

Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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From our Pastoral Associate:

In our Gospel reading today, Jesus tells us that “If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I keep my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.” Some who read this might assume that Jesus is placing a condition on his love— that if we do not keep his commandments, he will no longer love us. This is, of course, not the case. If it were, Jesus



would never have gone to the Cross for our sake for, “while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Rom 5:8) Similarly, St. Paul has told us that “by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God.” (Eph 2:8) And in our second reading today, St. John tells us that we have not “loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins. We cannot lose God’s love by sinning (but we can, of course, incur his wrath), nor can we earn God’s love. So what does Jesus mean, when he tells us that when we keep his commandments, we remain in his love?

Jesus is telling us how to more deeply love him and have faith in him. Keeping the commandments is not just something God demands we do as an arbitrary act of fidelity to him. Rather, it is for our own good. The commandments are in accord with our nature as human beings. When we follow the commandments, we, in our human nature, will flourish. We will find ourselves acting according to our purpose for which we are created. As the Baltimore Catechism famously states, “God made me to know him, to love him, and to serve him in this world and to be happy with him forever in the next.” God is, of course, our Creator, and knows us the best. Following the commandments allows us to live out this purpose for which God created us and to help bring us to happiness. Further, when we do not follow the commandments, we distance ourselves from Jesus’ love. It’s like taking a step away from a fire— we may not feel as much warmth, but it is still there if we should step closer once again.

So I must ask you; do you feel like you are flagging in your faith, or that you have difficulty truly loving Jesus? Ask yourself this: Do I follow the commandments for the sake of loving God? Or do I do them out of fear? What commandments am I not following well? When did I last confess my sins in the sacrament of Confession? How can I better follow the commandments in my daily life, particularly today? Reflecting on these questions will help to bring you ever closer to the love of Jesus.

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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 5, 2024
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, May 4—6th Sunday of Easter

4:00pm No Mass

SUNDAY, May 5—6th Sunday of Easter

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, May 6

TUESDAY, May 7

WEDNESDAY, May 8

Noon † Russ Daly

THURSDAY, May 9

Noon † Paula Daub

FRIDAY, May 10— St. John of Avila, St. Damien de Veuster (Molokai)

SATURDAY, May 11— The Ascension of the Lord

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, May 12— The Ascension of the Lord

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.

Mass Assignments

5/4 & 5	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader		Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister		Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan		George Bryde
Usher		Bill Capotosto

5/11 & 12	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Ed and Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 6th Week of 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, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

Parish Calendar of Events

- May 5— Catholic Movie Night (Fatima) at 6pm
- May 6— Legion of Mary at 6pm
- May 11-12— Social Ministry Collection
- May 18— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 19— Tomorrow's Priests Collection
- May 21— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- May 25— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 26— Peter's Pence Collection
- Jun 1— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jun 1— Wedding at 6pm
- Jun 6— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jun 7— Wedding at 2pm
- Jun 7— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Jun 8— Wedding at 2pm
- Jun 9— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jun 9— Wedding at 6pm
- Jun 9-10— Social Ministry Collection
- Jun 14— Wedding at 12:30pm
- Jun 14— Wedding at 2pm
- Jun 16— Communications Collection
- Jun 18— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- Jun 22— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jun 22— Wedding at 6pm
- Jun 23— Catholic Movie Night (A Man For All Seasons) at 6pm
- Aug 18— Diocesan Life and Justice Collection
- Sep 15— Founder's Day
- Sep 15— Church in Latin America Collection

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Damien of Molokai

St. Damien of Molokai was born in Belgium in 1840, the youngest of seven children. He became a priest for the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, a missionary congregation. His brother, also a priest with the order, fell ill and was unable to go to the Kingdom of Hawaii as assigned so Damien offered to take his place. At the time, there was a major health crisis in Hawaii brought on by diseases carried by foreigners to the natives, who had acquired immunity. One of the worst was leprosy, which was carried to them by Chinese traders. The lepers were quarantined to the island of Molokai. Due to the high risk of contracting the disease, the bishop there was unwilling to assign anyone to go take care of the Catholic lepers. St. Damien was one of four priests that volunteered to go. In addition to his priestly duties, he dressed resident's ulcers, built a reservoir, built homes and furniture, made coffins, dug graves, painted houses, teach, and organized the construction of chapels, roads, hospitals, and churches. He ate food with the people and smoked from the same pipes. He wrote to his brother that, "I make myself a leper with the lepers to gain all to Jesus Christ." He told those on the island that despite what the outside world thought of them, they were precious in the eyes of God. In 1884, he accidentally burned himself but did not notice pain— which made him realize he had contracted the disease himself. He felt his body begin to slow down. Nevertheless, he only worked harder in making the lives of the natives as livable and filled with dignity as possible. He died of leprosy in 1889 and the entire island showed up for his funeral procession. He was buried under the very tree that he had slept under the first night he arrived on Molokai. He was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2009. When Hawaii was admitted as a state, it selected Damien as one of its two representatives in the Statutory Hall in the U.S. Capitol.

For Your Reflection:

The Word of God, incorporeal, incorruptible and immaterial, entered our world. Out of his loving-kindness for us he came to us, and we see this in the way he revealed himself openly to us. Taking pity on mankind's weakness, and moved by our corruption, he could not stand aside and see death have the mastery over us; he did not want creation to perish and his Father's work in fashioning man to be in vain. He therefore took to himself a body, no different from our own, for he did not wish simply to be in a body or only to be seen. If he had wanted simply to be seen, he could indeed have taken another, and nobler, body. Instead, he took our body in its reality. Within the Virgin he built himself a temple, that is, a body; he made it his own instrument in which to dwell and to reveal himself. In this way he received from mankind a body like our own, and, since all were subject to the corruption of death, he delivered this body over to death for all, and with supreme love offered it to the Father. He did so to destroy the law of corruption passed against all men, since all died in him. The law, which had spent its force on the body of the Lord, could no longer have any power over his fellowmen. Moreover, this was the way in which the Word was to restore mankind to immortality, after it had fallen into corruption, and summon it back from death to life. He utterly destroyed the power death had against mankind—as fire consumes chaff—by means of the body he had taken and the grace of the resurrection. This is the reason why the Word assumed a body that could die, so that this body, sharing in the Word who is above all, might satisfy death's requirement in place of all. Because of the Word dwelling in that body, it would remain incorruptible, and all would be freed for ever from corruption by the grace of the resurrection. By dying for others, he immediately banished death for all mankind. In this way the Word of God, who is above all, dedicated and offered his temple, the instrument that was his body, for us all, and so paid by his own death the debt that was owed. The immortal Son of God, united with all men by likeness of nature, thus fulfilled all justice in restoring mankind to immortality by the promise of the resurrection. The corruption of death no longer has any power over mankind, thanks to the Word, who has come to dwell among us through his one body.

-From a Discourse by St. Athanasius of Alexandria

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 April 22 to April 28, 2024

Plate	\$255.00
Envelopes	\$2151.00
Candles	\$28.25
Poor Box	\$55.00
Maintenance	\$320.00
Weddings	\$995.00
Other	\$200.00
Mass Stipends	\$32.00
Lighthouse	\$10.00

Rediscover Your Faith

Our next meeting will be announced soon and will be at St. Monica's, our sister parish. During each meeting we focus in on a special topic to explore. Our next topic will be on the Church's teachings on the Eucharist and its place in our life as Christians. Date and time will be announced soon.



Catholic Movie Night

Our next Catholic Movie Night, hosted by the Legion of Mary, will be **Sunday, May 5th at 6pm in the Parish Hall**. Our next movie will be **Fatima: Three young shepherds in Fátima, Portugal report visions of the Virgin Mary, inspiring believers and angering officials of the Church and the government, who try to force them to recant their story.** Based on historical events. The following movie will be **A Man For All Seasons on June 22nd**.

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, Jim Healy, Mary Healy, Rose Ann Jett, Jane Carey, Jerry Gumminger, Ken Blundell, Allan Schaff, Grace Weatherford, Joe Creedon, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Nolan Davidson, John Pileggi

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.

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The Legion of Mary

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 bring Jesus and Mary to the world through acts of evangelization and spiritual outreach. This group collaborates with parishioners of St. Monica's, our sister parish. Our praesidium does homebound visits of parishioners, takes communion to the sick, leads ministries, and many other vital ministries in our parish.



The Knights of Columbus

The 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 John Pileggi at (816) 547-6574, or jgapileggi@gmail.com.



Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on **May 2nd 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 explore Jn 12 and the events leading up to Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. All are welcome! There is no need to have come to prior meetings to come to this one. 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 monthly collection of these items will take place on May 11th and 12th**, 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.