

# Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH CHURCH: 1923-2023

## From our Pastor

Dear friends and parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows, Alleluia! He has risen. Alleluia! He has conquered death. Alleluia! He has brought salvation to the world. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Every now and then, we see on the TV or in the newspapers a notice about a missing person, with the person's photograph and some details. Whether the person was eventually found or not, we cannot be certain because very



often there are no follow-up reports on the case in the media. What is certain is that when a loved one is missing, the anxiety is painful; hearts are broken and the search is relentless. This may express the pain and grief that Mary Magdalene was experiencing on Easter Sunday morning as she looked for the One she loved in the tomb. And not finding Jesus in the tomb, Mary Magdalene searched relentlessly and persistently for Him. Mary Magdalene's love for Jesus was enormous. Nothing could come between her and the love of Jesus. Not even despair or death.

In life, Mary Magdalene loved Jesus, but also in death she searched for Him. Mary's deep love for Jesus was because He loved her first and healed her of her sufferings and sin. Because of her great love for Jesus, Mary Magdalene was given the first privilege to not only see but also to touch the glorious body of the Risen Christ. Jesus also gave her the gift of being the first to witness the resurrection. She became the apostle to the apostles.

As we celebrate Easter today and in the coming weeks, let us contemplate how much we love Jesus, guided by the example of Mary Magdalene, the greatest disciple of love. Let us ask ourselves: How much do we love Jesus? Is our love contingent only on our fortunes, when hopes are high and things are going well, or do we search for Jesus even in the darkest nights of our lives?

May our faith and love for Jesus be strengthened today as we celebrate His resurrection. Let us remember that just as Christ loved Mary Magdalene while she was still in her sins, God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). And with Mary Magdalene, let us sing, Alleluia! He has risen. Alleluia! He has conquered death. Alleluia!

This Easter, let us also extend our love and support to those in our community who are in need. Whether it be through prayer, service, or a simple act of kindness, let our actions reflect the love and resurrection of Jesus Christ. May our community be a beacon of hope and a testament to the endless love of Christ.

Happy Easter,  
Fr. Leonard

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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 31, 2024  
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

# Mass Intentions and Feasts

## SATURDAY, March 30—Easter Vigil

8:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

## SUNDAY, March 31—Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

## MONDAY, April 1—Easter Monday

## TUESDAY, April 2—Easter Tuesday

## WEDNESDAY, April 3—Easter Wednesday

Noon

## THURSDAY, April 4—Easter Thursday

Noon

## FRIDAY, April 5—Easter Friday

3:00pm

## SATURDAY, April 6—2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

4:00pm † Russ Daly

## SUNDAY, April 7—2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

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

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

| 4/7 & 8              | 4:00pm                                | 11:00am        |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Reader               | Anthony Effertz                       | Bill Capotosto |
| Eucharistic Minister | Deacon Michael Elsey                  | Rita Witt      |
| Server/<br>Sacristan | John Pileggi                          | George Bryde   |
| Usher                | Ted Tschirhart<br>Ed and Judy Stevens | Bill Capotosto |

## Readings for the Octave of Easter

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15  
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18  
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35  
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48  
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14  
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15  
 Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

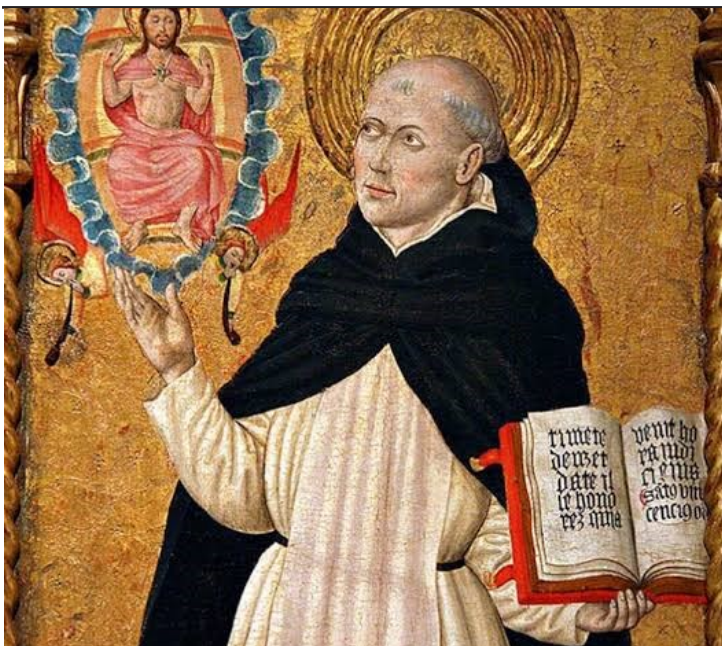
# Parish Calendar of Events

- Mar 30—Easter Vigil at 8pm
- Mar 31—Easter Sunday at 11am
- 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 8—Legion of Mary at 6pm
- 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 21—Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- May 25—Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 26—Peter's Pence Collection
- Jun 1—Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jun 1—Wedding at 6pm
- Jun 6—Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Jun 16—Communications Collection
- Jun 23—Catholic Movie Night (A Man For All Seasons) at 6pm
- Aug 18—Diocesan Life and Justice Collection

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!



# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. Vincent Ferrer

St. Vincent of Ferrer was born in Valencia in 1350, the son of well-to-do parents. He had a quality education and at age 18 joined the Dominican Friars. Overcoming temptations to leave, Ferrer professed vows with the order. For three years the only thing he read were the scriptures and soon committed them to memory. He published a treatise on Dialectic Suppositions after his solemn profession. In 1379 he was ordained a Catholic priest in Barcelona. He eventually received a doctorate in Theology. He spent 21 years traveling to England, Scotland, Ireland, Aragon, Castille, France, Switzerland, and Italy, preaching the Gospel as a missionary. Many biographers note that he only knew how to speak Catalan, and that he was endowed by God with the gift of tongues during this period as he preached. Though an intellectual, his preaching style was innovative in the way it employed a popular tone yet having a directness to the doctrine he was preaching. Ferrer also aided in several disputes including during the Western Schism when the Church was suffering from 3 claimants to the papacy as well as in aiding the selection of the next King of Aragon. St. Vincent Ferrer died in April 5, 1419 in Vannes, Brittany and was buried in the Vannes Cathedral. He was canonized by Pope Calixtus III in 1455.

## Catholic Movie Night

Our next Catholic Movie Night, hosted by the Legion of Mary, will be **Sunday, May 5th 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:

Saint Paul rejoices in the knowledge that spiritual health has been restored to the human race. *Death entered the world through Adam, he explains, but life has been given back to the world through Christ. As we have borne the image of the earthly man, the image of human nature grown old in sin, so let us bear the image of the heavenly man: human nature raised up, redeemed, restored and purified in Christ. We must hold fast to the salvation we have received. Christ was the first fruits, says the Apostle; he is the source of resurrection and life. Those who belong to Christ will follow him. Modeling their lives on his purity, they will be secure in the hope of his resurrection and of enjoying with him the glory promised in heaven. Thus the passion of our Savior is the salvation of mankind. The reason why he desired to die for us was that he wanted us who believe in him to live for ever. In the fullness of time it was his will to become what we are, so that we might inherit the eternity he promised and live with him for ever. Here, then, is the grace conferred by these heavenly mysteries, the gift which Easter brings, the most longed for feast of the year; here are the beginnings of creatures newly formed: children born from the life-giving font of holy Church, born anew with the simplicity of little ones, and crying out with the evidence of a clean conscience. Chaste fathers and inviolate mothers accompany this new family, countless in number, born to new life through faith. As they emerge from the grace-giving womb of the font, a blaze of candles burns brightly beneath the tree of faith. The Easter festival brings the grace of holiness from heaven to men. Through the repeated celebration of the sacred mysteries they receive the spiritual nourishment of the sacraments. Fostered at the very heart of holy Church, the fellowship of one community worships the one God, adoring the triple name of his essential holiness, and together with the prophet sings the psalm which belongs to this yearly festival: *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad*. And what is this day? It is the Lord Jesus Christ himself, the author of light, who brings the sunrise and the beginning of life, saying of himself: *I am the light of day; whoever walks in daylight does not stumble*. That is to say, whoever follows Christ in all things will come by this path to the throne of eternal light.*

*-From an Easter homily by an ancient author*

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org)

# Weekly Activities & Events

## Last Week's Offering

From March 18 to March 24, 2024

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| Plate                    | \$663.00  |
| Envelopes                | \$776.00  |
| Weddings                 | \$3990.00 |
| Catholic Relief Services | \$52.00   |
| Candles                  | \$91.00   |
| Poor Box                 | \$120.00  |
| Easter Flowers           | \$20.00   |
| Lighthouse               | \$25.00   |



## Church Cleaning Invitation

April 6th, 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.

## Parish Office Closed

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

## 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](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, 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@oloskc.org](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org).

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## 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@oloskc.org](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.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](mailto:bcapotosto@gmail.com).