

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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From our Pastoral Associate:

As we celebrate the Ascension today and look forward to Pentecost next week, let's take a moment to consider the Apostles and where they may have been spiritually as they watched Jesus ascend to heaven. In this brief moment, we see the Church before Pentecost.

The Apostles and other disciples had seen the wonders and miracles that Christ performed. They had listened and tried to understand his teachings. They then watched him be brutally murdered, leaving them with little hope. Then Jesus rises and they encounter Jesus in a curious new mode of being. Finally, they see him ascend to heaven to sit at the right hand of their Father without inaugurating the Messianic Kingdom that they had imagined. To be bewildered and confused must be an understatement!

But at the back of this is Jesus' promise that he will send them the Holy Spirit, the one who would lead them into all truth. He told the Apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the Promise of the Father—the Holy Spirit. This, the Apostles dutifully did as they waited 9 days, earnestly praying that Jesus' promise would come. When the Holy Spirit does come, their spirits are inflamed and they go out, seeking others to share the good news. Understanding finally comes.

In many of the same ways, we also should pray for the Holy Spirit to be ever more active in our daily lives. We have received him in Confirmation, but how often do we turn to him for comfort and guidance? When we are confused or confounded by something in our own lives, maybe a tragedy or something difficult, do we ask the Holy Spirit to guide us? Do we seek his help?

Let's take the time to sit with the Apostles in the moment, praying earnestly that Christ will send us his Spirit that he will renew the face of the Earth. One way we can do this is by praying a Novena to the Holy Spirit, praying for 9 days for an intention—modeled after what the Apostles did in Jerusalem at Pentecost. We should also take time to study the scriptures and to reflect upon the words and promises of God to us, particularly as he revealed himself through Our Lord Jesus Christ.



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9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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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

MAY 21, 2023
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, May 20— The Ascension of the Lord

4:00pm †Brian Waldbillig

SUNDAY, May 21— The Ascension of the Lord

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, May 22— St. Rita of Cascia

TUESDAY, May 23

WEDNESDAY, May 24

Noon

THURSDAY, May 25—St. Bede the Venerable

Noon

FRIDAY, May 26—St. Philip Neri

SATURDAY, May 27— Pentecost

4:00pm †Russ Daly

SUNDAY, May 28— Pentecost

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

| 5/20 & 21 | 4:00pm | 11:00am |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Reader | James Hardy | Molly Schmidt |
| Eucharistic Minister | Deacon Michael Elsey | Deacon Michael Elsey |
| Server/Sacristan | John Pileggi | George Bryde |
| Usher | Ted Tshirhart | Bill Capotosto |

| 5/27 & 28 | 4:00pm | 11:00am |
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| Reader | Lynette Wheeler | Bill Capotosto |
| Eucharistic Minister | Nancy Lowdon | Rita Witt |
| Server/Sacristan | John Pileggi | George Bryde |
| Usher | Ted Tschirhart | Bill Capotosto |

Readings for the Seventh Week of Easter

- Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68: 10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36; Jn 17:11-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4-5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
- Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3 -7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Parish Calendar of Events

- May 20-21— Tomorrow's Priests Collection
- May 22— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- 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 10-11 Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- June 13— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- 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 18— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- Aug 3— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Aug 12— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 15— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- Aug 18— Wedding at 4pm
- Sep 2— Wedding 1:30pm
- Sep 7— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Sep 15— Founder's Day (100th Anniversary)
- Sep 23— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Bede the Venerable

Venerable Bede lived from 672-735 in England. He was entrusted to the care of the Abbot of St. Paul in Jarrow from an early age and was formed to be a tremendous scholar, having expertise in natural philosophy, the principles of Aristotle, astronomy, arithmetic, grammar, history, and especially Holy Scripture. From the time that he became a priest at the age of 30 until his death, he was ever occupied with learning, writing, and teaching. He composed 45 books, 30 of which were commentaries on various books of the Bible. Perhaps his most famous work, *The Ecclesiastical History of the English People*, was of decisive importance in the art and science of history and historical research. Bede saw the moment he was living in as decisive for the transition of Western Christianity from the Romans to the non-Roman barbarian North. Bede was also the first to begin using the phrase *Anno Domini* (The Year of Our Lord) or AD in regards to historical events, dating them from the time of Christ. This work alone has given him the title of “Father of English History.” Venerable Bede was very careful to observe his monastic vocation, only leaving the monastery once in his lifetime to teach at the school of the Archbishop of York. This was in spite of the pleas of many kings and popes to be their guest. He was named a Doctor of the church in 1899 by Pope Leo XIII, the only Englishman to achieve the title.

Knights Baby Bottle Campaign

This weekend through Father’s Day, the Knights of Columbus will be having a baby bottle campaign. Bottles will be placed in the back of the church to be taken home. Please return them by Father’s day filled with cash. The proceeds will go toward funding ultrasound machines throughout the state of Missouri. This program has been highly beneficial to helping mothers decide to keep their babies during a difficult pregnancy. Please be as generous as you are able.

For Your Reflection:

Jesus took his place. After having undergone the humiliation of his passion and death, Jesus took his place at the right-hand of God; he took his place with his eternal Father. But he also entered heaven as our Head. Whereupon, in the expression of Leo the Great, the glory of the Head became the hope of the body. For all eternity Christ takes his place as the firstborn among many brethren: our nature is with God in Christ. And as man, the Lord Jesus lives for ever to intercede for us with the Father. At the same time, from his throne of glory, Jesus sends out to the whole Church a message of hope and a call to holiness.

Because of Christ’s merits, because of his intercession with the Father, we are able to attain justice and holiness of life, in him. The Church may indeed experience difficulties, the Gospel may suffer setbacks, but because Jesus is at the right-hand of the Father the Church will never know defeat. Christ’s victory is ours. The power of the glorified Christ, the beloved Son of the eternal Father, is superabundant, to sustain each of us and all of us in the fidelity of our dedication to God’s Kingdom. The efficacy of Christ’s Ascension touches all us in the concrete reality of our daily lives. Because of this mystery it is the vocation of the whole Church to wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Dear children, be imbued with the hope that is so much a part of the mystery of the Ascension of Jesus. Be deeply conscious of Christ’s victory and triumph over sin and death. Realize that the strength of Christ is greater than our weakness, greater than the weakness of the whole world. Try to understand and share the joy that Mary experienced in knowing that her Son had taken his place with his Father, whom he loved infinitely. And renew your faith today in the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has gone to prepare a place for us, so that he can come back again and take us to himself.

This is the mystery of the Ascension of our Head. Let us always remember: Jesus gave instructions, and then Jesus took his place. Amen.

-From a Homily by St. John Paul II on the Solemnity of the Ascension.

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 May 8 to May 14, 2023

Plate.....\$803.00

Envelopes.....\$2036.00

Prayer of the Week

Come Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, come by means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, your well-beloved spouse.

This prayer asks the Holy Spirit to come to us by way of Mary's prayers, particularly through her Immaculate heart. Mary was present and prayed for the coming the Holy Spirit and it is traditionally believed by the Church that her prayers played a powerful role in the miracle of Pentecost. Mary is traditionally called the Spouse of the Holy Spirit he came upon her at the Annunciation and then later again at Pentecost. If you wish to know the Holy Spirit better, go to Mary, through whom he worked powerfully.

Tomorrow's Priests Collection

This weekend, there is a second collection for the Tomorrow's Priests collection. This goes to directly building the future of the Church by helping to defray the cost for the education of the seminarians in our diocese. Please be as generous as you are able.

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 **June 1st 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 dive into the story of the Woman at the Well, a woman who was an outcast but found herself as the chief instrument of Jesus in reaching a people that would have otherwise been hostile to him. We will also explore the healing of an official's son. All are welcome! Please email Brad at bgeist@oloskc.org for updates and details.

Social Outreach Ministry

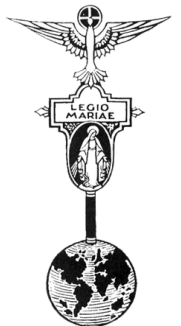
The parish Social Outreach ministry will be taking monthly donations of perishable and non-perishable food, toiletries, hygiene products, diapers, and laundry items for donation to the food pantry at St. Monica's. **Our next monthly collection of these items will be June 10-11**, and will take place 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.

Peter's Pence Collection

Next weekend, May 27-28, there will be a collection for the Peter's Pence collection, which goes to helping the Pope's charitable efforts throughout the world. Please be as generous as you are able.

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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