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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

Easter Greetings from Fr. Leonard:

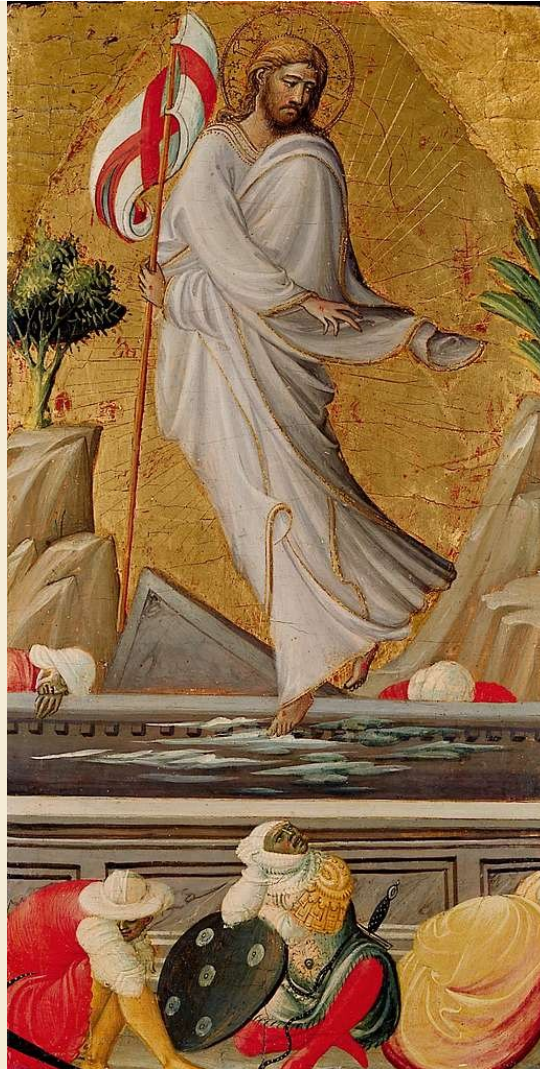
Dear Parishioners and Visitors, Christ is Risen, Alleluia! As we journey through this holy Easter season, I joyfully extend warm greetings to all of you—our faithful parishioners and our visiting friends. May the Risen Lord bless your hearts and homes with peace, joy, and a deep sense of His abiding presence.

Easter is not simply a day—it is a season, a celebration that continues for fifty days until Pentecost. In this time, the Church invites us to live in the light of the Resurrection, embracing the hope that Jesus Christ brings through His triumph over death. The empty tomb is not the end of the story—it is the beginning of a new life for all who believe.

I wish to offer heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make our Holy Week and Easter liturgies truly beautiful and prayerful. The reverent atmosphere, the sacred music, the stunning decorations, and the joyful participation of our community were a testament to your faith and love for the Church. Whether you helped behind the scenes or served in a visible ministry, please know how deeply appreciated your efforts are. You brought the spirit of Easter to life in our parish.

I am especially grateful for the many hands that prepared our church for the Triduum and Easter Sunday—from the liturgical ministers, altar servers, musicians, decorators, and sacristans, to those who offered prayers and support from home. Your dedication and generosity embody the spirit of Our Lady of Sorrows—a community that walks with one another through both sorrow and joy.

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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 20, 2025

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, April 19— Easter Vigil

8:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, April 20— Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, April 21—Monday of the Octave of Easter

TUESDAY, April 22—Tuesday of the Octave of Easter

WEDNESDAY, April 23—Wednesday of the Octave of Easter

Noon † George Anton Kleine

THURSDAY, April 24— Thursday of the Octave of Easter

Noon Jennifer Martinez and Family (living and deceased)

FRIDAY, April 25— Friday of the Octave of Easter

SATURDAY, April 26— The Second Sunday of Easter

8:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, April 27— The Second Sunday of Easter

11:00am † Chandra Armstrong

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.

Liturgical Assignments

4/19 & 20	8:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Ann Creedon	Maureen Kramanak
Eucharistic Minister	Joe Creedon	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde Tonnye Armstrong
Usher		Bill Capotosto

4/26 & 4/27	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the Octave of Easter

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 11:9-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Parish Calendar of Events

- Apr 25— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 1— Bible Study at 7pm
- May 7— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- May 3— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 3— Wedding at 6pm
- Legion of Mary 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
- Jun 4— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jun 5— Bible Study at 7pm
- Jun 7— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jun 7— Wedding at 6pm
- Jun 7-8— Peter's Pence Collection
- Jun 13— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jun 14-15— Diocesan Communications Collection
- Jun 19— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Jun 28— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jul 2— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jul 3— Bible Study at 7pm
- Jul 12— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jul 12— Wedding at 6pm
- Jul 19— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 2— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Helena

St. Helena was the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great. She was born at Drepanum in Asia Minor to parents of humble means. She married Constantius Chlorus, and their son Constantine was born in 274. Constantius divorced her in 294 in order to further his political ambitions by marrying a woman of noble rank. In 306, Constantius died and Constantine became Emperor. Constantine declared Helena an Empress and titled her Augusta. She used her high position and wealth in the service of her religious enthusiasm and helped build churches throughout the empire. She was noted for her selflessness and generosity. Helena gave tirelessly to the church, prisoners, and the poor. In 326, she made a trip to the Holy Land, seeking to find and memorialize the sites where Jesus was born, lived, died, and rose again. She demolished a temple of Venus built by the Emperor Hadrian on the site of the Empty Tomb where Jesus was buried. It was there that she ordered an excavation to search for the tomb and, upon digging, three crosses were discovered. It was believed that one was the Cross of Jesus but St. Helena wanted sure proof. She had them touch each of the crosses to a woman near death and upon touching the third one, the woman miraculously recovered. Helena knew that she had found the True Cross and also the location of Jesus' tomb. Having learned of this, Constantine ordered the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre over the cave where Jesus had been buried. Helena brought many relics of Jesus' passion back to Rome, where they are still preserved at the Basilica of Santa Croce. She died in 330.

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Let us also remember in a special way our homebound and sick brothers and sisters. Though they may not be physically present with us, they remain close in our hearts and prayers. May the light of the Risen Christ bring them comfort, healing, and renewed strength. On behalf of our parish community and Deacon Mike Eley, I wish you a blessed and grace-filled Easter season. May the joy of the Resurrection remain with you throughout these fifty days and beyond, guiding you in faith, hope, and love.

In the peace of the Risen Lord,

-Fr. Leonard Gicheru



Prayer of the Week

Easter Prayer of St. Hippolytus

Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate
Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen
Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing
Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty
Christ is Risen indeed from the dead,
the first of the sleepers,
Glory and power are his forever and ever.

-St. Hippolytus of Rome

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 at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org

Weekly Activities & Events

Last Week's Offering

From April 7, 2025 to Apr 13, 2025

Plate _____	\$611.99
Envelopes _____	\$1635.00
Holy Thursday _____	\$100.00
Holy Land _____	\$100.00
Easter _____	\$100.00
Candles _____	\$64.50
Maintenance _____	\$180.00
Poor Box _____	\$157.27
Weddings _____	\$2000.00
Mass Stipends _____	\$60.00
Online _____	\$41.16

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Triduum and Easter celebrations as beautiful as possible, especially those that assisted with the liturgies and those that helped to decorate the Church. We deeply appreciate your generosity during the holiest time of the year!

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.



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.

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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! Please contact Arthur Kovach at (816) 574-0900 or arthurkovach@gmail.com 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.

Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on Thursday, **May 1st 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' crucifixion, and John's unique additions to the narrative. Please email Brad at 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 May 10th and 11th** 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.