

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From our Pastor:

“Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled”

There is something deeply human in a troubled heart. Jesus speaks these words not to strangers, but to His disciples—men who have walked with Him, listened to Him, and trusted Him. And yet, their hearts are still unsettled. Why? Because uncertainty has entered the room. The future feels unclear. Loss feels near. Fear begins to whisper.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled.”

That command is not a denial of reality. Jesus is not pretending that everything is easy. He knows what is coming—the cross, the confusion, the scattering of His followers. But He also knows something greater: that fear does not have the final word. Faith does.

If we are honest, our hearts are often troubled too.

We worry about our families—our children, their future, their faith.

We carry burdens about health, finances, and stability.

We struggle with decisions, unsure if we are on the right path.

We are sometimes weighed down by grief, disappointment, or even quiet doubts about God's presence.

A troubled heart is not a sign of weak faith—it is a sign of being human. But remaining in that state, allowing fear to take control, is where the danger lies.

Jesus gives us the remedy: “*You have faith in God; have faith also in me.*” In other words, **trust is the antidote to a troubled heart.**

But what does that trust look like in real life?

First, it means **trusting God's direction even when we don't understand it.**

Thomas voices what many of us feel: “We do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” We like clarity. We want a roadmap. But Jesus



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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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MAY 3, 2026
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, May 2— The Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00pm † Joseph Francis Pileggi

SUNDAY, May 3— The Fifth Sunday of Easter

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, May 4

TUESDAY, May 5

WEDNESDAY, May 6

Noon The conversion of family members

THURSDAY, May 7

Noon Pope Leo XIV

FRIDAY, May 8

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

Liturgical Assignments

5/2 & 3	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

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

Readings for the 5th Week in Easter

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13, 21; Jn 14:27-31
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
 Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;
 1 Pet 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

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

- May 3— Legion of Mary at 4pm (Every Monday)
- May 5— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- May 6— 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
- Jul 11-12— Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- Jul 18— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jul 21— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Jul 25— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jul 25— Wedding at 6pm
- Aug 16— Diocesan Life and Justice Collection

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Louis of Toulouse

Louis's parents were Charles II of Naples and Sicily, and Mary, daughter of the King of Hungary. Louis was related to St. Louis IX on his father's side and to St. Elizabeth of Hungary on his mother's side. Louis showed early signs of attachment to prayer and to the corporal works of mercy. As a child he used to take food from the castle to feed the poor. When he was 14, Louis and two of his brothers were taken as hostages to the king of Aragon's court as part of a political deal involving Louis's father. At the court, Louis was tutored by Franciscan friars under whom he made great progress both in his studies and in the spiritual life. Like Saint Francis he developed a special love for those afflicted with leprosy. While he was still a hostage, Louis decided to renounce his royal title and become a priest. When he was 20, he was allowed to leave the king of Aragon's court. He renounced his title in favor of his brother Robert and was ordained the next year. Very shortly after, he was appointed bishop of Toulouse, but the pope agreed to Louis's request to become a Franciscan first. The Franciscan spirit pervaded Louis. Even as a bishop he wore the Franciscan habit and sometimes begged. He assigned a friar to offer him correction—in public if necessary—and the friar did his job. Louis of Toulouse's service to the Diocese of Toulouse was richly blessed. In no time he was considered a saint. Louis set aside 75 percent of his income as bishop to feed the poor and maintain churches. Each day he fed 25 poor people at his table. Louis of Toulouse was canonized in 1317 by Pope John XXII, one of his former teachers.

does not give directions—He gives Himself: “I am the way.” Faith is not about having all the answers; it is about walking with the One who does.

Second, it means **trusting God's presence in the midst of uncertainty.**

Philip asks, “Show us the Father.” He wants proof. Something visible, something undeniable. And Jesus responds almost with surprise: “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me?” How often do we do the same? We ask, “God, where are you?”—while He is already at work in our lives, in quiet ways we fail to recognize. A conversation, a moment of grace, strength we didn't know we had—these are not accidents. They are signs of His presence.

Third, it means **trusting God's promises over our fears.**

Jesus tells them, “In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.” This is not just about heaven someday—it is about belonging now. We are not abandoned. We are not forgotten. Our lives are held within a greater promise.

So what is the challenge for us this week? When your heart is troubled, pause and ask:

What am I holding onto that I need to surrender?

Where is God already present that I am failing to see?

Am I trusting my fears more than I trust Christ?

Faith is not the absence of trouble—it is the decision to trust in the middle of it.

Jesus does not say, “You will never be troubled.” He says, “Do not let your hearts remain there.” Because when Christ is the way, even a troubled heart can find peace.



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 20, 2026 to Apr 26, 2026

Plate _____	\$626.25
Envelopes _____	\$1682.00
Candles _____	\$100.00
Poor Box _____	\$40.00
Weddings _____	\$2995.00
Maintenance _____	\$150.00
Mass Stipends _____	\$10.00
Lighthouse _____	\$49.00
Online _____	\$545.66

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, **May 7 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 8th and 9th** 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.