

# Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

## From our Pastor:

### “Roll Away the Stone”

In the Gospel for this Fifth Sunday of Lent, we hear one of the most powerful stories in the entire Bible—the raising of Lazarus. It is dramatic, emotional, and deeply human. We see friendship, grief, confusion, faith, and finally a miracle that leaves everyone astonished. But if we look closely, one small line in the story carries a powerful message for us. When Jesus arrives at the tomb, He says something very simple:

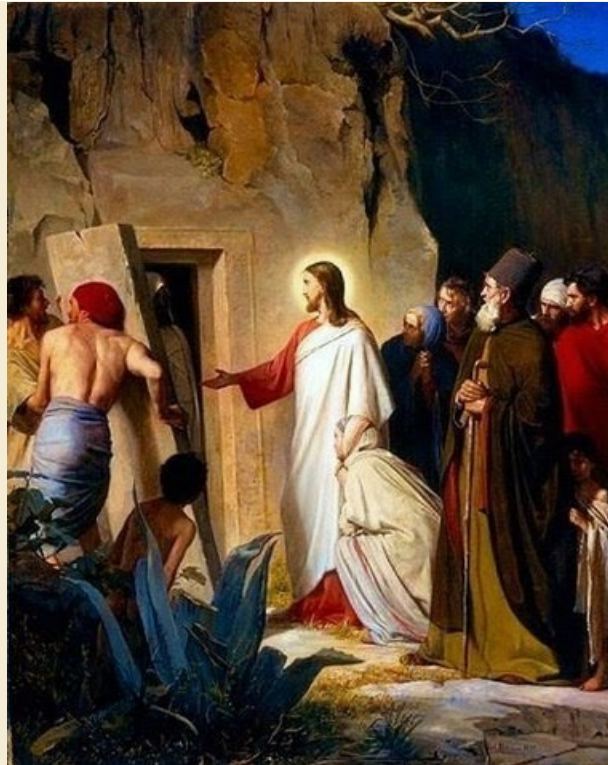
### “Take away the stone.”

Now imagine the scene. Lazarus has been dead for four days. In that culture, everyone knew what that meant. Martha even warns Jesus: “Lord, by now there will be a stench.” In other words, “Jesus... i don't this is a good idea.”

Yet Jesus insists: “Take away the stone.”

Why would Jesus ask the people to move the stone? After all, if He could raise the dead, surely, He could roll away a stone by Himself. He could have snapped His fingers and done it. But He doesn't. Instead, He asks the people standing there to do something first. And that is the lesson for us this Lent. Very often we pray and ask God for miracles in our lives. We ask Him to fix our problems, heal our relationships, strengthen our faith, or bring life back into something that feels dead. Yet sometimes God waits for us to move the stone first. The stone may be small, or it may be very heavy.

For some of us, the stone is **resentment**. Someone hurt us, and we have carried that wound for years. Every time we see that person, the stone sits right there in front of the tomb of our hearts. For others, the stone may be **fear**. Fear of change. Fear of forgiveness. Fear of trusting God more deeply. For others, the stone might simply be **spiritual laziness**. We



## Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday: 6pm  
Good Friday: 3pm  
Easter Vigil: 8pm  
Easter Sunday: 10am

## Parish Office

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of the stairs.

## Office Hours

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Monday-Friday

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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

MARCH 22, 2026  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

# Feasts and Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, March 21— The 5th Sunday in Lent**

4:00pm † Russ Daly

**SUNDAY, March 22— The 5th Sunday in Lent**

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**MONDAY, March 23— St. Turibius of Mongrovejo**

**TUESDAY, March 24**

**WEDNESDAY, March 25— The Annunciation of the Lord**

Noon

**THURSDAY, March 26**

Noon Anthony and Anastasia Martinez and Family

**FRIDAY, March 27**

**SATURDAY, March 28— Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

**SUNDAY, March 29— Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

# Liturgical Assignments

3/21 & 22	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	John Pileggi	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

3/28 & 29	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy Nancy Lowdon Deacon Michael Elsey	Jim Carley Ann Marie Creedon Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

## Readings for the 5th Week in Lent

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

### 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

- Mar 16— Legion of Mary at 4pm (Every Monday)
- Mar 27— Stations of the Cross at 3pm
- Mar 29— Palm Sunday
- Apr 1— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Apr 2— Holy Thursday Mass at 6pm
- Apr 3— Good Friday Service at 3pm
- Apr 3— Holy Land Collection
- Apr 4— Church Cleaning and decoration at 9am
- Apr 4— Easter Vigil Mass at 8pm
- Apr 5— Easter Sunday at 10am
- Apr 9— Bible Study (Genesis) at 7pm
- Apr 11— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Apr 11-12— Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- Apr 21— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- 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 9— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 16— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Mar 19— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- May 23— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 23-24— Peter's Pence Collection
- May 30— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 30— Wedding at 6pm
- Jun 3— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jun 4— Bible Study at 7pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. Gabriel the Archangel

Gabriel, whose name means "Strength of God," acts as God's messenger angel. We first hear of him by name in the Book of Daniel, when Daniel had a vision he didn't understand, and St. Gabriel interpreted it for him. He next appears to the aged Zachary to tell him that his theretofore barren wife will give birth to a boy they'll name John (the great John the Baptist). Then, within months, he goes to Mary and tells her that she will give birth to a Son she'll name Jesus, and that He "shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the most High; and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of David his father; and He shall reign in the house of Jacob for ever. And of His kingdom there shall be no end."

It's believed that St. Gabriel is also the angel who appeared to St. Joseph (Matthew 1:20) and to the shepherds on Christmas (Luke 2:8-20). Some also hold that it was he who tended to Christ as He spent the night in the Garden of Gethsemani before His Passion (Luke 22:39-44), while others believe it was St. Raphael. It's also believed that he will be the angel to announce the second coming of Christ our Lord. St. Gabriel is the patron of those who work in communications (postal workers, messengers, etc.). He can be recognized in art by his holding a lily (including the fleur-de-lis, a stylized lily) or a trumpet, or, as is most usual, by the context of his addressing the Virgin. He's also seen in art signalling the End Times with his trumpet.

know we should pray more, come to confession, read Scripture, or serve others—but we keep saying, "Maybe next week."

Lent is the season when Jesus stands in front of our tombs and says gently but firmly: **"Take away the stone."**

Notice something else in the Gospel. Jesus does not say, "Lazarus, come out!" until after the stone is removed. The miracle happens **after** the stone moves. Sometimes we want the opposite. We want the miracle first, and then we promise God we will change. But the Lord often works differently. He invites us to take a step of faith first.

I once heard someone say that many Catholics treat confession like a dentist appointment—we wait until the pain is absolutely unbearable before we go! But Lent reminds us that God is not waiting to punish us. He is waiting to raise us to life.

And when Lazarus finally comes out of the tomb, Jesus gives another instruction: **"Untie him and let him go."** Because when God gives life, He does not want us walking around wrapped in the old bandages of sin, fear, or guilt.

Brothers and sisters, as we approach the final weeks of Lent, Jesus stands before each of us and asks one question: **What stone in your life needs to be rolled away?** Move the stone—and watch what God can do.

## Stations of the Cross

We will pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 3pm in the Church. Please join us!



## Parish Brunch

Welcome to the annual OLOS Spring Brunch. It will be held on March 22 after the 11:00 Mass in the Parish Hall. Come get to know your fellow parishioners. Great food, great conversation and it's free!. Bring a covered dish if you can but not required. Sign up sheets are in the back of the church.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

# Weekly Activities & Events

## Last Week's Offering

From Mar 9, 2026 to Mar 15, 2026

Plate _____	\$346.75
Envelopes _____	\$2101.00
Catholic Relief Services _____	\$150.00
Candles _____	\$88.00
Poor Box _____	\$93.00
Maintenance _____	\$5.00
Mass Stipend _____	\$20.00
Online _____	\$397.18

## 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](http://kofc.org/join) To join the Knights use the link above or contact John Pileggi at [jgapileggi@gmail.com](mailto:jgapileggi@gmail.com)



## Email Prayer Chain

If you would like to request prayers, please email our prayer chain at [AnnMarie@oloskc.org](mailto: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, Rose Ann Jett, Jane Carey, Jerry Gumminger, Ken Blundell, Allan Schaff, Grace Weatherford, 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](mailto: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, **April 9th 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](mailto: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 April 11th and 12th** 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](mailto:bcapotosto@gmail.com).