

Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
DEDICATION OF OUR PARISH CHURCH: 1923-2023

From our Pastor:

Dear Friends and parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows,

In the Gospel today, Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed. A mustard seed is such a tiny seed, yet when it is planted, it grows up to become one of the largest trees. This parable illustrates how the building up of the Kingdom of God typically looks: from the very small to the very great.



God tends to operate under the radar, on the edges of things, and often quietly, usually by a slow, gradual process. Sometimes His work is too ordinary to notice. Often, when we think about the Kingdom of God, we can easily confuse it with the kingdoms of this world in their magnificence and grandiosity. However, the mystery of the Kingdom of God lies in its simplicity and openness to the ordinariness of life.

For example, when Jesus chose to establish the Kingdom of God on earth, He chose 12 ordinary men to help Him with this monumental task. Jesus selected this particular group of people to become His disciples for a reason: to remind us that the Lord uses less-than-perfect, the least qualified people to do His work, spread His gospel, build His Kingdom, and be His friends. This is how the mustard seed, small in nature, turns out to be the greatest of all the trees.

Another profound example is the cross. Jesus willingly went through the way of the cross to manifest the Kingdom of God through the forgiveness of sins. The cross, which might seem a total failure from a worldly perspective, becomes a great sign of hope.

On the cross, He was mocked, ridiculed, and humiliated, yet it was there that His power was made manifest to the entire world. Thus, the cross, initially a symbol of
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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

JUNE 16, 2024
THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, June 15— The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, June 16— The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, June 17

TUESDAY, June 18

WEDNESDAY, June 19— St. Romuald

Noon †Zita Marie McDonnell

THURSDAY, June 20

Noon

FRIDAY, June 21— St. Aloysius Gonzaga

SATURDAY, June 22— The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Brad and Ciera Geist (Anniversary)

SUNDAY, June 23— The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

6/15 & 16	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

6/22 & 23	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Jim Carley	Maureen Kramanak
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 11th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-7; Mt 38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20-21, 24;
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11-14, 17-18;
Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-25; Mt 6:24-34

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-26, 28-31;
2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

Parish Calendar of Events

- Jun 15-16— Communications Collection
- Jun 17— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Jun 22— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jun 22— Wedding at 6pm
- Jun 23— Parish Brunch after 11am Mass
- Jun 23— Catholic Movie Night (A Man For All Seasons) at 6pm
- Jun 29— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jul 3— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jul 6— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Jul 6— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jul 11— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Jul 20— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jul 27— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 1— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Aug 3— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Aug 7— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Aug 15— Solemnity of the Assumption at Noon
- Aug 17— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 17-18— Diocesan Life and Justice Collection
- Aug 24— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 31— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Sep 4— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Sep 5— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Sep 7— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Sep 7— Wedding at 6pm
- Sep 14— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Sep 15— Founder's Day

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Thomas More

Sir Thomas More was born in London in 1478, the son of a lawyer. He served as a household page for the Archbishop of Canterbury. Seeing great promise in the boy, the archbishop nominated him for a place at Oxford College. He became a lawyer in 1502. He spent two years considering a vocation as a monk of the Carthusians. He ultimately discerned marriage and was elected to Parliament in 1504. He kept up many notable friendships, including Erasmus of Rotterdam, a widely famous theologian. He and his wife, Jane Colt, had 4 children. He educated all his children well, including his girls, which was unusual at that time. Jane died in 1511 and More remarried his close friend Alice Middleton 30 days later. More rose steadily through the ranks of government until becoming Lord Chancellor of England. He was an avid critic of the Protestant heresies coming from Martin Luther and others. More was a strong defender of Papal Supremacy. When King Henry VIII declared himself the Supreme Head of the Church in England, More resigned his office of Chancellor in 1532, remaining in the King's favor at this time. He refused to sign a petition asking the Pope to grant an annulment between the King and Queen Catherine of Aragon. He also refused to sign the oath of Supremacy, however he did not openly reject the king's actions and kept his opinions private. However, he refused to sign the act of succession naming Anne Boleyn as queen and their children as the legitimate heirs to the throne because it repudiated the pope. More was imprisoned in the Tower of London. More was brought to trial where he insisted that his silence, under the law, implied consent, which made his conviction impossible. However, a false witness came forward to testify that he had denied the King's title. More was condemned to death and beheaded, his last words being, "I died the King's good servant, and God's first." He was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1935.

defeat, transforms into a symbol of great victory. This transformation mirrors the mustard seed's journey from a tiny seed to the greatest of all trees.

This principle is also true in our own lives. It is in our weakest moments that the power of God is most clearly seen. As St. Paul says in 2 Corinthians 12:9, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." It is in our vulnerabilities and challenges that God's strength becomes evident, turning our trials into testimonies of His greatness.

Reflecting on these truths helps us to recognize and appreciate the subtle and often unnoticed ways God works in our lives and in the world around us. The Kingdom of God grows quietly and steadily, often through the most humble and ordinary means, reminding us that true greatness lies in simplicity and faithfulness.

Fr. Leonard

Happy Birthday

Fr. Leonard's birthday is this Monday, so be sure to wish Fr. Leonard a happy birthday after Mass!

Sunday Brunch

The Fellowship ministry will be having a brunch on June 23rd after the 11 am Mass. This is a great opportunity to meet your fellow parishioners. This will be a potluck dinner. There are sign up sheets the back of the church if you would like to come. If you aren't able to bring anything, you are still welcome.

Communications Collection

This weekend we will have a second collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign. This goes to supporting the cost of communication work for our diocese and the US Catholic Bishops.

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 June 3 to June 9, 2024

Plate	\$403.01
Envelopes	\$1650.00
Tomorrow's Priests	\$100.00
Candles	\$73.00
Poor Box	\$20.00
Weddings	\$1990.00
Maintenance	\$320.00
Lighthouse	\$20.00

Prayer of the Week

Prayer of St. Thomas More

O Lord, give us a mind that is humble, quiet, peaceable, patient and charitable, and a taste of your Holy Spirit in all our thoughts, words, and deeds. O Lord, give us a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, a love of you. Take from us all lukewarmness in meditation and all dullness in prayer. Give us fervor and delight in thinking of you, your grace, and your tender compassion toward us. Give us, good Lord, the grace to work for the things we pray for.
Amen.

Catholic Movie Night

Our next Catholic Movie Night, hosted by the Legion of Mary, will be **Sunday, June 23rd at 6pm in the Parish Hall**. Our next movie will be **A Man For All Seasons: When King Henry VIII abandoned the Catholic Church after being refused a divorce, Thomas More finds himself a target of the King's wrath for his perceived refusal to accept the new church.** Based on historical events.

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 igapileggi@gmail.com.



Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on **July 11th at 7pm** and we normally 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 14 in which Jesus describes himself as the way, the truth, and the life and promises the Holy Spirit. 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 July 13th and 14th**, 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.