

Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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From our Pastoral Associate:



The month of May is celebrated in the Church as the Month of Mary. During this month, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, who began to appear to the children of Fatima on May 13, 1917. We celebrate Mother's Day during May and finally, we celebrate the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth. This month is particularly notable as we prepare to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the dedication of our parish church on September 16th.

Mary is the Mother of the Church and has a special care for all her children. This title is particularly notable to us as a parish because Jesus gave her to us as our Mother at the Cross, when he told the Beloved Disciple (representing all of us) to "behold your mother" (Jn 19:27). It is particularly notable that Jesus gave Mary to us while beholding the agony of her Son on the Cross. In other words, Jesus gave Mary to us as Our Lady of Sorrows, a gift from the depths of his heart as he hung upon the Cross. We should take the time to

be with her, to understand the sorrows that she underwent for our sake, and to learn from her how to bear our own crosses. We also should learn to rejoice with her, as we now do at Easter. Mary was closest to Jesus. She understood him best and knows his heart. We should get to know her as well as we can.

There are many ways to do this including praying the rosary, reading the teachings of the Church on Mary by way of the Council of Ephesus, Vatican II, and the teachings of the Popes such as Pius IX, Pius XII, John Paul II, and others. We should explore the books of devotion and theology written by the great saints and theologians of our Church, among which include St. Alphonsus Liguori, Thomas A Kempis, and St. Louis de Montfort.

There are several litanies, which pray through the various titles of Mary. There are many beautiful hymns and chants which can be sung. There are countless works of art that seek to explore the spirit, mind, gentleness, and beauty of the Madonna. Devotion to Mary is rich bears much fruit in one's spiritual life. By reflecting upon her, learning from her, and seeking to know her more perfectly, we grow into better Christians. Let us take the time, especially during this month, to be with her and grow in our love of her.

Brad Geist

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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 7, 2023
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, May 6— The Fifth Sunday of Easter
4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, May 7— The Fifth Sunday of Easter
11:00am † Russ Daly

MONDAY, May 8

TUESDAY, May 9

WEDNESDAY, May 10— St. John of Avila
Noon † Joseph Francis Pileggi

THURSDAY, May 11
Noon

FRIDAY, May 12—Sts. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras

SATURDAY, May 13— The Sixth Sunday of Easter
4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, May 14— The Sixth Sunday of Easter
11:00am For the Poor

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

5/6 & 7	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Edward Stevens	Bill Capotosto

5/13 & 14	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Brad Geist
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Edward Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the Fifth Week of Easter

Monday: Acts 14:5-18, Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
 Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20, 1 Pet 3:15-18, Jn 14:15-21

Parish Calendar of Events

- May 8— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- May 13— Wedding at 1:30pm
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- May 13-14 Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- May 16— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- May 18— The Holy Hour for Marriage at 6pm
- May 20— Wedding at 1:30pm
- May 20-21— Tomorrow's Priests Collection
- 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 15—The Holy Hour for Marriage at 6pm
- 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 20—The Holy Hour for Marriage at 6pm
- Aug 3— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Aug 12—Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 17—The Holy Hour for Marriage at 6pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. John of Avila

St. John of Avila was a mystic and missionary preacher in Spain. He was born in the Castille region of Spain and at the age of 14 was sent to study law at the University of Salamanca. He soon began studies in theology and philosophy and was ordained a diocesan priest. When his parents died, they left him a considerable fortune. He gave it all away to the poor. In 1527, he traveled to Seville in the hopes of being a missionary to Mexico. The local bishop convinced him to stay and spread the Gospel in Andalusia. Over the next nine years, he became known as an engaging spiritual director, a capable spiritual director, and a wise confessor. Because John preached against vice in high places, he was investigated by the Inquisition but was cleared. He worked later in Cordoba and then in Granada. He helped to form the University of Baeza, one of the first of many colleges to be run by diocesan priests dedicated to teaching and giving spiritual direction. John also helped the newly formed Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) to grow in Spain and the colonies. He was friends of Sts. John of Borgia, Ignatius of Loyola, John of God, John of the Cross, Peter of Alcantara, and Teresa of Avila. His works have been preserved and translated into many languages. He was named a Doctor of the Church in 2012.

The Holy Hour for Marriage

Our next Holy Hour for Marriage **will be at 6pm on May 18th** at Our Lady of Sorrows and is monthly on the third Thursday of every month. The Holy Hour is for married and engaged couples to come and pray in eucharistic adoration over each other and for the needs of their marriage. There will be a short reflection on an aspect of married life and confession. When it is over, all couples are encouraged to go on a date with their spouse or fiancé. We encourage our parishioners to come and pray during this time.

For Your Reflection:

Predestined from eternity by that decree of divine providence which determined the incarnation of the Word to be the Mother of God, the Blessed Virgin was in this earth the virgin Mother of the Redeemer, and above all others and in a singular way the generous associate and humble handmaid of the Lord. She conceived, brought forth and nourished Christ. she presented Him to the Father in the temple, and was united with Him by compassion as He died on the Cross. In this singular way she cooperated by her obedience, faith, hope and burning charity in the work of the Saviour in giving back supernatural life to souls. Wherefore she is our mother in the order of grace.

The Church indeed, contemplating Mary's hidden sanctity, imitating her charity and faithfully fulfilling the Father's will, by receiving the word of God in faith becomes herself a mother. By her preaching she brings forth to a new and immortal life the sons who are born to her in baptism, conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of God. She herself is a virgin, who keeps the faith given to her by her Spouse whole and entire. Imitating the mother of her Lord, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, she keeps with virginal purity an entire faith, a firm hope and a sincere charity.

But while in the most holy Virgin the Church has already reached that perfection whereby she is without spot or wrinkle, the followers of Christ still strive to increase in holiness by conquering sin. And so they turn their eyes to Mary who shines forth to the whole community of the elect as the model of virtues. Piously meditating on her and contemplating her in the light of the Word made man, the Church with reverence enters more intimately into the great mystery of the Incarnation and becomes more and more like her Spouse. Seeking after the glory of Christ, the Church becomes more like her exalted Type, and continually progresses in faith, hope and charity, seeking and doing the will of God in all things. Hence the Church, in her apostolic work also, justly looks to her, who, conceived of the Holy Spirit, brought forth Christ, who was born of the Virgin that through the Church He may be born and may increase in the hearts of the faithful also.

-The Second Vatican Council, *Lumen Gentium* 61-65

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 24 to April 30, 2023

Plate.....\$319.00

Envelopes.....\$1336.00

Prayer of the Week

Prayer to Mary by St. John Bosco

*Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christians,
how sweet it is to come to your feet
imploping your perpetual help.*

*If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children,
how can you, the most loving of all mothers forget me?*

Grant then to me, I implore you,

your perpetual help in all my necessities,

in every sorrow, and especially in all my temptations.

I ask for your unceasing help for all who are now suffering.

Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners.

*Grant through your intercessions many vocations to the religious
life.*

Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians,

*that having invoked you on earth we may love and eternally thank
you in heaven.*

Amen.

St. John Bosco was a dedicated priest who took on blood-thirsty revolutionaries, the Italian government and his own archbishop in his quest to rescue the homeless children of Turin. This heroic priest's undying belief in the boys he sought to help inspired them to fulfill their potential in the Catholic Faith. Don Bosco's lifelong effort to save the children of the street became the foundation of the Salesians, one of the largest child care networks in the world.

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 May 13-14th**, 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.

Additional Collections this Month

This month there will be three additional collections:

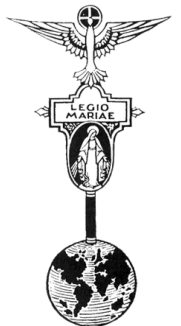
May 13-14— Food and goods for St. Monica food pantry

May 20-21— Tomorrow's Priests collection for seminarians

May 27-28— Peter's Pence collection for the Pope's charitable activities. 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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