

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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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, Today in the gospel Jesus talks about something we deal with daily and sometimes robs peace in our lives. He is talking about fear. He says, "Fear not". Webster dictionary defines fear as "a felling of anxiety and agitation caused by the presence or nearness of danger, evil, pain, etc." Fear is completely natural and helps people to recognize and respond to dangerous situations and threats. However, healthy fear -- or fear which has a protective function -- can evolve into unhealthy or pathological fear, which can lead to exaggerated and violent behavior.

So, what are you afraid of these days? Probably that is what is robbing you joy and destroying your life at the moment. Take time in answering this question, because not all fear is healthy. There is a violent, obvious fear, a fear that sets our hearts pounding and causes us to sweat. We feel this fear after we have escaped some danger. But there is also a subtle, insinuating fear that can pervade our lives and kill our faith. This fear comes at us not like a roaring lion, but as a coiled snake sitting in the corner of the room. This quiet fear travels with us day by day. It can rob us of freedom and peace. It can choke our life.

But our Lord is assuring us of his care and love for each one of us and we should not give up hope irrespective of the intensity our fears. Three times in our gospel passage, Jesus says, "Do not be afraid." He can say this because he knows that not a sparrow falls to the ground without God knowing about it and caring about it, and that we are worth more than many sparrows. Jesus tells us that to deal with fear we must recognize his love and providence for us. We must recognize the love of God that surrounds us, the love of God that has intimate knowledge of our life, the love of God that knows the number of hairs on our head. If we can claim that love and recognize God's presence in our life, we can overcome the fears that paralyze us.

This past week, June 21st marked the beginning of summer. Summer is a great opportunity for families and friends to get together. It also an opportune time to travels and learn about our beautiful planet. This coming week I will be travelling to Kenya to visit with my folks. It has been over 2 years since I was last in Kenya. I excited to meet my new niece who was born a year ago and haven't had an opportunity to meet her. I am also looking forward to spending more quality time with my mom who lost her husband two and half years ago. I hope you too will have an opportunity to catch up with friends and family in these coming months. I have lined up a couple of priests who will be celebrating mass during my absence.

I wish you and your families a blessed summer.

Yours in Christ

Fr. Leonard



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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 25, 2023
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions and Feasts

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

MONDAY, June 26

TUESDAY, June 27— St. Cyril of Jerusalem

WEDNESDAY, June 28— St. Irenaeus

Noon † Robert Riss

THURSDAY, June 29—Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Noon

FRIDAY, June 30— The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

SATURDAY, July 1—13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, July 2— 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am Vocations to the Priesthood

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

6/24 & 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

7/1 & 2	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Arthur Kovach	AnnMarie Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 12th Week of Ordinary Time

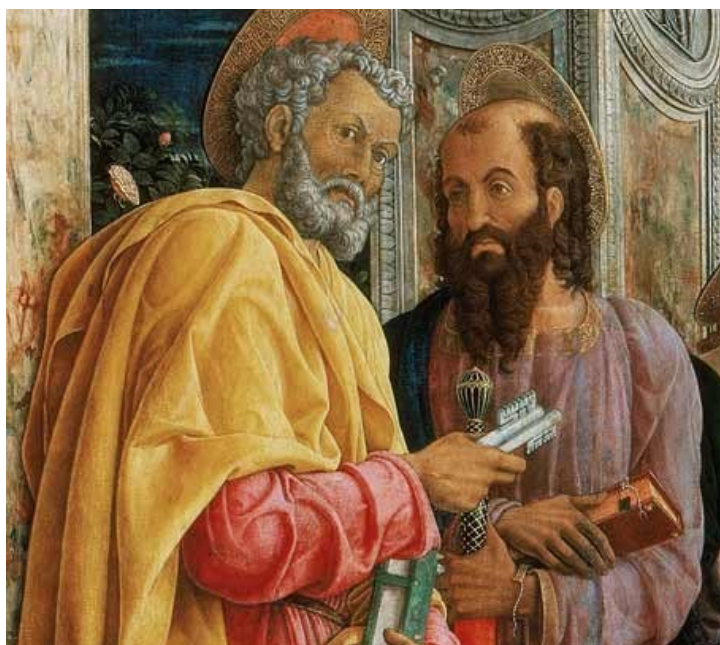
Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5
 Tuesday: Gen 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-5; Mt 7:6, 12-14
 Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-9; Mt 7:15-20
 Thursday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
 Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4
 Saturday: Gen 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17
 Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

Parish Calendar of Events

- June 26— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- June 30— Seven Sorrows Chaplet at 3pm
- 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
- Oct 20— Wedding at 5:00pm
- Oct 27— Wedding at 2:30pm
- Oct 28— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 2— Wedding at 7pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saints of the Week— St. Peter and St. Paul

Known as the Princes of the Apostles and the Pillars of the Church, St. Peter and St. Paul were the two most prominent of the Apostles in their missionary work. St. Peter met Jesus when his brother Andrew introduced them (Jn 1:42-42). Jesus soon chose Peter to be the leader of the Apostles, giving him a particularly noteworthy authority symbolized by keys that had the power to bind and loose in heaven (Mt 16:13-19). After the Resurrection, St. Peter was the first to preach on Pentecost, beginning the first moments of the Church. He played a pivotal role in the fledgling Church and was fearless despite heavy persecution. The Gospel of Mark and the First and Second Letters of Peter are attributed to him. St. Paul was converted on the road to Damascus while traveling to arrest Christians. Jesus spoke to him and temporarily blinded him, which led to St. Paul converting to the Christian faith (Acts 9). His apostolic work was breathtaking as he traveled throughout Greece and Italy establishing churches and persisting despite growing opposition from both pagans and Jews. The majority of the New Testament—14 out of 27 books— are attributed to Paul's preaching or authorship. Both Peter and Paul met their end in Rome, St. Peter by being crucified upside down, St. Paul by being beheaded. Their authority survives in the Bishop of Rome (the Pope), who is their successor.

Parish Potluck

Our parish will have a potluck dinner **on June 24th after the 11am 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.** Please consider coming for this fun time!

For Your Reflection:

The glory of God gives life; those who see God receive life. For this reason God, who cannot be grasped, comprehended or seen, allows himself to be seen, comprehended and grasped by men, that he may give life to those who see and receive him. It is impossible to live without life, and the actualization of life comes from participation in God, while participation in God is to see God and enjoy his goodness. Men will therefore see God if they are to live; through the vision of God they will become immortal and attain to God himself. As I have said, this was shown in symbols by the prophets: God will be seen by men who bear his Spirit and are always waiting for his coming. As Moses said in the Book of Deuteronomy: *On that day we shall see, for God will speak to man, and man will live.*

God is the source of all activity throughout creation. He cannot be seen or described in his own nature and in all his greatness by any of his creatures. Yet he is certainly not unknown. Through his Word the whole creation learns that there is one God the Father, who holds all things together and gives them their being. As it is written in the Gospel: *No man has ever seen God, except the only-begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father; he has revealed him.*

From the beginning the Son is the one who teaches us about the Father; he is with the Father from the beginning. He was to reveal to the human race visions of prophecy, the diversity of spiritual gifts, his own ways of ministry, the glorification of the Father, all in due order and harmony, at the appointed time and for our instruction. Where there is order, there is also harmony; where there is harmony, there is also correct timing; where there is correct timing, there is also advantage. The Word became the steward of the Father's grace for the advantage of men, for whose benefit he made such wonderful arrangements. He revealed God to men and presented men to God. He safeguarded the invisibility of the Father to prevent man from treating God with contempt and to set before him a constant goal toward which to make progress. On the other hand, he revealed God to men and made him visible in many ways to prevent man from being totally separated from God and so cease to be. Life in man is the glory of God; the life of man is the vision of God. If the revelation of God through creation gives life to all who live upon the earth, much more does the manifestation of the Father through the Word give life to those who see God.

-From *Against Heresies* by St. Irenaeus of Lyons

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 12 to June 18, 2023

Plate.....\$360.26

Envelopes.....\$1615.00

Prayer of the Week

The Sacred Heart Prayer

May the Heart of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament be praised, adored and loved with grateful affection at every moment in all the tabernacles of the world even to the end of time.

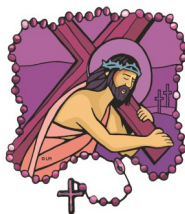
Amen.

In the liturgy of the Mass we express our faith in the real presence of Christ under the species of bread and wine by, among other ways, genuflecting or bowing deeply as a sign of adoration of the Lord. "The Catholic Church has always offered and still offers to the sacrament of the Eucharist the cult of adoration, not only during Mass, but also outside of it, reserving the consecrated hosts with the utmost care, exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and carrying them in procession."

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1378

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 to 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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