

Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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

From our Pastoral Associate

Today begins the first day of Holy Week, in which we carry palms in imitation of the Crowds in Jerusalem when Jesus entered, riding a donkey. Throughout Holy Week, we revisit the events of the final 24 hours of Jesus' earthly life. It's a time for reflection, deep prayer, sorrow for our sins, and spiritual growth. The Liturgy is meant to draw us into the mystery, making us mystically present for each event.

This is not an idle wish or play-acting. When the Jews celebrated Passover, they were instructed to keep no

leaven in their homes, to eat their meals as if ready to go on a journey with their loins girt and their sandals on their feet. The point was that this was not a reenactment, but rather a revisiting of the actual night of Passover, when God visited the Egyptians with the death of their firstborn sons but spared those of the Israelites.

It is the same with us in the liturgy. We are made mystically present at the events they signify. On Holy Thursday we sit with Christ in the upper room and have our feet washed. We receive the Eucharist. We then accompany Jesus as he goes to the Garden of Gethsemane and spend time with Jesus in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Further, on Good Friday we are present for the events of the crucifixion. We cry out the self-same words that led to Jesus' death. We venerate the Cross. We lift important intentions to God on this most solemn and sorrowful day. At Easter Vigil, we follow the pillar of fire in the desert, sit at the tomb in darkness, and reflect upon God's work in salvation history and the promises to us of the Resurrection. Suddenly, Jesus breaks the bonds of death and we exultantly sing the Gloria as lights are turned on and candles are lit. And on Easter Sunday we race to the empty tomb with Peter and John to breathlessly verify what Mary Magdalene has told us. I encourage you, if you are able, to attend all the liturgies at our parish for the Triduum and enter them deeply with an open heart. Let Jesus work upon your heart—make yourself vulnerable to him. Let the full weight of what it took to accomplish our salvation hit you. This is the most special week of the liturgical year. Do not let it go unnoticed.



Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday— 6pm
Good Friday—3pm
Easter Vigil—8pm
Easter Sunday—11am

Parish Office

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of the stairs.

Office Hours

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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 24, 2024
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, March 23—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, March 24—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, March 18— Monday of Holy Week

TUESDAY, March 19—Tuesday of Holy Week

WEDNESDAY, March 20— Wednesday of Holy Week

Noon † Edith Robinson

THURSDAY, March 21— Holy Thursday

6:00pm † Andrew Leonard Sandhoefner

FRIDAY, March 22— Good Friday

3:00pm

SATURDAY, March 23—Holy Saturday

8:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

SUNDAY, March 24—Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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.

Mass Assignments

3/23 & 24	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon Deacon Michael Elsey Lynette Wheeler	Ann Creedon Maureen Kramanak Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

3/28 & 29	Holy Thursday— 6pm	Good Friday— 3pm
Reader	Anthony Effertz	James Hardy Arthur Kovach Maureen Kramanak
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi George Bryde	John Pileggi Brad Geist
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Ed and Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

3/30 & 31	Easter Vigil— 8pm	11:00am
Reader	Ann Creedon James Hardy Arthur Kovach	Lynette Wheeler
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Nancy Lowdon
Server/Sacristan	Brad Geist John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Ed and Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 1st. It will reopen on Easter Tuesday.

Parish Calendar of Events

- Mar 24— Palm Sunday
- Mar 25— Legion of Mary at 6pm
- Mar 28— Holy Thursday at 6pm
- Mar 29— Good Friday at 3pm
- Mar 29— Good Friday Holy Land Collection
- Mar 30— Easter Vigil at 8pm
- Mar 31— Easter Sunday at 11am
- 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
- June 1— Wedding at 6pm
- Jun 16— Communications Collection

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Simon of Cyrene

St. Simon of Cyrene was likely a Jew who came from the province of Cyrenaica in Libya, Africa. While in Jerusalem for the Passover, he was pressed into service by the Roman guards who were leading Jesus to his death by crucifixion. Jesus was struggling to bear the load of the Cross and the Romans, who would have been put to death if Jesus had not made it to Golgotha, forced Simon to bear the load. It is unclear if Simon was a willing participant or not. At any rate, he bore the Cross alongside Jesus. Simon is described in St. Mark's Gospel as being the Father of Alexander and Rufus, an indication that they were well known to the Christian community. This mention of his sons indicates that Simon of Cyrene began the Via Dolorosa with Jesus as an unbeliever but left Golgotha as a Christian, passing his faith along to his sons. Jesus preached that "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." (Mt 16:24). Simon of Cyrene did this in the most literal way possible, aiding our Lord as he bore the weight of our sins, suffering with him the mockery of the crowds. Simon's sons, according to Tradition, became missionaries and there are possible hints in Acts that he did as well. Let us imitate Simon in taking up our crosses daily and of being moved and changed by our Lord's Passion.

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 **Fatima:** Three young shepherds in Fátima, Portugal report visions of the Virgin Mary, inspiring believers and angering officials of the Church and the government, who try to force them to recant their story. Based on historical events. Our next movie will be **A Man For All Seasons on June 22nd.**

For Your Reflection:

There was much proclaimed by the prophets about the mystery of the Passover: that mystery is Christ, and to him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

For the sake of suffering humanity he came down from heaven to earth, clothed himself in that humanity in the Virgin's womb, and was born a man. Having then a body capable of suffering, he took the pain of fallen man upon himself; he triumphed over the diseases of soul and body that were its cause, and by his Spirit, which was incapable of dying, he dealt man's destroyer, death, a fatal blow. He was led forth like a lamb; he was slaughtered like a sheep. He ransomed us from our servitude to the world, as he had ransomed Israel from the land of Egypt; he freed us from our slavery to the devil, as he had freed Israel from the hand of Pharaoh. He sealed our souls with his own Spirit, and the members of our body with his own blood.

He is the One who covered death with shame and cast the devil into mourning, as Moses cast Pharaoh into mourning. He is the One who smote sin and robbed iniquity of offspring. He is the One who brought us out of slavery into freedom, out of darkness into light, out of death into life, out of tyranny into an eternal kingdom; who made us a new priesthood, a people chosen to be his own for ever. He is the Passover that is our salvation.

It is he who endured every kind of suffering in all those who foreshadowed him. In Abel he was slain, in Isaac bound, in Jacob exiled, in Joseph sold, in Moses exposed to die. He was sacrificed in the Passover lamb, persecuted in David, dishonored in the prophets.

It is he who was made man of the Virgin, he who was hung on the tree; it is he who was buried in the earth, raised from the dead, and taken up to the heights of heaven. He is the mute lamb, the slain lamb, the lamb born of Mary, the fair ewe. He was seized from the flock, dragged off to be slaughtered, sacrificed in the evening, and buried at night. On the tree no bone of his was broken; in the earth his body knew no decay. He is the One who rose from the dead, and who raised man from the depths of the tomb.

- From an Easter Homily by St. Melito of Sardis, 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 Whitney True-Francis, at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org

Weekly Activities & Events

Visit our Website & Facebook Page

Please visit our website at olosc.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.

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Readings for Holy Week

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17;
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;
Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18;
1 Cor 11:23-36; Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9;
Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday: Gen 1:1-2:2; Ps 104; Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-18;
Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; Ez 36:16-28; Ps 42:3,5; 43:3, 4; Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7
Sunday: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

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@olosc.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@olosc.org.

Last Week's Offering

From March 11 to March 17, 2024

Plate	\$329.00
Envelopes	\$2755.00
Weddings	\$1995.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$52.00
Candles	\$88.50
Poor Box	\$104.00
Maintenance	\$325.00

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@olosc.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 Church's teachings on Mary and her importance in our salvation history. We will meet on **Saturday, April 27 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 April 13th and 14th**, 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.