

# 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:

### Into the Desert with Jesus

The Gospel account of Jesus' time in the desert (Luke 4:1-13) is a profound invitation for us as we journey through Lent. Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, is led into the wilderness, where He fasts and is tempted by the devil. His responses to temptation reveal key lessons for our spiritual growth: reliance on God, worship of Him alone, and trust without testing. How can we live these lessons in practical ways during Lent?

### Relying on God More than Material Needs

The devil tempts Jesus to turn stones into bread, but Jesus responds, "One does not live on bread alone." This reminds us that while physical needs are important, they should never replace our spiritual hunger for God.

### Lenten Practices:

- **Fasting with Purpose:** Give up something meaningful—food, social media, or another comfort—and use that time to pray or read Scripture.
- **Practice Generosity:** Donate food, time, or resources to those in need, recognizing that true sustenance comes from God's grace.
- **Daily Prayer:** Make time each day to seek God's word, allowing Him to nourish your soul. Maybe adding 15 minutes of your daily prayer.

### Worship God Alone:

The second temptation offers Jesus power and glory in exchange for worshipping the devil. Jesus firmly responds, "You shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him alone shall you serve." Lent is a time to refocus our worship and recognize what might be competing with God in our lives.

### Lenten Practices:

- **Identify Your Idols:** Reflect on what takes priority over God—career, social approval, entertainment? Seek to reorder your life so that God is first.
- **Devotions:** Spend extra time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, worshipping God in silence and thanksgiving or pick up a devotion you like to follow this lent.
- **Simplify Your Life:** Reduce distractions that lead you away from God, whether it's excessive spending, overcommitment, or unhealthy habits.

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## Parish Office

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## Office Hours

9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Monday-Friday

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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 9, 2025  
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

# Feasts and Mass Intentions

## SATURDAY, March 8— 1st Sunday of Lent

4:00pm † Jesse and Margie Ibarra

## SUNDAY, March 9— 1st Sunday of Lent

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

## MONDAY, March 10

## TUESDAY, March 11

## WEDNESDAY, March 12

Noon Jennifer Martinez & Family (living and deceased)

## THURSDAY, March 13

Noon † John Pileggi

## FRIDAY, March 14

## SATURDAY, March 15— 2nd Sunday of Lent

4:00pm † Russ Daly

## SUNDAY, March 16— 2nd Sunday of Lent

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

# Liturgical Assignments

3/8 & 3/9	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

3/15 & 3/16	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Arthur Kovach	Nancy Lowdon
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

## Readings for the 1st Week of Lent

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28-36

### 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.

# Parish Calendar of Events

- Mar 9— Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal
- Mar 10— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Mar 14— Stations of the Cross at 3pm
- Mar 15— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Mar 18— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Mar 19— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Mar 30— Catholic Relief Service Collection
- Apr 2— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Apr 3— Bible Study at 7pm
- Apr 13— Palm Sunday
- Apr 15— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Apr 18— Good Friday Holy Land Collection
- Apr 20— Easter
- Apr 25— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 1— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- May 2— Bible Study at 7pm
- May 3— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 3— Wedding at 6pm
- May 9— Wedding at 4:30pm
- May 17— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 17— Wedding at 6pm
- May 18— Tomorrow's Priests: Vocation Collection
- May 20— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- May 24— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 31— Wedding at 1:30pm
- June 4— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- June 5— Bible Study at 7pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— Bl. Humbert III of Savoy

Humbert, of Avigliana, Italy was born 1136. His life was marked by certain key features, borne of a vocation and tradition of contemplative life. He fostered these along with his role as military leader and politician. He succeeded his father as Count of Savoy, France at an early age, having received his education and spiritual formation from a saint, the bishop Amadeus of Lausanne. While serving as the married sovereign of Savoy, Humbert continued his life of deep piety. Following his wife's death, he withdrew to the Lake Geneva monastery of Aulpes. But his courtiers insisted that for the good of Savoy he should return and re-marry. Humbert acceded to their entreaties, and his second wife gave birth to his first child, Agnes. Tragedy again struck the Savoy household when shortly before Agnes' wedding both she and her mother died. After marrying a fourth time and having a son, Humbert withdrew to the monastery of Hautecombe, France, living there in great humility and self-denial. Accounts of his final years vary, with some asserting he died at Hautecombe, and others claiming he died at Chambéry while defending Savoy from an invading army. Humbert's life was full of contradictions: He was a lover of peace but had frequent hostilities and wars. He was penitent, ascetic, and contemplative, but was forced to take the reins of government, during which time he had a life of action, and found himself forced into marriage in order to have an heir. However, he let unmistakable signs of great moral balance, severity with himself and indulgence and love of neighbour. He was a benefactor to churches, monasteries, and charitable causes, the care of the poor. Throughout his life, he supported Hautecombe Abbey. In 1188 he founded the Monastery of Sant'Antonio di Ranverso. St. Alphonsus Ligouri described him as a particularly pious monk. The death of Humbert III, 4 March 1189 in Chambéry, Savoy at the age of fifty-two, was mourned sincerely by all the people. He was the first prince of Savoy to be buried in Hautecombe Abbey, which has since become a burial place for the dynasty. Less than three centuries later, the descendants of Humbert, of the Savoy lineage, became the custodians of the Shroud of Turin.

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## Trusting God Without Testing Him

Satan tempts Jesus to throw Himself down from the Temple, demanding that God prove His protection. Jesus responds, "You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." True faith is trusting in God's care even when we do not see immediate results.

### Lenten Practices:

- **Surrender Your Worries:** Instead of trying to control outcomes, practice trusting in God's providence. Keep a journal of prayers and how God answers them in His timing.
- **Accept God's Will:** When faced with suffering or difficulty, pray the words of Jesus, "Not my will, but yours be done" (Luke 22:42).
- **Strengthen Your Faith:** Read about the saints, whose lives exemplify unwavering trust in God even in the midst of trials.

### Walking With Christ This Lent

As we journey through Lent, let us embrace the desert experience not as a burden, but as an opportunity to deepen our reliance on God, to purify our hearts in worship, and to trust in His divine plan. By fasting, giving, and praying with sincerity, we can grow in holiness and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.

May this season be a time of true renewal, where we, like Christ, emerge from the wilderness stronger in faith and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Fr. Leonard

## Prayer of the Week

### An Act of Contrition

O my God, I am sorry and repent with all my heart for all the wrong I have done and for the good I have failed to do, because by sinning I have offended you, who are all good and worthy to be loved above all things. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid the occasions of sin. Through the merits of the Passion of our Savior Jesus Christ,

Lord, have mercy.

Amen.

## 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.

## 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 at 816.392.0011 or [true.francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org)

# Weekly Activities & Events

## Last Week's Offering

From February 24, 2025 to March 2, 2025

Plate _____	\$381.00
Envelopes _____	\$2096.00
Ash Wednesday _____	\$125.00
Candles _____	\$59.40
Poor Box _____	\$40.23
Maintenance _____	\$70.00
Weddings _____	\$3400.00
Online _____	\$362.72

## Catholic Movie Night

The Legion of Mary will have its next Catholic Movie Night on **Sunday, March 23rd at 5pm** in the parish hall. We will be watching **The Left Hand of God**, At a Catholic mission in China, long-awaited "Father O'Shea" proves to be a tough guy. Food will be provided. We hope to see you there!

## CCEAA

This week we will have a second collection for the Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal. Please be as generous as you are able.

## The Legion of Mary

Our Lady of Kibeho Praesidium of the Legion of Mary meets every **Monday at 6:00pm in the parish hall except for the last Monday of the month, when we meet at St.**

**Monica's**. The Legion of Mary is a Marian group that seeks to bring Jesus and Mary to the world through acts of evangelization and spiritual outreach. 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.



## 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, Jay Keen

## 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 email Brad at the office at [bgeist@oloskc.org](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org).

## Visit our Website & Facebook Page

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## The Knights of Columbus



Are you looking to make a difference in your community, grow in faith, and build lasting friendships? The Knights of Columbus are calling you! The Knights of Columbus:

**\*\*Serves Others\*\***: Participation in charitable works that support those in need.

**\*\*Strengthen Faith\*\***: Deepening spiritual life through prayer, education, and service.

**\*\*Enjoy Brotherhood\*\***: Connection with like-minded men who share Catholic values with commitment to faith, family, and community.

Please contact Arthur Kovach at (816) 574-0900

## Stations of the Cross

We will pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 3pm in the Church. Please join us for this devotion.



## Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on Thursday, **April 3rd at 7pm** and we normally 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 explore Jesus' trial before Pilate, exploring the many twists and turns it takes. Please email Brad at [bgeist@oloskc.org](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org) for updates and details.



## 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 March 8th and 9th**, 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).