

# 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,

Alleluia! He has risen. Alleluia! He has conquered death. Alleluia! He has brought salvation to the world. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Every now and then, we see on the TV or in the newspapers a notice about a missing person with the person's photograph and some details. Whether the person was eventually found or not, we cannot be certain because very often there are no follow-up reports on the case in the media. What is certain is that when a loved one is missing, the anxiety is painful; hearts are broken and the search is relentless. This may express the pain and grief that Mary Magdalene was experiencing on Easter Sunday morning as she looked for the One she loved in the tomb. And not finding Jesus in the tomb, Mary Magdalene searched relentlessly and persistently for Him. Mary Magdalene's love for Jesus was enormous. Nothing could come between her and the love of Jesus. Not even despair or even death.

In life, Mary Magdalene loved Jesus but also in death she searched for Him. Mary's deep love for Jesus was because it was He who loved her first and healed her of her sufferings and sin. Because of her great love for Jesus, Mary Magdalene was given the first privilege to see but also to touch the glorious body of the Risen Christ. Jesus also gave her the gift of being the first disciple to the resurrection. She became the apostle to the apostles.

As we celebrate Easter today and even in the coming weeks its good to contemplate on how much we love Jesus guided by the example of Mary Magdalene, the greatest disciple of love. Let us ask ourselves; how much do we love Jesus? Is it only when our hopes are high and when things are going well, or do we search for Jesus even in the darkest night of our lives?

May our faith and love for Jesus be strengthened today as we celebrate his resurrection. Let us remember that just as Christ loved Mary Magdalene while she was still in her sin; God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Rom 5:8). And with Mary Magdalene let us sing, Alleluia! He has risen. Alleluia! He has conquered death. Alleluia!

Happy Easter!

Fr. Leonard



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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 9, 2023

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

# Mass Intentions and Feasts

**SATURDAY, April 8— Easter Vigil**  
 8:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**SUNDAY, April 9— Easter Sunday**  
 11:00am † Russ Daly

**MONDAY, April 10— Easter Monday**

**TUESDAY, April 11— Easter Tuesday**

**WEDNESDAY, April 12— Easter Wednesday**  
 Noon

**THURSDAY, April 13— Easter Thursday**  
 Noon

**FRIDAY, April 14— Easter Friday**

**SATURDAY, April 15— Divine Mercy Sunday**  
 4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

**SUNDAY, April 16— Divine Mercy 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

	Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday
Reader	Anthony Effertz AnnMarie Creedon John Pileggi Jim Carley	James Hardy
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Lynette Wheeler
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Joe Creedon	Bill Capotosto

4/15 & 16	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Brad Geist
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Edward Stevens	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 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

# Parish Calendar of Events

- April 13— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- April 11— Holy Family School of Faith at 11:30am
- April 15— Wedding at 2pm
- April 15— Wedding at 6pm
- April 17— Legion of Mary 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 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

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 St. Constantine the Great. After Constantine became emperor and legalized Christianity in 306 AD, Helena converted. 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 had two churches built—the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem and the Church of the Eleona on the Mount of Olives, where Christ ascended into heaven. 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, St. 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 (including the entire flight of stairs that he ascended to Pilate) back to Rome, where they are still preserved at the Basilica of Santa Croce. She died in 330.

## 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!



## For Your Reflection:

We should understand, beloved, that the paschal mystery is at once old and new, transitory and eternal, corruptible and incorruptible, mortal and immortal. In terms of the Law it is old, in terms of the Word it is new. In its figure it is passing, in its grace it is eternal. It is corruptible in the sacrifice of the lamb, incorruptible in the eternal life of the Lord. It is mortal in his burial in the earth, immortal in his resurrection from the dead.

The Law indeed is old, but the Word is new. The type is transitory, but grace is eternal. The lamb was corruptible, but the Lord is incorruptible. He was slain as a lamb; he rose again as God. *He was led like a sheep to the slaughter*, yet he was not a sheep. He was silent as a lamb, yet he was not a lamb. The type has passed away; the reality has come. The lamb gives place to God, the sheep gives place to a man, and the man is Christ, who fills the whole of creation. The sacrifice of the lamb, the celebration of the Passover, and the prescriptions of the Law have been fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Under the old Law, and still more under the new dispensation, everything pointed towards him.

The Lord, though he was God, became man. He suffered for the sake of those who suffer, he was bound for those in bonds, condemned for the guilty, buried for those who lie in the grave; but he rose from the dead, and cried aloud: *Who will contend with me? Let him confront me.* I have freed the condemned, brought the dead back to life, raised men from their graves. Who has anything to say against me? I, he said, am the Christ; I have destroyed death, triumphed over the enemy, trampled hell underfoot, bound the strong one, and taken men up to the heights of heaven: I am the Christ.

Come, then, all you nations of men, receive forgiveness for the sins that defile you. I am your forgiveness. I am the Passover that brings salvation. I am the lamb who was immolated for you. I am your ransom, your life, your resurrection, your light, I am your salvation and your king. I will bring you to the heights of heaven. With my own right hand I will raise you up, and I will show you the eternal Father.

-From an Easter homily by St. Melito of Sardis, 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](mailto: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](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org)

# Weekly Activities & Events

## Last Week's Offering

From March 27 to April 2, 2023

Plate.....\$395.25

Envelopes.....\$2146.00

## 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.

## 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, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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