

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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From The Pastoral Associate

In our Gospel today, we read about the event of the Transfiguration of Jesus. I wanted to take this time to explore the event through the icon of the Transfiguration as it was written by Theophanes the Greek in the 15th century. This icon is a well-known artistic masterpiece.

Theophanes uses a kind of “disordered symmetry” to invite us into the drama of the moment. In each icon, we are called not just to reflect on a historical event but to enter a spiritual mystery. Often called “Windows to Heaven”, the medium of icons is meant to allow us engage with the subjects as they now exist in Eternity through the use of symbolism, facial expression, shape, and color. An icon is therefore not painted, but written, as one would write a book.

The icon portrays Jesus standing above in the top center clothed in radiantly white garments. His hand is raised in blessing as he looks directly toward us. A nimbus opens behind him, representing the presence of the Trinity overshadowing him in this icon. Jesus stands upon a mountain (abstractly portrayed as is typical in icons). Three rays go downwards to the eyes of the three apostles present— Peter, John and James. Light also flows from him to us (the star-like shape behind Jesus), meant to dazzle us as he did the Apostles. Theophanes’ point is that the uncreated light that shines from Jesus is not something merely unique to history, but is something that we should enter into by prayer and fasting through a process called Theosis. To Jesus’ right stands Elijah. Elijah stands on his own mountain, which is Mt. Horeb, where he heard the still small voice giving him instruction (1 Kings 19:18). To Jesus’ right is Moses, who stands upon Mt. Sinai, where he received the Ten Commandments. Above both men is a scene showing each conversing with angels during these moments. The presence of Moses and Elijah represents the teaching of the Law and the Prophets, which Jesus fulfills (Matt 5:17). Both lean in toward Jesus, clearly conversing with him about his crucifixion and death, which are rapidly approaching.

The apostles below are depicted dazzled by this heavenly light. John and James can’t look directly at Jesus. John is depicted with his hand on his chin, meditating on what this vision means. James is depicted with hands covering his eyes from the brightness of the light. Only Peter looks up to say, “Lord it is good that we are here...” Below Moses and Elijah are shown the ascent and descent of Mt. Tabor. The left depicts Jesus asking the Apostles to go up with him to pray. Jesus instructs us too to ascend the mountain and pray through our spiritual asceticism. He too wishes us to experience a deep life of prayer and mystical contemplation. And yet, even in its full glory, we cannot yet live in the fullness of that glory. It is for the next life that Jesus will usher in at his Second Coming. The right shows Jesus descending with the Apostles, instructing them not to tell them what they have seen.

As we make our way through this Lent, let us keep our minds and hearts on this image of Jesus in his glory, seeking to make ourselves more worthy of the uncreated light of Tabor by which we glimpse Jesus’ Death and Resurrection in a new way. Let us not lose heart. At every Mass, at every moment of prayer, Jesus wishes us to encounter him and grow in our love for him. Lent is a particularly good time to do so because it’s a time of great interior and spiritual focus meant to reorient ourselves back to a deeper relationship with God.



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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 5, 2023
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, March 4— 2nd Sunday of Lent

4:00pm Persecuted Christians

SUNDAY, March 5— 2nd Sunday of Lent

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, March 6

TUESDAY, March 7— Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

WEDNESDAY, March 8— St. John of God

Noon

THURSDAY, March 9— St. Frances of Rome

Noon

FRIDAY, March 10

SATURDAY, March 11— 3rd Sunday of Lent

4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

SUNDAY, March 12— 3rd 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.

Volunteers

3/4 & 5	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	AnnMarie Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	John Pileggi	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Edward Stevens	

3/11 & 12	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Molly Schmidt
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Brad Geist
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Edward Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 2nd Week of Lent

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Parish Calendar of Events

- March 6— Legion of Mary at 6pm
- March 10— Stations of the Cross at 3pm
- March 10— Lenten Study at 7pm
- March 11— Church Cleaning at 9am
- March 11-12— Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- March 14— Water Garden Society from 6-9
- March 16— The Holy Hour for Marriage at 6pm
- March 18-19— Catholic Relief Service Collection
- April 2— Palm Sunday
- 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— The Holy Hour for Marriage at 6pm
- 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

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saints of the Week—Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

St. Perpetua and St. Felicity are 3rd century Christian martyrs who in Carthage, Africa. Perpetua was a recently married and well-educated noblewoman, roughly the age of 22. She was the mother to an infant son, whom she was still nursing. Felicity was a slave woman who lived in Perpetua's house and pregnant at the time of her imprisonment. Both were catechumens preparing for baptism. Perpetua was in conflict with her father, who demanded she recant her belief in Christ. Perpetua refused, which led her father to turn them over to the authorities. They, along with three other Christian men, were sentenced to be mauled by wild beasts and to be stabbed by a gladiator. Both were baptized just shortly before being taken to prison. Perpetua had a vision that she and the others with her would suffer martyrdom. Felicity was afraid that, being pregnant, she would not be able to suffer martyrdom with the others. Two days before the execution, Felicity gave birth to a girl while in the prison. Both children were taken from their mothers, Felicity's to a Christian woman and Perpetua's back to her father. A feast was held the day before to mock the Christians but they in turn mocked the crowds for their unbelief. They entered eternal life in 203.

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 March 11-12th 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.

For Your Reflection:

The perfection of brotherly love lies in the love of one's enemies. We can find no greater inspiration for this than grateful remembrance of the wonderful patience of Christ. He who is *more fair than all the sons of men* offered his fair face to be spat upon by sinful men; he allowed those eyes that rule the universe to be blindfolded by wicked men; he bared his back to the scourges; he submitted that head which strikes terror in principalities and powers to the sharpness of the thorns; he gave himself up to be mocked and reviled, and at the end endured the cross, the nails, the lance, the gall, the vinegar, remaining always gentle, meek and full of peace.

Who could listen to that wonderful prayer, so full of warmth, of love, of unshakable serenity—*Father, forgive them*—and hesitate to embrace his enemies with overflowing love? *Father, he says, forgive them.* Is any gentleness, any love, lacking in this prayer? Yet he put into it something more. It was not enough to pray for them: he wanted also to make excuses for them. *Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.* They are great sinners, yes, but they have little judgment; therefore *Father, forgive them.* They are nailing me to the cross, but they do not know who it is that they are nailing to the cross: *if they had known, they would never have crucified the Lord of glory; therefore, Father forgive them.* They think it is a lawbreaker, an imposter claiming to be God, a seducer of the people. I have hidden my face from them, and they do not recognize my glory; therefore, *Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.* If someone wishes to love himself he must not allow himself to be corrupted by indulging his sinful nature. If he wishes to resist the promptings of his sinful nature he must enlarge the whole horizon of his love to contemplate the loving gentleness of the humanity of the Lord. Further, if he wishes to savor the joy of brotherly love with greater perfection and delight he must extend even to his enemies the embrace of true love. But if he wishes to prevent this fire of divine love from growing cold because of injuries received, let him keep the eyes of his soul always fixed on the serene patience of his beloved Lord and Savior.
-from *The Mirror of Love* by St. Aelred of Rievaulx

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 February 20 to February 26, 2023

Plate.....\$788.81

Envelopes.....\$1,585.00



Church Cleaning Invitation

March 11th, 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. This week's meditation will be by St. Francis of Assisi.



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.

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, 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.



The Holy Hour for Marriage

The next Holy Hour for Marriage will be held at 6pm on March 16th at Our Lady of Sorrows and is monthly on the third Thursday of every month. The Holy Hour is for married and engaged couples to come and pray in eucharistic adoration over each other and for the needs of their marriage. There will be a short reflection on an aspect of married life and confession. When it is over, all couples are encouraged to go on a date with their spouse or fiancé. This event is open to any Catholic couple throughout the city.

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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