

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH

2552 GILLHAM ROAD, KCMO, 64108



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS
IN OUR PARISH CHURCH
1923-2023

From our Pastor:

Come Holy Spirit!

We as Catholics sometimes forget we already possess the greatest gift we can ask for: the gift of the Holy Spirit. Today we are celebrating Pentecost Sunday which is the celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and Blessed Virgin Mary. And we remember today that we have received this same gift of the Holy Spirit through our baptism and confirmation. But then



how do we unleash the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives? I would like to suggest one thing today.

If we want to live our lives in the Spirit; then we have to attune our lives to act promptly to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit. After all the word "inspiration" comes from the Latin word *inspirare* which means, to blow into, breathe upon, to bring in new life. And therefore when we attuned our lives to the Holy Spirit he breathes upon our thoughts, our feelings and desires in our interior life.

But how comes we often don't notice his action in our lives?

You bet its because we are too busy! We are too busy caught in the externals of life, while we are choking on the inside. St. Augustine aware of this deficiency, he said "*Lord you were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you.*" St. Augustine was caught up in the externals of the world and had no time to slow down to be breathed upon by the Spirit.

If we are going to get in touch with these inspirations we have to pay attention what's happening in the inside – what's happening in your soul. In other words, if we want to experience the flesh air from the Holy Spirit we have to find silence and enter into prayer. You probably know who hates silence and loves noise? The devil! He loves shouting, clamoring, arguing, blaming, complaining. And our culture too dislikes silence. St Faustina in her diary reminds us that , "*The shortest road to holiness is faithfulness to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit.*" To love silence is to love the Holy Spirit. Happy Pentecost.

Fr. Leonard

Parish Office Hours

9:00 am – 4:00 pm
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

MAY 21, 2023
THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, May 27— The Solemnity of Pentecost

4:00pm †Russ Daly

SUNDAY, May 28— The Solemnity of Pentecost

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, May 29— Mary, Mother of the Church

TUESDAY, May 30

WEDNESDAY, May 31—The Visitation of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Noon Jacob M. Nachtigall

THURSDAY, June 1— St. Justin Martyr

Noon

FRIDAY, June 2— Sts. Marcellinus and Peter

SATURDAY, June 3— The Solemnity of the Most Holy

Trinity

4:00pm

SUNDAY, June 4— The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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

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

6/3&4	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	AnnMarie Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 8th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Gen 3:9-15, 20; Ps 81:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19: 25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6,7-8, 14, 23;
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Zeph 3:14-18; Is 12:2-6; Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk
10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1,9-13; Ps 149:1-26, 9; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12-20; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Ex 34:4-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55, 2 Cor 13:11-13;
Jn 3:16-18

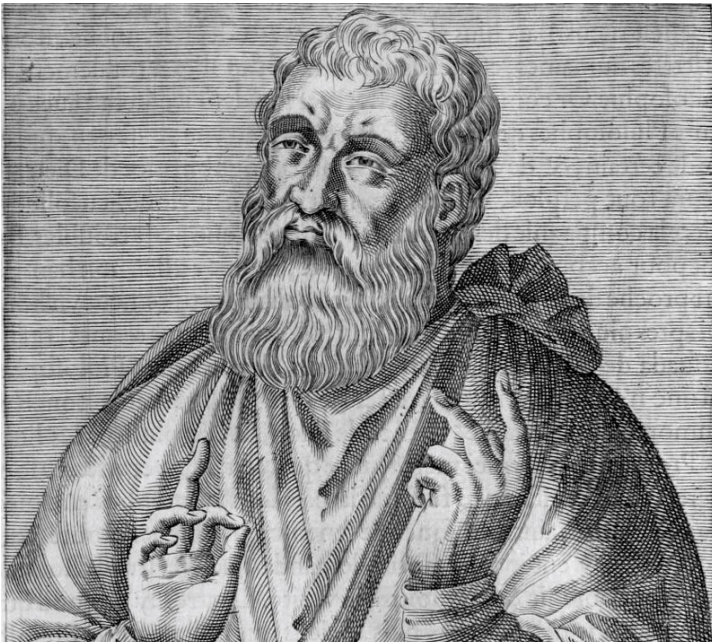
Parish Calendar of Events

- 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 17— Wedding at 6pm
- June 18— Baptism during the 11am Mass
- 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
- Aug 3— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Aug 12— Wedding at 1:30pm
- 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) 4 pm
Mass with Bishop Johnston, Potluck after
- Sep 18— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- Sep 23— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Justin Martyr

St. Justin Martyr was an early Christian apologist and philosopher. Justin was born into a Greek pagan family in what was Samaria at the start of the 2nd century. He found himself unsatisfied with his initial studies because they could not provide an adequate philosophical framework. He tried various philosophies but ultimately settled on Platonism. Soon after, he encountered an old Syrian Christian on the shores of the sea and was convinced by him that the Prophets of Israel were more trustworthy than the Philosophers. Justin renounced his former religious faith and philosophical convictions and sought to bring others to what he called “true philosophy” of Christianity, arguing that the “seeds of Christianity” could be found in all the earlier philosophers, which found their perfection in Christ. He eventually moved to Rome, where he started his own school. He wrote many works including his Two Apologies (defenses) of the Christian faith, addressing them to the Roman emperor and the Roman Senate. In the reign of Marcus Aurelius, Justin disputed with the Cynic philosopher Crescens who denounced him to the authorities as a Christian. He was arrested and with 6 other of his friends that were Christians (two of whom he had educated) was brought to offer sacrifice to the Roman gods. Justin and his companions refused and they were tortured and beheaded around 165.

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:

The Lord had promised through the prophets that in these last days he would pour out his Spirit on his servants and handmaids, and that they would prophesy. So when the Son of God became the Son of Man, the Spirit also descended upon him, becoming accustomed in this way to dwelling with the human race, to living in men and to inhabiting God’s creation. The Spirit accomplished the Father’s will in men who had grown old in sin, and gave them new life in Christ. Luke says that the Spirit came down on the disciples at Pentecost, after the Lord’s ascension, with power to open the gates of life to all nations and to make known to them the new covenant. So it was that men of every language joined in singing one song of praise to God, and scattered tribes, restored to unity by the Spirit, were offered to the Father as the first-fruits of all the nations.

This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: he was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.

The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of God came down upon the Lord, and the Lord in turn gave this Spirit to his Church, sending the Advocate from heaven into all the world into which, according to his own words, the devil too had been cast down like lightning.

If we are not to be scorched and made unfruitful, we need the dew of God. Since we have our accuser, we need an advocate as well. And so the Lord in his pity for man, who had fallen into the hands of brigands, having himself bound up his wounds and left for his care two coins bearing the royal image, entrusted him to the Holy Spirit. Now, through the Spirit, the image and inscription of the Father and the Son have been given to us, and it is our duty to use the coin committed to our charge and make it yield a rich profit for the Lord.

-From *Against Heresies*, by St. Irenaeus of Lyons

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 15 to May 21, 2023

Plate.....\$367.00

Envelopes.....\$1771.00



Church Cleaning Invitation

June 3rd, 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.

Marian Conference

There will be a Marian Conference from June 16 through 18 at St. John Lalande and St. Robert Bellarmine parishes in Blue Springs, KS. This will be a dynamic three-day event exploring different topics relating to the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts of Jesus and Mary. There will be Holy Mass and Confession each day as well as a 24-hour adoration, vendors, and a relic room. Be sure to make plans to attend this awesome event! To learn more, see the fliers in the back of the church or visit srbccatholic.org/marian-conference.

100th Anniversary

Plans are now underway for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the dedication of our beautiful parish church in September. Please stay tuned in the coming weeks for more information to come as well as articles about our parish's history!

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

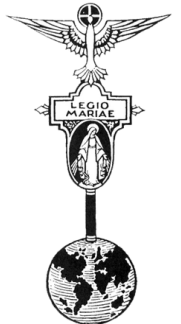
The parish Social Outreach ministry will be taking monthly donations of perishable and non-perishable food, toiletries, hygiene products, diapers, and laundry items for donation to the food pantry at St. Monica's. **Our next monthly collection of these items will be June 10-11**, and will take place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

This weekend, May 27-28, there is 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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