

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From our Pastor:

When God Rewrites the Ending

Every story has a moment when it seems like everything is over. The hero falls. Hope disappears. The future looks sealed and certain—and not in a good way. On Good Friday, that was the story. Jesus was crucified, laid in the tomb, and the disciples believed it was finished.

But Easter reveals something powerful: with God, what looks like the end is often just the beginning.

If we are honest, many of us live as though certain parts of our lives are already “finished.” We quietly tell ourselves: *This situation will never change. This relationship is beyond repair. This mistake defines me. This struggle is here to stay.* Like the disciples, we walk away from the tomb thinking the story is over.

Easter interrupts that thinking.

The resurrection is God's bold declaration that He is not bound by our conclusions.

Where we see finality, God sees possibility.

Where we see failure, God sees

redemption. Where we see death, God brings life.

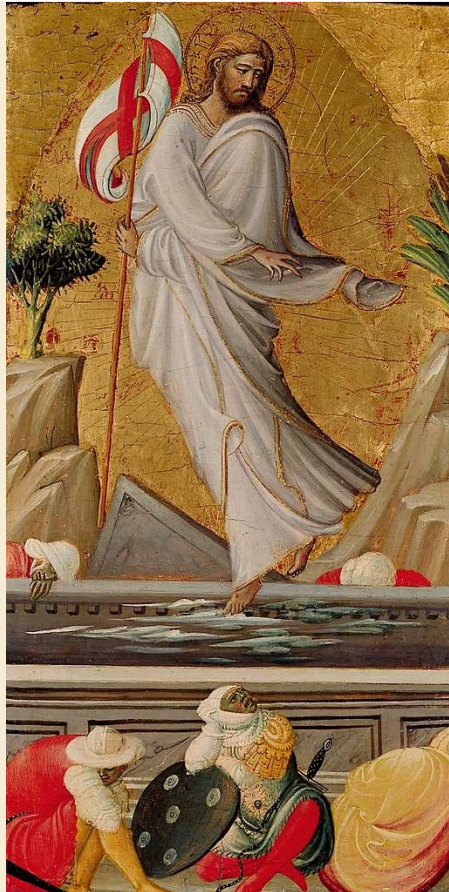
The women who went to the tomb on Easter morning carried spices, not expectations. They were preparing to honor a body, not encounter a living Lord. They assumed the story had already been written. But when they arrived, they discovered something that shattered their assumptions—the stone was rolled away, and the tomb was empty. And with that, everything changed. Easter reminds us that God specializes in rewriting endings.

That moment in your life that feels like a closed chapter—God is not finished with it. That burden you have been carrying—the one you have learned to live with—God is not done there either. That part of your heart that feels lifeless or numb—God can breathe life into it again.

But here is the challenge: we often resist the new story God is trying to write.

We cling to old narratives. We define ourselves by past wounds, past sins, or

past disappointments. We replay failures and allow them to shape how we see



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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

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APRIL 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, April 4— Holy Saturday

8:00pm Drew Cuba, Noah Taber, Juan Villazan, and Mauriah Francis

SUNDAY, April 5— Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

10:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, April 6— Easter Monday

TUESDAY, April 7— Easter Tuesday

WEDNESDAY, April 8— Easter Wednesday

Noon † John Waldron

THURSDAY, April 9— Easter Thursday

Noon

FRIDAY, April 10— Easter Friday

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

Liturgical Assignments

4/4 & 5	Easter Vig.	Easter Sun
Reader	Ann Creedon Joe Creedon Brad Geist	Maureen Kramanak
Eucharistic Minister	Joe Creedon	Lynette Wheeler
Server/ Sacristan	John Pileggi Brad Geist George Bryde	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

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

Readings for the Octave of Easter

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-23; 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 4:1-8; 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 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

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 9— Bible Study (Genesis) at 7pm
- Apr 11— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Apr 11-12— Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- 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

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— John Baptiste De la Salle

John was born 1651 in Reims, France. At the early age of 11, he received the tonsure and started preparation for the priesthood, to which he was ordained at 27. He seemed assured then of a life of dignified ease and a high position in the Church. But God had other plans, During a chance meeting with Monsieur Adrien Nyel, he became interested in the creation of schools for poor boys in Rheims, where he was stationed. Though the work was extremely distasteful to him at first, he became more involved in working with the deprived youths. Once convinced that this was his divinely appointed mission, Saint John Baptist de La Salle threw himself wholeheartedly into the work, left home and family, abandoned his position as canon at Rheims, gave away his fortune, and reduced himself to the level of the poor to whom he devoted his entire life. The remainder of his life was closely entwined with the community of religious men he founded, the Brothers of the Christian School (also called Christian Brothers or De La Salle Brothers). This community grew rapidly and was successful in educating boys of poor families, using methods designed by John. It prepared teachers in the first training college for teachers and also set up homes and schools for young delinquents of wealthy families. The motivating element in all these endeavors was the desire to become a good Christian. Afflicted with asthma and rheumatism in his last years, he died on Good Friday at age 68, and was canonized in 1900.

ourselves and others. In a way, we become authors of our own limitations, forgetting that God is the true author of our lives.

Easter calls us to let God hold the pen again.

To live Easter is to believe that your life is still being written—and that the best chapters may still be ahead. It is to trust that God can take even the darkest moments and transform them into something meaningful. It is to walk forward not as someone trapped in the past, but as someone opened to new possibilities.

The disciples eventually moved from confusion to courage. Peter, who denied Jesus, became a bold preacher. Thomas, who doubted, became a witness. Their stories did not end in failure—they were rewritten by grace. And so can yours.

But this new story requires a response. It requires us to step out in faith, to leave behind the certainty of the tomb and embrace the uncertainty of resurrection. It requires us to forgive, to begin again, to hope again, to trust again—even when it feels risky.

Easter is not just about what happened to Jesus; it is about what God wants to do in you.

So this Easter, ask yourself: *What story have I already declared finished that God is still working on?* Bring that to Him. Because the God of Easter is still rolling away stones, still surprising hearts, still rewriting endings. And your story is not over yet.

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 Marian antiphon, which joyfully greets the Mother of God with the news of Easter, is the traditional Marian hymn sung during Easter.

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 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 for more information.

Weekly Activities & Events

Last Week's Offering

From Mar 23, 2026 to Mar 29, 2026

Plate _____	\$518.75
Envelopes _____	\$2195.00
Candles _____	\$108.50
Poor Box _____	\$55.10
Weddings _____	\$2995.00
Online _____	\$200.08

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 To join the Knights use the link above or contact John Pileggi at jgapileggi@gmail.com



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.

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.

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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 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.