

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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A Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel

Jesus turns to the bystanders: "For judgment have I come into this world, that they who do not see may see, and they who see may become blind." (Jn 9:1-39)

"Blind" are those who realize that with all their earthly insight and knowledge they stand in the dark before the divine, utterly incapable of comprehending the Essential. He who admits this truth to himself and to his God encounters "the light of the world," who unfolds in him powers of heavenly vision. In its clarity he recognizes God's messenger, the new order, the budding new creation. And the more he sees, the more 'seeing' he grows, comprehending the things of God's kingdom more and more deeply and fully. Thus the inner eye feeds on what it sees, and the greater its strength, the greater the abundance that is revealed to it.

The 'seeing,' on the other hand, are those who in God's presence still cling to their earthly point of view, their earthly knowledge, earthly conception of justice, naively attempting to measure even the divine by their own standards. When the Son of God himself stands before them, they see only a rebel and proceed against all who believe in him with the heavy indignation of the righteous. And when



the long awaited Christ performs his miracles before their eyes, they either refuse to see them or brand them works of Satan! Because they do not wish to see, demonstrations of God's power and love only seem to make them incapable of seeing. They become increasingly short-sighted and ultimately blind.

The healing of the blind man gives us a key to the mystery of Jesus' rejection in Jerusalem, and we ourselves are advised to be "in fear and trembling" lest the light in us go out. We too stand 'in court'; for us too the decision must be made as to whether we belong to the 'seeing' whose inner eye is afflicted, or to the 'blind' whose 'eyes' have been opened. And our sentence falls over and over again— each time we hear a word of the Lord or encounter his truth, or feel called upon by his demands, for God weaves a ray of light, which effects either our vision or our blindness, into his every disposition of our lives. Woe to us if we are content with our intrinsic blindness!

-Romano Guardini, *The Lord*

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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 19, 2023
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, March 18— 4th Sunday of Lent

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, March 19— 4th Sunday of Lent

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, March 20— St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM

TUESDAY, March 21

WEDNESDAY, March 22

Noon— † Concepcion Santoyo-Mora

THURSDAY, March 23— St. Turibius of Mongrovejo

Noon

FRIDAY, March 24

SATURDAY, March 25— 5th Sunday of Lent

4:00pm Those getting married at OLOS

SUNDAY, March 26— 5th 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.

Volunteers

3/18 & 19	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Brad Geist
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

3/11 & 12	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Edward Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the Fourth Week of Lent

- Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- 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, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Parish Calendar of Events

- March 18-19— Catholic Relief Service Collection
 - March 20— Legion of Mary at 6pm
 - March 24— Stations of the Cross at 3pm
 - March 24— Lenten Study at 7pm
 - March 25— Parish Potluck after the 4pm Mass
 - April 2— Palm Sunday
 - April 5— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
 - April 6— Holy Thursday at 6pm
 - April 7— Good Friday Service at 3pm
 - April 7— Holy Land Collection
 - April 8— Easter Vigil at 8pm
 - April 9— Easter Sunday at 11am
 - April 13— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
 - April 15— Wedding at 2pm
 - April 15— Wedding at 6pm
 - April 15-16— Food Pantry Collection after Mass
 - April 16— Divine Mercy Sunday
 - April 18— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
 - April 20— City on a Hill KC Underground at 7-9pm
 - April 22— Wedding at 1:30pm
 - April 29— Wedding at 1:30pm
 - May 4— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
 - May 6— Wedding at 1:30pm
 - May 13— Wedding at 1:30pm
 - May 13— Wedding at 6pm
 - May 16— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
 - May 18— The Holy Hour for Marriage at 6pm
- Keep watching for more info & dates to come!**

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week—St. Joseph

St. Joseph was chosen by God to be the husband and protector of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. Descended in direct line from King David, Joseph was of the more humble trade of carpenter. When he was betrothed to Mary but before they were come together, he learned that she was with child by the Holy Spirit. He sought to divorce her quietly but was dissuaded by an angel. On a trip to Bethlehem for the census, Jesus was born and Joseph soon moved his family to Egypt to protect the child from King Herod. He eventually moved his family back to Nazareth and settled down. When Jesus was 12, he disappeared for a time. With Mary, Joseph spent 3 days seeking for Jesus in Jerusalem and rejoiced upon finding him. He taught Jesus everything he knew of his craft, but more especially of his faith. While none of his words are recorded in scripture, he is described by St. Matthew as a righteous man. He died sometime before the public ministry of Jesus. Joseph is honored as the great Patron and Protector of the Church, this being the extension of the role that he fulfilled in his life while on earth. He is also known as the patron of carpenters, workers, fathers, husbands, and of happy deaths—himself having the great privilege of dying in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

City on a Hill- KC Underground

City on a Hill will be holding its bi-monthly KC Underground on April 20th at 7pm at Our Lady of Sorrows. Join the City on a Hill young adult community and Bishop Johnston for an evening of candlelit adoration and contemplative music! Doors will open at 7:00, and confessions will be heard from that point throughout the evening until 9:00 PM. The event will begin at 7:30 with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Hope to see you there!



For Your Reflection:

The faithful should look into themselves and carefully examine their minds and the impulses of their hearts. If they find some of the fruits of love stored in their hearts then they must not doubt God's presence within them, but to make themselves more and more able to receive so great a guest they should do more and more works of durable mercy and kindness. After all, if God is love, charity should know no limit, for God himself cannot be confined within limits.

What is the appropriate time for performing works of charity? My beloved children, any time is the right time, but these days of Lent provide a special encouragement. Those who want to be present at the Lord's Passover in holiness of mind and body should seek above all to win this grace. Charity contains all other virtues and covers a multitude of sins.

As we prepare to celebrate that greatest of all mysteries, by which the blood of Jesus Christ destroyed our sins, let us first of all make ready the sacrificial offerings — that is, our works of mercy. What God in his goodness has already given to us, let us give to those who have sinned against us.

And to the poor also, and to those who are afflicted in various ways, let us show a more open-handed generosity so that God may be thanked through many voices and the needy may be fed as a result of our fasting. No act of devotion on the part of the faithful gives God more pleasure than the support that is lavished on his poor.

Where God finds charity with its loving concern, there he recognises the reflection of his own fatherly care.

Do not be put off giving by a lack of resources. A generous spirit is itself great wealth, and there can be no shortage of material for generosity where it is Christ who feeds and Christ who is fed. His hand is present in all this activity: his hand, which multiplies the bread by breaking it and increases it by giving it away.

When you give alms, do not be anxious but full of happiness. The greatest treasure will go to the one who has kept the least for himself.

-From a sermon by Pope St. Leo the Great (lived 400-461)

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 March 6 to March 12, 2023

Plate.....\$381.36

Envelopes.....\$2057.00

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Today there is a second collection for the Catholic Relief Services. The Catholic Relief Services provides international relief and solidarity efforts, especially for those displaced by persecution, natural disasters and war as well as the poor. Please be as generous as you are able.

The Stations of the Cross

We will have the Stations of the Cross every week during Lent at 3pm in the church.



Parish Potluck

Our parish will have a potluck dinner on **March 25th after the 4pm Mass in the parish hall**. We encourage you to bring a main dish, side, salad, dessert, or bread dish and leave it in the parish hall before Mass. This will be a great time for fellowship among our parishioners from both Masses and a great way for our members to get to know each other better. Sign up sheets are available at the back of the Church. Please consider coming for this fun time!

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.

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 April 15-16th** 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.

Parish Bible Study— The Gospel of John

The next Bible study session is on **April 13th 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 explore the Wedding at Cana, John's portrayal of Mary, the Cleansing of the Temple, what Jesus means when he calls himself the Son of Man, and what is meant when Jesus speaks of his "hour". All are welcome! 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 advancing the Gospel. 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.



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.

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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