

Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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From our Pastor:

Dear friends and Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows,

Today, Palm Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week. And this week is filled with many sounds and voices. We hear the crowds singing praises to Jesus as he enters Jerusalem as the Messiah, and how those praises all too quickly turned into jeering and mocking and calling for crucifixion. Throughout the week, we'll hear crying, whipping, hammering. The cries of crucifixion, the prayers to the Father, and the deafening silence of the tomb.

The sounds of Holy Week are piercing and thunderous. Jesus cries out in a loud voice as he gives up His spirit. The curtain of the sanctuary is ripped in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, boulders split, tombs opened. There is a betrayal with a kiss, a rooster crowing at the occasion of Peter's denial, the sound of a mother weeping.

Since this week is filled with **so much sound, we are called to do a lot of listening.** Listening to the narratives of Jesus' final days and hours and moments this week, we incline our ears to hear God's Word of love for each of us.

If you've never attended the liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday or the Easter Vigil you might consider attending this year. The liturgies are grace filled. All of these are opportunities for us to listen. In such a noisy world, with so many distractions we need these moments to listen to the Word of God.

It was the practice of many homes to turn off all the radios and televisions on Good Friday, as a way of saying this is not a day for entertainment, but a day of turning my heart to what matters most. If all we listen to are the sounds of the world: the bitterness, the resentment, the violence, and the lust, our lives will soon only echo the values of the world.

This week, I encourage you to make time to read through the passion narratives again or rewatch Mel Gibson's *The Passion of Christ* movie. Perhaps pick the part of the passion or a character that resonates with you most. A day shouldn't go by during this Holiest Week of the Church year, without spending quality time in prayerful reflection upon Jesus' Passion.

Fr. Leonard



Triduum Liturgy Times

Holy Thursday— 6pm
Good Friday— 3pm
Easter Vigil (Saturday)— 8pm
Easter Sunday— 11am

Parish 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

APRIL 2, 2023

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, April 1— Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, April 2— Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

11:00am † Russ Daly

MONDAY, April 3— Monday of Holy Week

TUESDAY, April 4— Tuesday of Holy Week

WEDNESDAY, April 5— Wednesday of Holy Week

Noon

THURSDAY, April 6— Holy Thursday

6:00pm

FRIDAY, April 7— Good Friday

3:00pm

SATURDAY, April 8— Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil

8:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, April 9—Easter 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.

Readings for Holy Week

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;

b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8 11;

c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;

d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;

e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;

f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;

h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

Website Calendar

Our calendar of events is now on our website as well! Check here in the Bulletin and on our website on all the latest events coming up!

Parish Calendar of Events

- April 3— Legion of Mary at 6pm
- April 5— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- April 6— Holy Thursday at 6pm
- April 7— Stations of the Cross at 2pm
- April 7— Good Friday Service at 3pm
- April 7— Holy Land Collection
- April 8— Easter Vigil at 8pm
- April 9— Easter Sunday at 11 am
- 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— City on a Hill KC Underground at 7-9pm
- 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
- 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 6:00pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— Mary, Mother of Sorrows

During Holy Week, we should find ourselves drawing ever nearer to our Blessed Mother, who endured the greatest sorrows on behalf of her Son. It is important to remember that as Jesus hung upon the Cross, he saw his mother and the Apostle John. He said to her, “Woman, behold your son.” To John he said, “Behold your mother.” John, in his Gospel, indicates that we should stand in his place, choosing to write of himself as “the beloved disciple.” So when Jesus named Mary as the Mother of the Church and of all Christians, he did so as she was wracked by her sorrows. Our Lady of Sorrows has much to teach us of the great and abiding love of Jesus. She knows the pain we endure, nothing is beyond her understanding because of what she endured at the foot of the Cross. According to Tradition, in later years after the Resurrection, Mary used to retrace the path that Jesus followed from the court of Pilate to Golgotha and then to the Empty Tomb, remembering what transpired at each point along the way. This became known as the Stations of the Cross. This week, take some time to pray through the Stabat Mater Dolorosa and the Stations of the Cross. Walk the Way of Sorrows with Mary as we recount the incredible sorrows of Good Friday and the overwhelming joy of Easter Sunday.

City on a Hill- KC Underground

City on a Hill will be holding its bi-monthly KC Underground on **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!



Volunteers

Palm Sunday	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz Nancy Lowdon	Brad Geist Bill Capotosto Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	James Hardy	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Edward Stevens	Bill Capotosto
	Holy Thursday	Good Friday
Reader	Anthony Effertz	James Hardy Brad Geist Nancy Lowdon
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi George Bryde Brad Geist	George Bryde John Pileggi
Usher	Jim Carley	Bill Capotosto
	Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday
Reader	Anthony Effertz AnnMarie Creedon John Pileggi Jim Carley	James Hardy
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Mike Elsey	Lynette Wheeler
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Joe Creedon	Bill Capotosto

Church Decoration

We will need a good number of volunteers to help decorate the Church for Holy Saturday at 9am. If you are able to help, please come and lend a hand and help to make our church as beautiful as possible this Easter!

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 March 6 to March 12, 2023

Plate.....\$478.00

Envelopes.....\$1170.00

Holy Land Collection

There will be a collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday. This goes to supporting Christians in the Holy Land who help maintain the places where Jesus lived, walked, taught, performed miracles, died, and rose again. Please be as generous as you are able.

The Stations of the Cross

We will have the Stations of the Cross this week during Lent at 2:15pm in the church.



Holy Family School of Faith

A new ministry, the Holy Family School of Faith, will start on **Tuesday, April 11th 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, 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.

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 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 **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, John's portrayal of Mary, 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.



Changes of Schedule

Due to it being Holy Thursday, there will be NO noon Mass, Adoration, or Confessions on Thursday. There will be confession at 2:15 before the Good Friday Service. Please see our calendar or the front page for liturgy times.

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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