

# Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

## From our Pastor:

### From Doubt to "My Lord and My God!"

There is a moment in today's Gospel that feels very human—almost too human. The disciples are gathered together behind locked doors, afraid, confused, and most likely replaying everything that had happened on Good Friday. Their hopes had been shattered, their expectations overturned, and their future suddenly uncertain. And right there, in the middle of their fear and confusion, Jesus appears and says something completely unexpected:

"Peace be with you."

Now let us be honest—if someone suddenly appeared in a locked room, "peace" is probably not the first thing we would feel! Fear, shock, maybe even panic would come first. And yet, that is exactly how Jesus works. He does not wait for everything to be calm and settled. He does not wait for us to have everything figured out. He enters precisely when everything is messy, when our hearts are unsettled, and when our lives feel uncertain.

And then comes Thomas.

Poor Thomas. He has earned a nickname that has followed him for over 2,000 years: *Doubting Thomas*. Imagine one difficult week defining your entire legacy! But before we judge him too quickly, we need to recognize something very important: Thomas is not the villain of the story—he is actually one of the most honest and relatable disciples.

He dares to say out loud what many of us quietly think in our own hearts: "Unless I see... unless I touch... I will not believe."

There are, in fact, two kinds of doubt in the spiritual life.

The first kind of doubt leads to confusion and even distance from God. This is the kind of doubt that closes the door, that refuses to seek, and that settles into skepticism. It quietly says, "I do not understand, and I do not want to understand." This kind of doubt keeps us stuck where we are. It isolates us, and it locks us in the same room as our fear, uncertainty, and hesitation.



## Parish Office

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## Office Hours

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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

APRIL 12, 2026

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

# Feasts and Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, April 11— Divine Mercy Sunday**  
 4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**SUNDAY, April 12— Divine Mercy Sunday**  
 11:00am † Chandra Armstrong

**MONDAY, April 13— St. Martin I**

**TUESDAY, April 14**

**WEDNESDAY, April 15**  
 Noon

**THURSDAY, April 16**  
 Noon

**FRIDAY, April 17**

**SATURDAY, April 18— The Third Sunday of Easter**  
 4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

**SUNDAY, April 19— The Third Sunday of Easter**  
 11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

# Liturgical Assignments

| 4/11 & 12                   | 4:00pm          | 11:00am        |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Reader</b>               | Nancy Lowdon    | Jim Carley     |
| <b>Eucharistic Minister</b> | Lynette Wheeler | Rita Witt      |
| <b>Server/Sacristan</b>     | John Pileggi    | George Bryde   |
| <b>Usher</b>                | Ted Tschirhart  | Bill Capotosto |

| 4/18 & 19                   | 4:00pm          | 11:00am        |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
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## Readings for the 2nd Week in Easter

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8  
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7-15  
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21  
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36  
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15  
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21  
 Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;  
 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

### Please Note: MASS INTENTIONS

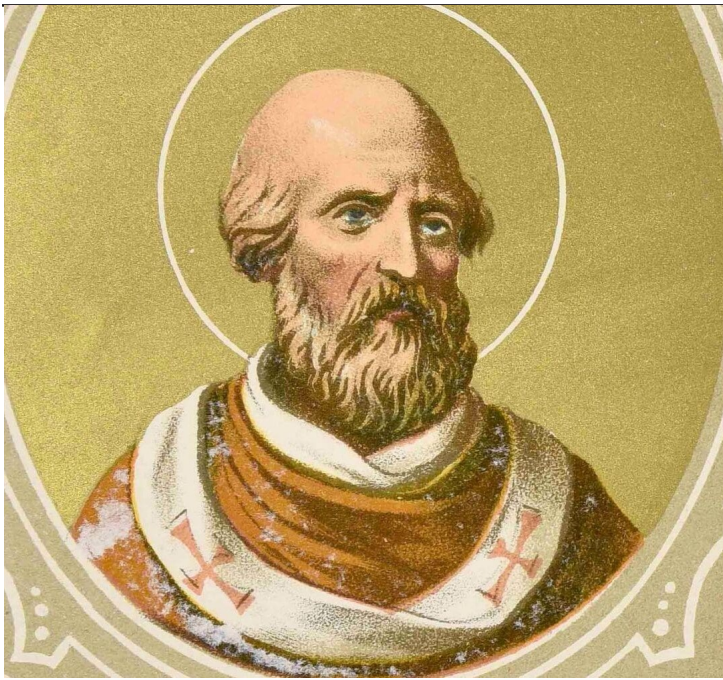
Mass intentions are available for the posted times in the bulletin, on our church sign, and on our website. We do have days with openings for intentions coming up. Call or email the office at (816) 421-2112 or bgeist@oloskc.org if you would like to have a Mass said for yourself or a loved one, living or deceased.

# Parish Calendar of Events

- **Apr 11-12—Food Pantry Collection** after Mass
- **Apr 13— Legion of Mary** at 4pm (Every Monday)
- **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 9-10— Food Pantry Collection** after Mass
- **May 16— Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **May 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
- **Jun 6-7— Tomorrow’s Priests Collection**
- **Jun 13— Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **Jun 13-14— Food Pantry Collection** after Mass
- **Jun 16—Water Garden Society** at 5:30pm
- **Jun 21— Communications Collection**
- **Jul 1— Knights of Columbus** at 6:30pm
- **Jul 2— Bible Study (Genesis)** at 7pm
- **Jul 4— Church Cleaning** at 9am
- **Jul 11-12— Food Pantry Collection** after Mass

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— Pope St. Martin I

When Saint Martin I became pope in 649, Constantinople was the capital of the Byzantine empire and the patriarch of Constantinople was the most influential Church leader in the eastern Christian world. The struggles that existed within the Church at that time were magnified by the close cooperation of emperor and patriarch. A teaching, strongly supported in the East, held that Jesus Christ had no human will. Twice, emperors had officially favored this position: Heraclius by publishing a formula of faith, and Constans II by silencing the issue of the number of wills in Christ. Shortly after assuming the office of the papacy—which he did without first being confirmed by the emperor—Saint Martin I held a council at the Lateran in which the imperial documents were censured, and in which the patriarch of Constantinople and two of his predecessors were condemned. In response, Constans II first tried to turn bishops and people against the pope. Failing in this and in an attempt to kill the pope, the emperor sent troops to Rome to seize Saint Martin I and to bring him back to Constantinople. Already in poor health, Martin offered no resistance, returned with Calliopas, the exarch of Constantinople, and was then submitted to various imprisonments, tortures, and hardships. Although condemned to death and with some of the imposed torture already carried out, Martin was saved from execution by the pleas of a repentant Paul, patriarch of Constantinople, who was himself gravely ill.

Tortures and cruel treatment having taken their toll, Saint Martin I died shortly thereafter. He is the last of the early popes to be venerated as a martyr.

But Thomas shows us a second kind of doubt—the kind that can actually lead to deeper faith.

Even in his doubt, Thomas does not walk away from the community of believers. He does not isolate himself. Instead, he stays with the disciples. He continues to show up. He remains present. And by doing so, he places himself in the very space where Jesus can come and meet him. And that changes everything.

Because a week later, Jesus returns—intentionally, personally, and lovingly—for Thomas. Notice what Jesus does not do. He does not shame Thomas. He does not scold him or say, “Why didn’t you believe the others?” Instead, Jesus meets Thomas exactly where he is, with patience and compassion:

“Put your finger here... bring your hand... do not be unbelieving, but believe.” This is Divine Mercy in its most beautiful form.

Divine Mercy is not God loving us only when our faith is strong and perfect. Divine Mercy is God coming to us precisely when our faith is weak, when our hearts are uncertain, and when we are still wrestling with questions. It is God’s willingness to meet us in our struggle, not to reject us because of it.

And Thomas responds with one of the most powerful professions of faith found anywhere in Scripture: “My Lord and my God!”

If we are honest with ourselves, many of us are a little like Thomas. We long for clarity. We want proof. We desire for God to make everything obvious and unmistakable. And when He does not do so in the way we expect, we can be tempted to pull away, to grow distant, or to remain stuck in uncertainty.

But today’s Gospel gently reminds us of something essential: do not run away from your doubts—bring them to Jesus.

Stay in the community. Stay in prayer. Stay in the life of the Church. Because Jesus always comes back. And when He does, He does not come with condemnation or disappointment. He comes with mercy, with patience, and with peace.

“Peace be with you.”

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

# Weekly Activities & Events

## Last Week's Offering

From Mar 30, 2026 to Apr 5, 2026

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|----------------------|------------|
| Plate _____          | \$1071.00  |
| Envelopes _____      | \$1530.00  |
| Holy Thursday _____  | \$193.00   |
| Holy Land _____      | \$448.00   |
| Candles _____        | \$69.10    |
| Poor Box _____       | \$20.00    |
| Weddings _____       | \$1991.00  |
| Maintenance _____    | \$30.00    |
| Easter Flowers _____ | \$120.00   |
| Online _____         | \$1,153.64 |

## 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](http://kofc.org/join) To join the Knights use the link above or contact John Pileggi at [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, 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](mailto: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](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org) for updates and details.



## Pray for our Neophytes

Please pray for Noah and Drew, our newest members of our parish, who joined us at Easter.

## 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](mailto:bcapotosto@gmail.com).