

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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From the Pastoral Associate:

In our Gospel today, we read what is the shortest, and yet most profound verse of the bible. It is composed of three words: "And Jesus wept." These words are so profound because Jesus, God the Son himself, weeps at the sight of profound human sadness and suffering, experiencing it in himself to his very core. This was despite the fact that he knew he would raise Lazarus from the dead and turn their weeping into rejoicing. Jesus sees the all-encompassing grief



of his friends and is deeply overcome with emotion. Perhaps he was looking ahead to his crucifixion, where once again his friends and those he loved most dearly would be once again in the deepest agony of grief. This would be a foretaste of what was to come. But like in the future, this was not the end of the story. Lazarus rises from the dead at Jesus' command and likewise Jesus will also rise.

As we continue this journey through Lent, Jesus walks alongside us. He knows our hurt. He knows the painful condition that our sins have left us in—prone to grief, pain, and sometimes despair. He understands and, what's more, he feels it keenly. Jesus asks us, like he asks Marth and Mary, to place our trust in him as the Resurrection and the Life, the one that brings hope and joy out of sadness and despair. At the end of time, we all will rise and God will once more dwell in the midst of us as he did with the Israelites in the Desert and even more profoundly as Jesus dwelt among us. We will experience what the book of Revelation says so beautifully: "he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away." (Rev 12:4) As we approach Holy Week and the great mystery of our faith won for us on the Cross and in the Empty Tomb, let us seek to put our trust in our Lord, the Resurrection and the Life.

Parish Office Hours

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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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 26, 2023
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, March 25— 5th Sunday of Lent
4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, March 26— 5th Sunday of Lent
11:00am For those getting married at OLOS

MONDAY, March 27

TUESDAY, March 28

WEDNESDAY, March 29

Noon

THURSDAY, March 30

Noon

FRIDAY, March 31

SATURDAY, April 1— Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, April 2—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

11:00am † Russ Daly

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

3/25 & 26	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Edward Stevens Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

4/1 & 2	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz Nancy Lowdon	Brad Geist Bill Capotosto Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Edward Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the Fifth Week of Lent

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-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: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;
Jn 8:31-42

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, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession);
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

Parish Calendar of Events

- March 27— Legion of Mary at 6pm
- March 31— Stations of the Cross at 3pm
- March 31— Lenten Study at 7pm
- 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
- May 20— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 20-21— Tomorrow's Priests Collection

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week—St. Nicodemus

St. Nicodemus was a pharisee at the time of Jesus. Mentioned only a few times in scripture, he appears at key points of Jesus' ministry. Nicodemus was described as "a teacher of Israel," which indicated that he was of a high rank among the pharisees, well-versed in the Law of Moses. Nicodemus had seen Jesus' miracles and believed he was sent from God, but was fearful of those around him, so he visited Jesus by night, where Jesus taught him about the sacrament of Baptism and spoke of the salvation he desired for all who believed in him. Nicodemus continues to remain in the background until near the end of Jesus' ministry. Some guards were sent to arrest Jesus but came back baffled by his teachings. The pharisees, in great wrath, rebuke the guards. At this point, Nicodemus rose up and courageously argued that Jesus, under the law, deserved a fair trial and hearing of his teachings before judgment. We next see Nicodemus appear after Jesus' death when he brings 100 pounds of mixed spices and aloes with which to anoint the body of Jesus in preparation for burial. As Jesus' ministry progressed, so did Nicodemus' faith in him. If you struggle with a faint heart and remaining open to the truth of the Gospel, Nicodemus is a great saint to turn to.

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 truth is that only in the mystery of the incarnate Word does the mystery of man take on light. For Adam, the first man, was a figure of Him Who was to come,(20) namely Christ the Lord. Christ, the final Adam, by the revelation of the mystery of the Father and His love, fully reveals man to man himself and makes his supreme calling clear. It is not surprising, then, that in Him all the aforementioned truths find their root and attain their crown.

He Who is "the image of the invisible God" (Col. 1:15), is Himself the perfect man. To the sons of Adam He restores the divine likeness which had been disfigured from the first sin onward. Since human nature as He assumed it was not annulled, by that very fact it has been raised up to a divine dignity in our respect too. For by His incarnation the Son of God has united Himself in some fashion with every man. He worked with human hands, He thought with a human mind, acted by human choice and loved with a human heart. Born of the Virgin Mary, He has truly been made one of us, like us in all things except sin.

As an innocent lamb He merited for us life by the free shedding of His own blood. In Him God reconciled us to Himself and among ourselves; from bondage to the devil and sin He delivered us, so that each one of us can say with the Apostle: The Son of God "loved me and gave Himself up for me" (Gal. 2:20). By suffering for us He not only provided us with an example for our imitation, He blazed a trail, and if we follow it, life and death are made holy and take on a new meaning.

Pressing upon the Christian to be sure, are the need and the duty to battle against evil through manifold tribulations and even to suffer death. But, linked with the paschal mystery and patterned on the dying Christ, he will hasten forward to resurrection in the strength which comes from hope.

Such is the mystery of man, and it is a great one, as seen by believers in the light of Christian revelation. Through Christ and in Christ, the riddles of sorrow and death grow meaningful. Apart from His Gospel, they overwhelm us. Christ has risen, destroying death by His death; He has lavished life upon us(33) so that, as sons in the Son, we can cry out in the Spirit; Abba, Father.

-*Gaudium et Spes*, 22

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.....\$143.00

Envelopes.....\$2206.00



Church Cleaning Invitation

April 1st, beginning at 9:00 a.m., is our monthly church cleaning. Please come and lend a hand for the work is light and rewarding. Stay a few minutes or an hour. We need to have about 10 people there to complete the cleaning.

The Stations of the Cross

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



Lighthouse Catholic Media

Our Lighthouse Catholic Media displays are back up in the church! Come see our selection of books, CD's, DVD's, and more at the main and side entrance of the Church. Among the Selections is the *Lamb's Supper* by Dr. Scott Hahn, which reveals a long-lost secret of the Church: The early Christians' key to understanding the mysteries of the mass was the Book of Revelation in the New Testament. It will help readers see the Mass with new eyes, pray the liturgy with a renewed heart, and enter into the Mass more fully, intelligently, and powerfully than ever before.

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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