

Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From our Pastor:

From Belief to Fullness—Receiving the Holy Spirit

Our first reading this weekend come from Acts chapter 8. There is a powerful movement in that reading; it begins with belief, but it does not end there. It moves toward fullness—the fullness of life in the Holy Spirit.

Philip goes down to Samaria and proclaims Christ. And something extraordinary happens. The people listen. They pay attention. They witness signs—healings, deliverance, transformation. The Gospel is not just spoken; it is experienced. And the result? “There was great joy in that city.” That line is worth pausing on: great joy in that city. Not partial joy. Not temporary excitement. But something deep and communal—joy that comes when lives are changed, when hope is restored, when Christ is truly encountered.

But then the reading takes an unexpected turn.

We are told that although the people had accepted the Word of God and had even been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, something was still missing. The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon them in fullness. So the apostles send Peter and John, who come, lay hands on them, and pray that they might receive the Holy Spirit.

Why is this important?

Because it reveals a truth that speaks directly to our lives today: faith is not meant to stop at belief—it is meant to grow into fullness through the Holy Spirit. Many of us can relate to the people of Samaria. We believe. We come to church. We have been baptized. We belong to a particular parish ministry. We try to live good lives. And yet, sometimes, something feels incomplete. We may still struggle with fear, with discouragement, with a lack of spiritual energy or
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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
bgeist@oloskc.org

MAY 10, 2026
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, May 9— The Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, May 10— The Sixth Sunday of Easter

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, May 11

TUESDAY, May 12— St. Nereus and Achilleus, St. Pancras

WEDNESDAY, May 13— Our Lady of Fatima

Noon † Anthon and Anastasia Martinez and Family

THURSDAY, May 14

Noon

FRIDAY, May 15— St. Isidore

SATURDAY, May 16— The Ascension of the Lord

4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

SUNDAY, May 17— The Ascension of the Lord

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

Liturgical Assignments

5/9 & 10	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	John Pileggi	Jose Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

5/16 & 17	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 6th Week in Easter

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Jn 15:26-16:4

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23-28

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

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.

Parish Calendar of Events

- May 9-10— Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- May 11— Legion of Mary at 4pm (Every Monday)
- 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 21— Communications Collection
- Jul 1— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jul 2— Bible Study (Genesis) at 7pm
- Jul 4— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Jul 11-12— Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- Jul 18— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jul 25— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jul 25— Wedding at 6pm
- Aug 1— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Aug 5— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Aug 6— Bible Study (Genesis) at 7pm
- Aug 8— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 14— Wedding at 2:30pm
- Aug 15— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Pancras of Rome

Saint Pancras, was born around 289 AD in Phrygia, a region in present-day Turkey. Orphaned at a young age, he was taken in by his uncle, Saint Dionysius. The pair moved to Rome during a time of great persecution of Christians. Despite the dangers, Pancras embraced Christianity with fervent faith. His dedication to his beliefs was so strong that it soon caught the attention of the authorities. He was arrested at the tender age of 14. Despite being offered many chances to renounce his faith, he stood firm, choosing to face death rather than betray his beliefs. On May 12, 304, he was beheaded. His courage and unwavering belief in the face of death quickly spread, leading more to the faith. Visits of pilgrims to his tomb also brought miracles.

Happy Mother's Day

Today, we pause as a parish family to thank God for the gift of mothers—those who have nurtured us, guided us, and loved us with generous hearts. Their quiet sacrifices, constant prayers, and enduring faith are a reflection of God's own love in our lives.

We honor and celebrate all mothers—grandmothers, godmothers, and spiritual mothers—who continue to build up the Church and our families with grace and strength. We remember in prayer those who have gone before us, and we entrust them to God's eternal care. We also hold close in our prayers for those who long to be mothers but are struggling to have children—may the Lord comfort their hearts and fill them with hope.

May the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary inspire all mothers to walk in faith, hope, and love.

Happy Mother's Day! May the Lord bless you and reward you abundantly.

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direction.

The reading invites us to ask a deeper question: Have I truly opened my life to the full presence of the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is not an abstract idea. The Spirit is the very life of God dwelling within us—bringing courage where there is fear, clarity where there is confusion, and strength where there is weakness. The same Spirit who healed the sick and drove out unclean spirits in Samaria is alive and active today.

But here is the key: the Spirit is not forced upon us. **The Spirit is received.**

Notice what Peter and John do. They pray. They lay hands. They intentionally call down the Spirit. There is openness, expectation, and a desire for more. And that is where we come in.

This Sixth Sunday of Easter challenges us not to settle for a minimal faith. It calls us beyond routine and invites us into a deeper relationship with God. It asks us to move from simply “knowing about Jesus” to being filled with His Spirit.

Imagine what would happen if our parish, like Samaria, became a place of “great joy.” Not just because of good programs or events we do here, but because people are truly alive in the Spirit—transformed, renewed, and on fire with faith.

That kind of joy is not manufactured. It is the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

So this week, make a simple but powerful prayer: **“Come, Holy Spirit. Fill my heart. Complete what is lacking. Lead me into the fullness of life in Christ.”**

Because belief is only the beginning. The goal is fullness—and in the Holy Spirit, that fullness is always possible.



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 Apr 27, 2026 to May 3, 2026

Plate _____	\$385.00
Envelopes _____	\$2605.00
Candles _____	\$107.00
Poor Box _____	\$61.00
Weddings _____	\$1000.00
Maintenance _____	\$205.00
Mass Stipends _____	\$10.00
Lighthouse _____	\$1.00
Peter's Pence _____	\$20.00
Vocation Fund _____	\$20.00
Online _____	\$790.45

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 Gumming, 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, **June 4 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.



Tomorrow's Priests

The second collection for Tomorrow's Priests will **not** be May 17 week but has been postponed by the diocese to June 7th.

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 May 9th and 10th** 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.