

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH

2552 GILLHAM ROAD, KCMO, 64108



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS
IN OUR PARISH CHURCH
1923-2023

From our Pastoral Associate:

In our Gospel today, Jesus looks out at the abundant crowds that have come to see him, hear him, and be healed by him. He is moved with pity because “they were troubled and abandoned like sheep without a shepherd. Moved with compassion, Jesus tells the disciples to “Ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for the harvest.” Jesus then turns to the Apostles and gives them his authority to heal and cast out demons, telling them to preach the coming Kingdom of God. The command pray for laborers for the harvest and to preach the coming kingdom of God is one that comes to us even today. We should pray for an increase in all vocations in the Church—priesthood, religious life, and —yes— married life. The Church is in desperate need of those who will shine like a city on a hill—radiating the light of Christ to a dark and wounded world. What’s more, Jesus is asking you (yes, you) to be one of those people. All of us are called to bring the Gospel (in the vocation we have been given) to those we meet and encounter. This can be done by radiating the hope that Christ gives us in our daily lives by kind acts and in words. All too often we put too high an emphasis on actions only at the exclusion of sharing the Gospel by word. We cannot allow ourselves to do so. But we also cannot simply preach without living it. To do so will demonstrate a hollowness to our words that is almost impossible to mend. We need to do be able to do both— to preach the great love of Christ and his abundant mercy toward us— and walk in the way he has set. The foundation of this witness must be prayer. We should spend a dedicated amount of time daily to being in the presence of Christ and learning from the teachings of the Scriptures and of the Church. Without prayer and study, our witness becomes ill informed, dry, and lifeless.

At the same time, we should similarly seek out and build our parish community. Our community and parish groups help to build up this life and help us to not grow weary. It also makes our community attractive to those coming in from outside. If I can give one challenge here, I would offer this— Don’t run out the door too quickly, but take some time after Mass to speak with someone you haven’t spoken to before. Over time, get to know your fellow parishioners and learn their stories, struggles, and bright spots. We should help to carry each other’s burdens and to seek to bring people into our community. With God’s grace, we will continue to receive new laborers for the harvest.



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

JUNE 18, 2023
THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, June 17— 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, June 18— 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00am Genevieve Creedon

MONDAY, June 19— St. Romuald

TUESDAY, June 20

WEDNESDAY, June 21— St. Aloysius Gonzaga
Noon Zita Marie McDonnell

**THURSDAY, June 22—St. Paulinus of Nola, St. John Fisher,
and St. Thomas More**

Noon Brad and Ciera Geist (Anniversary)

FRIDAY, June 23

SATURDAY, June 24—12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, June 25— 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

6/17&18	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Molly Schmidt
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	James Hardy	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

6/24 & 25	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Tim Healy
Eucharistic Minister	John Pileggi	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 11th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1-4, Mt 5:38-42
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9, Mt 5:43-48
 Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1-4,9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15
 Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7, Mt 6:19-23
 Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt 6:24-34
 Sunday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35;
 Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

Parish Calendar of Events

- June 17-18— Communications Collection
- June 18— Baptism during the 11 am Mass
- June 19— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- June 23— Seven Sorrows Chaplet at 3pm
- June 24— Diaconate Rite of Candidacy w/ Bishop Johnston at 10am
- July 1— Wedding at 1:30pm
- July 5— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- July 6— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- July 8— Wedding at 1:30pm
- July 15— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 2— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Aug 3— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Aug 12— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 18— Wedding at 4pm
- Aug 19-20— Diocesan Life and Justice Collection
- Sep 2— Wedding 1:30pm
- Sep 6— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Sep 7— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Sep 16— Founder's Day (100th Anniversary) 4 pm
Mass with Bishop Johnston, Potluck after
- Sep 16-17— Church in Latin America Collection
- Sep 18— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- Sep 23— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 4— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Oct 5— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Oct 7— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 14— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Romuald

St. Romuald was born to a wealthy family in Ravenna around 951. He grew up living a hedonistic life but at the age of 20 he changed his ways after served as a second to his father as he killed a relative in a duel over property. Romuald was devastated and fled to a nearby Basilica to do 40 days of penance. He hesitantly decided to become a monk there. Unsatisfied with the strictness of the community's observance of monastic life, he was allowed to retire to Venice, where he placed himself under the direction of a hermit. Romuald took 10 years of this time to refine his ideas about monastic life. Over time, he became known for reforming monasteries throughout the region and he became known to the Holy Roman Emperor, Otto II, who asked him to reform the monastery of Sant'Apollinare. After one year with fierce resistance from the monks, he resigned. St. Romuald eventually he founded the Camaldolese order, which lives a monastic life that more closely resembles that of hermits. Their spirituality focuses on stillness, particularly by reflecting upon the Psalms. Romuald founded many of these new monasteries before he died in 1027. The order he founded still exists today, with dozens of monasteries throughout the world, two of which are in the United States.

Parish Potluck

Our parish will have a potluck dinner **on June 24th after the 4pm Mass in the parish hall.** We encourage you to bring a main dish, side, salad, dessert, or bread dish and leave it in the parish hall before Mass. This will be a great time for fellowship among our parishioners from both Masses and a great way for our members to get to know each other better. If you are unable to bring food, please come anyway. Sign up sheets are available at the back of the Church. Please consider coming for this fun time!

For Your Reflection:

Take thought now, redeemed man, and consider how great and worthy is he who hangs on the cross for you. His death brings the dead to life, but at his passing heaven and earth are plunged into mourning and hard rocks are split asunder. It was a divine decree that permitted one of the soldiers to open his sacred side with a lance. This was done so that the Church might be formed from the side of Christ as he slept the sleep of death on the cross, and so that the Scripture might be fulfilled: *They shall look on him whom they pierced.* The blood and water which poured out at that moment were the price of our salvation. Flowing from the secret abyss of our Lord's heart as from a fountain, this stream gave the sacraments of the Church the power to confer the life of grace, while for those already living in Christ it became a spring of living water welling up to life everlasting.

Arise, then, beloved of Christ! Imitate the dove *that nests in a hole in the cliff*, keeping watch at the entrance *like the sparrow that finds a home.* There like the turtledove hide your little ones, the fruit of your chaste love. Press your lips to the fountain, *draw water from the wells of your Savior; for this is the spring flowing out of the middle of paradise, dividing into four rivers*, inundating devout hearts, watering the whole earth and making it fertile. Run with eager desire to this source of life and light, all you who are vowed to God's service. Come, whoever you may be, and cry out to him with all the strength of your heart. "O indescribable beauty of the most high God and purest radiance of eternal light! Life that gives all life, light that is the source of every other light, preserving in everlasting splendor the myriad flames that have shone before the throne of your divinity from the dawn of time! Eternal and inaccessible fountain, clear and sweet stream flowing from a hidden spring, unseen by mortal eye! None can fathom your depths nor survey your boundaries, none can measure your breadth, nothing can sully your purity. From you flows *the river which gladdens the city of God* and makes us cry out with joy and thanksgiving in hymns of praise to you, for we know by our own experience that *with you is the source of life, and in your light we see light.*

-From a work by St. Bonaventure

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 5 to June 11, 2023

Plate.....\$538.00

Envelopes.....\$1250.00

Communications Collection

This weekend, there is a collection for the Communications collection, which goes to help the Church spread the Gospel through technology and media.

Baptism on Sunday

This Sunday, during the 11 am Mass, Fr. Leonard will baptize Perpetua Therese Geist, daughter of Brad Geist, our Pastoral Associate, and Ciera, his wife. Please pray for her as she enters the Church.

No Daily Mass this Week

There will be no daily Mass this week as Fr. Leonard will be attending the annual Diocesan Priest Retreat. The office will remain open and there will be Mass on the weekend.

Weekly Seven Sorrows Chaplet

We will begin praying a Seven Sorrows Chaplet each week at 3pm in the Church in honor of our 100th Anniversary. Please come to grow closer to Our Lady of Sorrows and pray for our parish.



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 **July 6 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 healing of the man at the pool of Bethzatha. We will explore the healing, the reaction to it, and Jesus' testimony about himself. 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

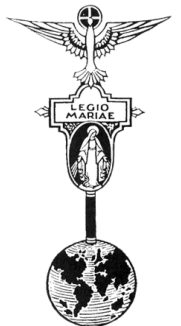
The parish Social Outreach ministry will be taking monthly donations of perishable and non-perishable food, toiletries, hygiene products, diapers, and laundry items for donation to the food pantry at St. Monica's. **Our next monthly collection of these items will be July 8-9**, and will take place on 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.

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 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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