence to the contrary, Abraham believes that God can and will do it. In return for this faith, God promises him a land— which will become known as the Promised Land— which will be the home of these many descendants.

We too, when we are in the midst of the worst difficulties, should never despair of God's help and concern for our problems and struggles. Even when things are impossible, Abraham shows us that it is important to trust and to keep our hearts open to God's workings and grace. God can make the impossible quite possible.

I encourage you during this Lent to identify those parts of your life that seem the least likely to happen. Bring them to him with full faith and confidence and put your trust in his providential care. Do not despair. Do not lose hope. And most of all, pray that he will guide you in his wisdom and mercy.

Prayer of the Week

The Breastplate of St. Patrick

I arise today through the strength of Christ's birth with His baptism, through the strength of His crucifixion with His burial, through the strength of His resurrection with His ascension, through the strength of His descent for the judgment of doom. I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's shield to protect me, God's host to save me from snares of devils, from temptation of vices, from everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and near. Christ to shield me today against poison, against burning, against drowning, against wounding, so that there may come to me an abundance of reward. Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of every one who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. 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 March 3, 2025 to March 9, 2025

Plate _____	\$932.42
Envelopes _____	\$1366.00
Ash Wednesday _____	\$470.01
Candles _____	\$91.50
Poor Box _____	\$70.25
Maintenance _____	\$100.00
CCEA _____	\$653.00
Easter Flowers _____	\$240.00
Online _____	\$349.06

Catholic Movie Night

The Legion of Mary will have its next Catholic Movie Night on **Sunday, March 23rd at 5pm** in the parish hall. We will be watching **The Left Hand of God**, At a Catholic mission in China, long-awaited "Father O'Shea" proves to be a tough guy. Food will be provided. We hope to see you there!

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.

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.



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

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.



Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on Thursday, **April 3rd 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 explore Jesus' trial before Pilate, exploring the many twists and turns it takes. 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 April 12 and 13**, 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.