

Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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From the Pastoral Associate:

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, so named by Pope St. John Paul II during the Jubilee year of 2000 at the Canonization Mass for St. Faustina Kowalska. St. Faustina was a Polish nun who lived in the early to mid 20th century. St. Faustina was a mystic and had many visions of Jesus, which are published in her Diary called *Divine Mercy in My Soul*. Jesus appeared to her wearing white with red and white rays emanating from his heart. He told her to paint an image as she saw Jesus and to have a feast of Divine Mercy established in the Church. He told her: "I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it..."

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy."

Jesus described himself as Divine Mercy Incarnate, who longed to give that mercy to the entire world. The rays that emanate from his heart in the image represent the blood and water that poured out from his side on the Cross. When Jesus told St. Faustina about the Feast of Divine Mercy, he said to her,

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flows are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy."

Let us take the time to turn fervently to Jesus and never despair of his mercy, which is without limit or measure.



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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

APRIL 16, 2023

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER—DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, April 15— Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

SUNDAY, April 16— Divine Mercy Sunday

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, April 17

TUESDAY, April 18

WEDNESDAY, April 19

Noon

THURSDAY, April 20

Noon

FRIDAY, April 21— St. Anselm

SATURDAY, April 22— The Third Sunday of Easter

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, April 23— The Third Sunday of Easter

11:00am † George Anton Kleine

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.

Readings for Holy Week

4/15 & 16	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Brad Geist
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Edward Stevens	Bill Capotosto

4/22 & 23	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	AnnMarie Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Edward Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the Second Week of 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 3:7b-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

Parish Calendar of Events

- April 15-16— Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- April 17— Legion of Mary at 6pm
- April 18— Holy Family School of Faith at 11:30am
- April 18— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- April 20— City on a Hill KC Underground at 7-9pm
- April 22— Wedding at 1:30pm
- April 29— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 3— Knights of Columbus 6:30pm
- May 4— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- May 6— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 13— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 13— Wedding at 6pm
- May 16— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- May 18— The Holy Hour for Marriage at 6pm
- May 20— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 20-21— Tomorrow's Priests Collection
- May 27— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 27— Wedding at 6pm
- May 28— Peter's Pence Collection
- June 1— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- June 3— Wedding at 1:30pm
- June 10— Wedding at 1:30pm
- June 10— Wedding at 6pm
- June 15— The Holy Hour for Marriage at 6pm
- June 17— Wedding at 6pm
- June 24— Diaconate Rite of Candidacy w/ Bishop Johnston at 10am
- June 1— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Anselm of Canterbury

St. Anselm was a renowned Bishop, philosopher, and theologian who lived in England in the 11th century. He began his career as a Benedictine monk at Bec in Normandy where he lived a quiet life for about 30 years. During that time he wrote many important treatises that have continued to have an impact on philosophy today. He is particularly famous for his ontological argument, which argued that God's existence is demonstrated simply by knowing what God is— that than which nothing greater can be thought. While many later philosophers like St. Thomas Aquinas rejected this argument, others, like Renee Descartes, used it in their own writings. His emphasis on promoting a "faith seeking understanding" has made Anselm the Father of the Scholasticism in philosophy, among whose adherents was St. Peter Lombard, St. Thomas Aquinas, Duns Scotus, and others. In 1093 Anselm was consecrated the Bishop of Canterbury and found himself embroiled in many controversies. He sought to guarantee the Church's right to pick its own bishops rather than being chosen by kings and found himself exiled twice. He worked hard to maintain a Church that was free from political pressures. Anselm died in 1109 and was named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Clement XI in 1720 for his many contributions to the intellectual life of the Church.

City on a Hill- KC Underground

City on a Hill will be holding its bi-monthly KC Underground **on this Thursday, April 20th at 7pm at Our Lady of Sorrows**. Join the City on a Hill young adult community and Bishop Johnston for an evening of candlelit adoration and contemplative music! Doors will open at 7:00, and confessions will be heard from that point throughout the evening until 9:00 PM. The event will begin at 7:30 with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Hope to see you there!



For Your Reflection:

The spiritual building up of the body of Christ is achieved through love. As Saint Peter says: *Like living stones you are built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ*. And there can be no more effective way to pray for this spiritual growth than for the Church, itself Christ's body, to make the offering of his body and blood in the sacramental form of bread and wine. *For the cup we drink is a participation in the blood of Christ, and the bread we break is a participation in the body of Christ. Because there is one loaf, we who are many are one body, since we all share the same bread*. And so we pray that, by the same grace which made the Church Christ's body, all its members may remain firm in the unity of that body through the enduring bond of love.

We are right to pray that this may be brought about in us through the gift of the one Spirit of the Father and the Son. The holy Trinity, the one true God, is of its nature unity, equality and love, and by one divine activity sanctifies its adopted sons. That is why Scripture says that *God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit he has given us*. The Holy Spirit, who is the one Spirit of the Father and the Son, produces in those to whom he gives the grace of divine adoption the same effect as he produced among those whom the Acts of the Apostles describes as having received the Holy Spirit. We are told that *the company of those who believed were of one heart and soul*, because the one Spirit of the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is one God, had created a single heart and soul in all those who believed. This is why Saint Paul in his exhortation to the Ephesians says that this spiritual unity in the bond of peace must be carefully preserved.

God makes the Church itself a sacrifice pleasing in his sight by preserving within it the love which his Holy Spirit has poured out. Thus the grace of that spiritual love is always available to us, enabling us continually to offer ourselves to God as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to him for ever.

-From a book addressed to Monimus by St. Fulgentius of Ruspe, Bishop

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 April 3 to April 9, 2023

Plate.....\$1530.55

Envelopes.....\$1261.00

Prayer of the Week

The Trisagion

Hagios O Theos, Hagios ischyros, Hagios athanatos, eleison imas.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty One, Holy and Immortal One, have mercy on us.

The Trisagion (or "thrice holy") is a prayer sung during the Eastern Rite Divine Liturgy before the Eucharistic prayer. It is also sung during Good Friday and forms the basis for the concluding prayers of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Holy Family School of Faith

A new ministry, the Holy Family School of Faith, have its next meeting on **Tuesday, April 25th at 11:30am** and will be every Tuesday at 11:30am. The School of Faith prays the Rosary in the way introduced by St. Dominic. We share a short teaching from the Word of God, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, or the lives of the Saints, then we pray one decade of the Rosary—and we do this five times. Any remaining time can continue the conversation of the meditations.

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, 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.

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 next monthly collection of these items will be during this weekend, April 15-16th**, 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.

Parish Bible Study— The Gospel of John

The next Bible study session is on **May 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 the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus, exploring the context around arguably the most famous verse in the Bible— John 3:16. We will also explore a controversy that erupted with John the Baptist's disciples. 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.



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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