

Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From our Pastor:

From "Hosanna" to the Cross

Today we begin one of the most sacred journeys of our faith—Holy Week. Palm Sunday invites us into a moment that is both joyful and deeply sobering. We enter the church holding palms, singing "Hosanna," remembering how the people of Jerusalem welcomed Jesus with excitement and hope. They saw Him as the long-awaited King, the one who would finally change everything. Yet, there is something striking about the way Jesus enters. He does not come with power as the world understands it. He rides on a donkey—humble, peaceful, unassuming. Even in His moment of public recognition, Jesus reveals the heart of God: not domination, but love; not force, but surrender; not glory without sacrifice, but glory through the Cross.



And then, almost abruptly, the tone shifts. The same liturgy that begins with celebration leads us into the Passion. We hear of betrayal, suffering, abandonment, and death. The same voices that cried "Hosanna" will soon cry "Crucify Him." Palm Sunday holds up a mirror to the human heart—our own hearts. It reminds us how easily we can praise God in one moment and turn away in another.

This is why Palm Sunday is not just a story to remember; it is a call to examine how we walk with Christ. Do we follow Him only when it is easy, when prayers are answered, when life feels blessed? Or are we willing to stay with Him when the path leads to sacrifice, uncertainty, and the Cross?

As we enter Holy Week, the Church invites us not to be spectators, but participants. We are invited to walk with Jesus—to the Upper Room, where He gives Himself in the Eucharist; to Gethsemane, where He wrestles in prayer; to Calvary, where love is poured out completely; and to the tomb, where hope seems lost, but is not.

In our daily lives, Palm Sunday challenges us to a deeper discipleship. It calls us to humility in a world that seeks recognition, to faithfulness in a culture of convenience, and to love that endures even when it costs us something. It reminds us that true Christian living is not about momentary

Triduum Schedule

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

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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 29, 2026
PALM SUNDY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Feasts and Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, March 30— Monday of Holy Week

TUESDAY, March 31— Tuesday of Holy Week

WEDNESDAY, April 1— Wednesday of Holy Week

Noon

THURSDAY, April 2— Holy Thursday

6pm

FRIDAY, April 3— Friday of the Passion of the Lord

3:00pm

SATURDAY, April 4— Holy Saturday

8:00pm Drew Cuba, Noah Taber, Juan Villazan, and Mauriah Francis

SUNDAY, April 5— Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

10:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

Liturgical Assignments

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

4/2-5	Holy Thurs	Good Fri	Easter Vig.	Easter Sun
Reader	Jim Carley	Bill Capotosto Jim Hardy Nancy Lowdon	Ann Creedon Joe Creedon Brad Geist	Maureen Kramanak
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Mike Elsey	Lynette Wheeler	Joe Creedon	Lynette Wheeler
Server/Sacristan	Brad Geist John Pileggi George Bryde	George Bryde Brad Geist John Pileggi	John Pileggi Brad Geist George Bryde	George Bryde
Usher	Bill Capotosto	Bill Capotosto	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Parish Brunch

Thank you to all who helped to make our parish brunch such a huge success. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Good Friday Collection

There will be a collection on Good Friday that goes to supporting Christians in the Holy Land as they work to maintain the places where Jesus spent his earthly life. Please be as generous as you are able.

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 30— Legion of Mary** at 4pm (Every Monday)
- **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 10:30am
- **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 (Genesis)** at 7pm
- **Jun 6— Church Cleaning** at 9am

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Veronica

Tradition tells us that Veronica was a woman from Jerusalem who was present during Our Lord's Passion. She watched him carrying the cross and, moved with pity, she offered him her veil to wipe the mud, spit, and blood from his face. Perhaps he had stumbled because he was blinded by the blood running down his face. In any case, Jesus used the cloth, and when he handed it back to her, it bore a miraculous image of his face—as clear as a photograph although almost two thousand years before photography was invented. Veronica's small act of compassion was rewarded with this stunning, miraculous event.

Though the story of Veronica's veil is not mentioned in the Gospels, it is recalled in the sixth Station of the Cross, and there is a relic kept under lock and key in St. Peter's Basilica which many believe is the veil itself. It is displayed once a year on the fifth Sunday of Lent and thousands gather for this miraculous glimpse of Our Lord's face just as St. Veronica saw him that terrible day two thousand years ago.



Church Cleaning Invitation

On Holy Saturday, we will have a Church cleaning in addition to decorating the Church for Easter. It will begin at 10:30 to allow our elect time for a rehearsal for Easter Vigil. Please come and lend a hand for the work is light and rewarding. Stay a few minutes or an hour. We will need many people to get everything done.

enthusiasm, but about steadfast commitment.

This week is also especially meaningful for members of our two parishes who are preparing to enter fully into the life of the Church. We are blessed to journey with our Elect—**Mauriah, Juan, Drew, and Noah**—who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Their "yes" to Christ is a powerful witness to all of us. It reminds us that God is still calling, still transforming, still making all things new.

Let us keep them in our prayers in a special way this week. Pray that they may be strengthened in faith, filled with peace, and surrounded by grace as they take this sacred step. And as we pray for them, may we also renew our own commitment to Christ—remembering that we too were once welcomed into this life of faith. As we hold our palms today, may they be more than symbols of praise. May they represent our decision to follow Christ—not only in moments of joy, but also in moments of sacrifice.

Let us walk this Holy Week with intention, with reverence, and with open hearts. For the journey from Palm Sunday to Easter is not just something we remember—it is something we live.

And if we walk it faithfully, we will discover that beyond the Cross, there is always Resurrection.

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 13:21-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Ex 12:1-14; Ps 116:1-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday: Gen 1:1-2:2; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10-14, 24, 35; Ex 14:15-15:6, 17-18; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; Ez 36:16-28; Ps 42:3, 5, 43:3-4; Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10
Sunday: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

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 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 for more information.

Weekly Activities & Events

Last Week's Offering

From Mar 16, 2026 to Mar 22, 2026

Plate _____	\$543.00
Envelopes _____	\$1506.00
Catholic Relief Services _____	\$314.00
Candles _____	\$58.50
Poor Box _____	\$60.00
Maintenance _____	\$50.00
Mass Stipend _____	\$200.00
Easter Flowers _____	\$150.00
Online _____	\$889.51

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 To join the Knights use the link above or contact John Pileggi at jgapileggi@gmail.com



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.

Prayers Requested

Pray for Mary Weatherford, Grace Diaz, Sarah Eck, Rose Ann Jett, Jane Carey, Jerry Gumminger, Ken Blundell, Allan Schaff, Grace Weatherford, Jim Taber

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.

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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 for updates and details.



Pray for our Catechumens

Please pray for Noah and Drew, who are preparing to enter the Church next Saturday night.

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.