

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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From our Pastoral Associate:

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the sheep follow the shepherd "because they recognize his voice." I once heard the story of someone who visited Israel and witnessed shepherds bringing their flocks to a well for a drink. The flocks mixed and mingled, making it impossible to distinguish which sheep belonged to each shepherd. But when the shepherds left, each going a different way, they gave a call and the sheep separated perfectly— because each sheep knew its shepherd and the sound of his voice.

Jesus, as the Good Shepherd speaks to us in that same way. But are we listening to his voice? How do we learn to recognize it and know when he is calling and when he is not? There are many ways, each of which should be used together. One way is to be reading the scriptures every day. When we open the scriptures, we listen to Jesus' words and teachings and come to know him personally. The Sacred Scriptures are inexhaustibly deep and something new can be gleaned from them, whether you've read them a dozen times or are just beginning to read them. At our parish, we have a Bible Study that we have in our parish hall, where right now we are studying the Gospel of John. Anyone is welcome to join us at any time. Our next session will be on Thursday at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Another is prayer. Prayer is an essential part of being a Christian. We need to spend time with Jesus, both in silence as well as in the sacraments. We encounter him at Mass in the Eucharist and we have several opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration available in our parish. Reading classic spiritual or theological works is also an excellent way of coming to know Jesus' voice. Taking time to read and understand the Church's teachings is also important. The Church was given the authority to teach the truth by Jesus himself. When we listen to the Church's teachings, we hear the voice of Jesus.

Finally, service to our neighbor is an essential part of our role as Christians. Jesus made it plain that what we do to the least of our brethren is done to him. This means that, in our service to others, we come to encounter and know Our Lord as well. If you are looking for opportunities to do this in our parish, the Legion of Mary meets every Monday at 6pm, the Knights of Columbus meets on the first Wednesday of the Month, and our Social Ministry is getting active helping serve the poor in our community. To learn more about all these ministries, please see the other sections of this Bulletin. Let us take the time to come to know the voice of Our Lord, that we may be always ready to answer and follow when he calls.



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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 30, 2023
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, April 29— The Fourth Sunday of Easter
4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, April 30— The Fourth Sunday of Easter
11:00am For the Poor

MONDAY, May 1— St. Joseph the Worker

TUESDAY, May 2— St. Athanasius

WEDNESDAY, May 3— Sts. Phillip and James, Apostles
Noon † Joseph Francis Pileggi

THURSDAY, May 4
Noon

FRIDAY, May 5

SATURDAY, May 6— The Fifth Sunday of Easter
4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, May 7— The Fifth Sunday of Easter
11:00am For the Poor

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@olosc.org if you would like to have a Mass said for yourself or a loved one, living or deceased.

Readings for Holy Week

4/29 & 30	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Molly Schmidt
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Edward Stevens	Bill Capotosto

5/6 & 7	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Edward Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the Fourth Week of Easter

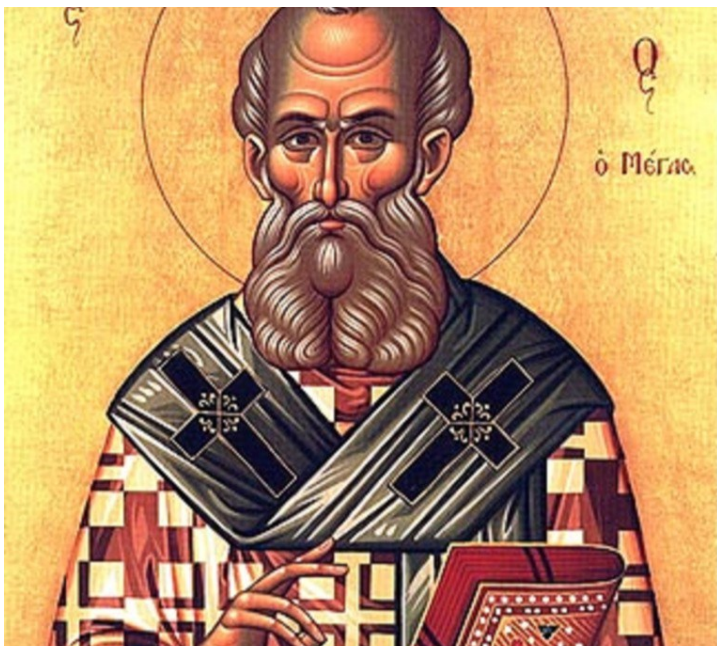
Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
 Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Parish Calendar of Events

- May 1— Legion of Mary at 6pm
- May 3— Knights of Columbus at 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
- July 1— Wedding at 1:30pm
- July 6— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- July 8— Wedding at 1:30pm
- July 15— Wedding at 1:30pm
- July 20— The Holy Hour for Marriage at 6pm
- Aug 3— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Aug 12— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Athanasius

St. Athanasius was the 20th Patriarch of Alexandria and was bishop for 45 years, during which time he was exiled 5 times. He is most renowned for defending Catholic orthodoxy from the heresy of Arianism, resulting in the council of Nicaea in 325. He was well educated as a boy in Alexandria. While a deacon, he found himself in a fierce debate with a priest named Arius, who taught that Christ was the Son of God but was created, not begotten. This amounted to a denial of Jesus' divinity. Athanasius accompanied his bishop to the Council of Nicaea and acted as his personal assistant. Already at that point he was known to be a theologian and ascetic. The Council sided with Athanasius' views, declaring through the Creed it devised that Christ is "God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten and not made." Athanasius soon succeeded his bishop and became Patriarch. During this time, Arianism had a resurgence and 4 Roman Emperors exiled Athanasius 5 times. Athanasius persisted despite widespread opposition to the orthodox teaching, leading to the famous phrase "Athanasius against the World." Athanasius is a Doctor of the Church, known for being the greatest champion of the doctrine of the Incarnation that the Church has ever known. He died in 373 A.D.

The Holy Hour for Marriage

Our next Holy Hour for Marriage **will be at 6pm on May 18th** at Our Lady of Sorrows and is monthly on the third Thursday of every month. The Holy Hour is for married and engaged couples to come and pray in eucharistic adoration over each other and for the needs of their marriage. There will be a short reflection on an aspect of married life and confession. When it is over, all couples are encouraged to go on a date with their spouse or fiancé. We encourage our parishioners to come and pray during this time.

For Your Reflection:

The Word of God, incorporeal, incorruptible and immaterial, entered our world. Yet it was not as if he had been remote from it up to that time. For there is no part of the world that was ever without his presence; together with his Father, he continually filled all things and places. Out of his loving-kindness for us he came to us, and we see this in the way he revealed himself openly to us. Taking pity on mankind's weakness, and moved by our corruption, he could not stand aside and see death have the mastery over us; he did not want creation to perish and his Father's work in fashioning man to be in vain. He therefore took to himself a body, no different from our own, for he did not wish simply to be in a body or only to be seen. If he had wanted simply to be seen, he could indeed have taken another, and nobler, body. Instead, he took our body in its reality.

Within the Virgin he built himself a temple, that is, a body; he made it his own instrument in which to dwell and to reveal himself. In this way he received from mankind a body like our own, and, since all were subject to the corruption of death, he delivered this body over to death for all, and with supreme love offered it to the Father. He did so to destroy the law of corruption passed against all men, since all died in him. The law, which had spent its force on the body of the Lord, could no longer have any power over his fellowmen. Moreover, this was the way in which the Word was to restore mankind to immortality, after it had fallen into corruption, and summon it back from death to life. He utterly destroyed the power death had against mankind—as fire consumes chaff—by means of the body he had taken and the grace of the resurrection. This is the reason why the Word assumed a body that could die, so that this body, sharing in the Word who is above all, might satisfy death's requirement in place of all. Because of the Word dwelling in that body, it would remain incorruptible, and all would be freed for ever from corruption by the grace of the resurrection.

In death the Word made a spotless sacrifice and oblation of the body he had taken. By dying for others, he immediately banished death for all mankind.

St. Athanasius— *On the Incarnation of the Word*

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 17 to April 23, 2023

Plate.....\$349.00

Envelopes.....\$1550.00

Prayer of the Week

The Regina Caeli

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia. Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia. Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia. Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia. Has risen, as he said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

This hymn is traditionally sung to the Virgin Mary at Easter. It speaks to Mary in a joyful tone, bringing to her the incredible news that her son Jesus is risen and celebrates this moment with her. It asks her who was once sorrowful at the foot of the Cross to rejoice with exceeding joy. It ends with a request for her prayers. The hymn notably gives her the title of the Queen of Heaven. In the Old Testament, the mother of the King is the named the Queen rather than the wife of the King. Jesus, being the King of Heaven, has Mary as its Queen. Let us turn to her with our prayers and love.

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, Grace Weatherford, 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.

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 regarding baptism. All are welcome! 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 next monthly collection of these items will be May 13-14th**, and will take 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.

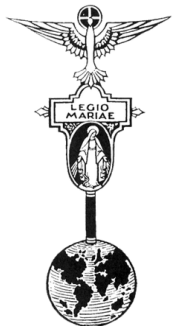


Church Cleaning Invitation

May 6th, beginning at 9:00 a.m., is our monthly church cleaning. Please come and lend a hand for the work is light and rewarding. Stay a few minutes or an hour. We need to have about 10 people there to complete the cleaning.

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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