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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From our Pastor:

Third Week of Lent: Called to Holy Ground

It's hard to believe that we are already beginning the third week of Lent. The journey seems to move quickly, yet this sacred season continues to invite us into a deeper reflection on our relationship with God. Have we allowed ourselves to slow down, to truly enter into the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving? Or are we simply watching the season pass by, waiting for Easter without fully embracing the transformation that Lent offers?

In today's reading, we encounter Moses in the wilderness, tending the flock of his father-in-law. In the quiet and ordinary rhythm of his life, he suddenly comes upon a sight that stops him in his tracks—a bush aflame, yet not consumed. Drawn in by the mystery, Moses turns aside to look, and it is in that moment of attentiveness that God calls his name. "Moses, Moses!" And he responds, "Here I am."

This encounter is at the heart of what Lent is about. It is a season that calls us to recognize the burning bushes in our own lives—those moments where God is speaking, inviting, and calling us to deeper conversion. But do we notice? Are we willing to turn aside from our daily busyness to listen?

God tells Moses to remove his sandals because he is standing on holy ground. This is a powerful reminder that when we come into God's presence, we are called to humility, reverence, and surrender. Lent asks us to remove our own "sandals"—the things that make us spiritually numb, the comforts that keep us from fully depending on God. Whether it is a sin we need to confess, a habit we need to break, or an attitude that needs to change, this season invites us to step onto holy ground with open hearts, ready for transformation.

Moses learns that God has seen the suffering of His people and has come to deliver them. This echoes the message of Lent: God sees our struggles, our burdens, and our sins. He does not leave us in slavery but calls us to freedom. However, just as Moses was hesitant—questioning his ability to carry out God's mission—we too might feel unworthy or uncertain about where God is leading us. Yet, God reassures us with the same words He gave Moses: "I AM." He is not a distant God but an ever-present one. He is our strength, our hope, and our salvation.

As we enter this third week of Lent, let us ask ourselves: Have I turned aside to listen to God's voice? Am I willing to remove my sandals and stand in His presence with humility? Do I trust that He is leading me toward greater freedom?

Lent is not just about giving things up; it is about making space for God to reveal Himself. May we continue this journey with open hearts, knowing that He is with us always—guiding, redeeming, and calling us by name. **"This is my name forever; thus am I to be remembered through all generations."** (Exodus 3:15)

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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 23, 2025
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Feasts and Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, March 24

TUESDAY, March 25— The Annunciation of the Lord

WEDNESDAY, March 26
Noon Anthony and Anastasia Martinez and Family and Friends (living and deceased)

THURSDAY, March 27
Noon

FRIDAY, March 28

SATURDAY, March 29— 4th Sunday of Lent
4:00pm † Deceased Members of the Ibarra Family

SUNDAY, March 30— 4th 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

3/22 & 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

3/29 & 3/30	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Bill Copotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 3rd Week of Lent

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15; Ps 42:2-3, 43:3-4; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-9; Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21; Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday: Jos 5:9-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next weekend we will have a collection for the Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as you are able.

Parish Calendar of Events

- Mar 24— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Mar 28— 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
- Jun 7— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jun 7— Wedding at 6pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Gabriel the Archangel

St. Gabriel is an angel who serves as a messenger for God to certain people. He is one of the three archangels. Gabriel is mentioned in both the Old and the New Testaments of the Bible. First, in the Old Testament, Gabriel appears to the prophet Daniel to explain his visions. Gabriel is described as, "one who looked like man," as he interprets Daniel's visions. He speaks to Daniel while he is sleeping. After Gabriel's first visit, Daniel becomes tired and sick for days. Gabriel later visits Daniel again providing him with more insight and understanding in an answered prayer. In the New Testament, Gabriel, described as "an angel of the Lord," first appears to Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist. He tells him, "Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth." Luke 1:13. After Elizabeth conceived and was six months pregnant, Gabriel appears again. The Book of Luke states he was sent from God to Nazareth to visit the virgin married to a man named Joseph. Gabriel said to Mary, "Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women." Gabriel told Mary she would conceive from The Holy Ghost and the baby will be the Son of God.

After the Annunciation of Mary, Gabriel is not spoken of again. Gabriel is recognized as the patron saint of messengers, telecommunication workers, and postal workers.

Sunday Brunch

Everyone is welcome to join us for our quarterly parish fellowship meal on **March 30 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.

For Your Reflection

The wise man must not boast of his wisdom, nor the strong man of his strength, nor the rich man of his riches. What then is the right kind of boasting? What is the source of man's greatness? Scripture says: The man who boasts must boast of this, that He knows and understands that I am the Lord. Here is man's greatness, here is man's glory and majesty: to know in truth what is great, to hold fast to it, and to seek glory from the Lord of glory. The Apostle tells us: The man who boasts must boast of the Lord. He has just said: Christ was appointed by God to be our wisdom, our righteousness, our sanctification, our redemption, so that, as it is written, a man who boasts must boast of the Lord.

Boasting of God is perfect and complete when we take no pride in our own righteousness but acknowledge that we are utterly lacking in true righteousness and have been made righteous only by faith in Christ.

Paul boasts of the fact that he holds his own righteousness in contempt and seeks the righteousness in faith that comes through Christ and is from God. He wants only to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to have fellowship with his sufferings by taking on the likeness of his death, in the hope that somehow he may arrive at the resurrection of the dead.

Here we see all overweening pride laid low. Humanity, there is nothing left for you to boast of, for your boasting and hope lie in putting to death all that is your own and seeking the future life that is in Christ. Since we have its first fruits we are already in its midst, living entirely in the grace and gift of God.

It is God who is active within us, giving us both the will and the achievement, in accordance with his good purpose. Through his Spirit, God also reveals his wisdom in the plan he has preordained for our glory.

God gives power and strength in our labors. *I have toiled harder than all the others, Paul says, but it is not I but the grace of God, which is with me.*

God rescues us from dangers beyond all human expectation. *We felt within ourselves that we had received the sentence of death, so that we might not trust ourselves but in God, who raises the dead; from so great a danger did he deliver us, and does deliver us; we hope in him, for he will deliver us again.*

-From a homily by St. Basil the Great, bishop

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 10, 2025 to March 16, 2025

Plate _____	\$326.15
Envelopes _____	\$2791.00
Candles _____	\$53.50
Poor Box _____	\$93.09
Maintenance _____	\$580.00
Catholic Relief Services _____	\$20.00
Easter Flowers _____	\$65.00
Mass Stipend _____	\$140.00
Online _____	\$300.00

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.