

# Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



ESTABLISHED 1890

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

## From our Pastor:

Dear friends and parishioners,  
In a bustling crowd, Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" The disciples, bewildered, responded, "Don't you see how the crowd is pressing upon you, and yet you ask, 'Who touched me?'" This scenario is reminiscent of a crowded stadium, where die-hard fans eagerly seek a moment with their favorite player, or a pilgrimage to Rome where seeing the Pope up close is a cherished memory. These moments are profound, yet among the throngs around Jesus, only one woman's touch truly mattered.

This woman, suffering for years, reached out in faith, believing, "If only I touch the hem of his garment, I will be healed." Unlike the accidental or familiar touches from the crowd and the disciples, her touch was intentional, born of deep faith. Jesus' question, "Who touched me?" underscores the difference between casual contact and a deliberate act of faith.



In our spiritual journey, we encounter three types of touches with Jesus:

**Accidental Touch:** Like the crowd jostling around Jesus, we often bump into our faith in routine ways—attending Mass out of obligation, reciting prayers mechanically. These touches lack deeper reflection and personal connection.

**Familiarity Touch:** Similar to the disciples, many are familiar with Jesus, drawn to his miracles and teachings. Today, this could be likened to sharing spiritual quotes on social media without truly internalizing them. It's like a doctor who counsels against smoking yet continues to smoke himself. Knowledge without transformation remains superficial.

**Touch of Faith:** The woman with hemorrhage exemplifies this touch. Her faith was not contingent on the outcome but rooted in trust in Jesus. She sought to touch him, believing in his power to heal, regardless of whether she would be healed. Jesus' question, "Have you ever touched me?" invites us to examine our faith. It's not about routine or familiarity but about reaching out in faith, despite obstacles like denial and pride. Denial prevents us from admitting our struggles, while pride keeps us from seeking forgiveness.

To truly touch Jesus, we must overcome these barriers. We know we've touched him when we experience courage over fear, compassion over bitterness, joy in suffering, and grace through confession. Let us ask for the courage to reach out in faith, embracing the healing Jesus offers through the sacramental life of the church.

## Parish Office

2552 Gillham Rd  
Kansas City, MO 64108  
Next to the church at the top  
of the stairs.

## Office Hours

9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Monday-Friday

**Phone** (816) 421-2112

**Fax** (816) 421-6037

**Email** oloskc@oloskc.org

## Rev. Leonard Gicheru

Pastor  
frleonard@oloskc.org

## Brad Geist

Pastoral Associate  
Legion of Mary President  
bgeist@oloskc.org

## John Pileggi

Knights of Columbus  
816-547-6574  
jgapileggi@gmail.com

## 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 30, 2024  
THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Mass Intentions and Feasts

**SATURDAY, June 29— The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm † Russ Daly

**SUNDAY, June 30— The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**MONDAY, July 1— St. Junipero Serra**

**TUESDAY, July 2**

**WEDNESDAY, July 3— St. Thomas, Apostle**

Noon † Jimmy Bartell Taylor

**THURSDAY, July 4**

Noon † Leonard Sandhoefner

**FRIDAY, July 5— St. Anthony Zaccaria, St. Elizabeth of Portugal**

**SATURDAY, July 6— The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm † Russ Daly

**SUNDAY, July 7— The 14th 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](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org) if you would like to have a Mass said for yourself or a loved one, living or deceased.

# Mass Assignments

6/29 & 30	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	James Hardy	Bill Copotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Arthur Kovach	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

7/6 & 7	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Maureen Kramanak
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

### Readings for the 13th Week of Ordinary Time

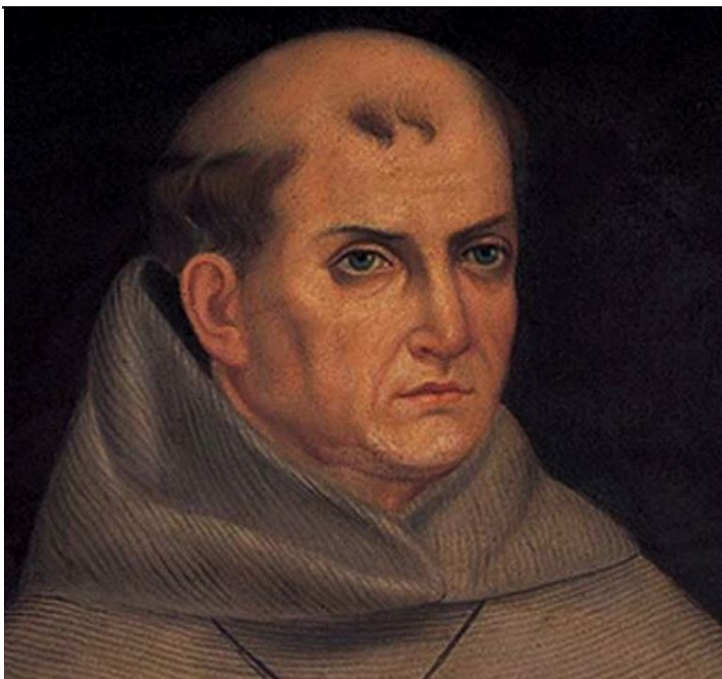
Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16-23; Mt 8:18-22  
 Tuesday: Am 3:1-8, 4:11-2; Ps 5:4-8; Mt 8:23-27  
 Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1-2; Jn 20:24-29  
 Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8  
 Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13  
 Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9-14; Mt 9:14-17  
 Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

# Parish Calendar of Events

- July 1— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- 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
- Jul 28— Catholic Movie Night (The Mission) at 6pm
- 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
- Jul 28— Catholic Movie Night (For Greater Glory) at 6pm
- 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
- Sep 15— Church in Latin America Collection
- Sep 21— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Sep 28— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 5— Wedding at 10am

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. Junipero Serra

Miguel Jose Serra knew early in his life that the Catholic Faith was of great importance. The Franciscan way surrounded his childhood and soon became his own way of life. On September 15, 1731, Miguel Jose took his final vows, with in a Franciscan order, receiving the name Junipero. Tending to his studies in theology, Serra received a doctorate in 1742. Sometime after that, his zeal for spreading the Gospel called him to a life of greater poverty and he became a missionary to the native population in America. Upon his arrival in late 1749, his assignments led him to encounter the people and meet them where they were. St. Junipero dedicated time to learn the Otomi language in order to better serve the community. Zealous in preaching and in promoting both liturgical and popular devotions, he succeeded in bringing the Pame people to practice the faith in an exemplary way. He oversaw the construction of a church, which is still in use today. Economically, his mission prospered through the introduction of domestic animals, the fostering of agriculture, and the development of commerce. He also defended native rights against non-native settlers. During building operations on his church, he worked as an ordinary day laborer. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit and many years of hard labor, Serra established nine missions, which spread over the east coast of modern-day California. His efforts earned for him the moniker of “Apostle to California.” He was canonized in 2015 by Pope Francis while on a visit to the United States.

## Church Cleaning Invitation

Next Saturday, July 7th, beginning at 9:00 a.m., is our monthly church cleaning. Please come and lend a hand for the work is light and rewarding. Stay a few minutes or an hour. We need to have about 10 people there to complete the cleaning.

## For Your Reflection:

*Not to preach the Gospel would be my undoing, for Christ himself sent me as his apostle and witness. The more remote, the more difficult the assignment, the more my love of God spurs me on. I am bound to proclaim that Jesus is Christ, the Son of the living God. Because of him we come to know the God we cannot see. He is the firstborn of all creation; in him all things find their being. Man’s teacher and redeemer, he was born for us, died for us, and for us he rose from the dead.*

All things, all history converges in Christ. A man of sorrow and hope, he knows us and loves us. As our friend he stays by us throughout our lives; at the end of time he will come to be our judge; but we also know that he will be the complete fulfillment of our lives and our great happiness for all eternity. I can never cease to speak of Christ for he is our truth and our light; *he is the way, the truth and the life.* He is our bread, our source of living water who allays our hunger and satisfies our thirst. He is our shepherd, our leader, our ideal, our comforter and our brother.

He is like us but more perfectly human, simple, poor, humble, and yet, while burdened with work, he is more patient. He spoke on our behalf; he worked miracles; and he founded a new kingdom: in it the poor are happy; peace is the foundation of a life in common; where the pure of heart and those who mourn are uplifted and comforted; the hungry find justice; sinners are forgiven; and all discover that they are brothers.

The image I present to you is the image of Jesus Christ. As Christians you share his name; he has already made most of you his own. So once again I repeat his name to you Christians and I proclaim to all men: Jesus Christ is the beginning and the end, the alpha and the omega, Lord of the new universe, the great hidden key to human history and the part we play in it. He is the mediator — the bridge, if you will — between heaven and earth. Above all he is the Son of man, more perfect than any man, being also the Son of God, eternal and infinite. He is the son of Mary his mother on earth, more blessed than any woman. She is also our mother in the spiritual communion of the mystical body.

Remember: it is Jesus Christ I preach day in and day out. His name I would see echo and re-echo for all time even to the ends of the earth.

-From a homily by Pope St. Paul VI

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org)



# Weekly Activities & Events

## Last Week's Offering

From June 17 to June 23, 2024

Plate	\$728.04
Envelopes	\$1901.00
Candles	\$49.00
Poor Box	\$82.00
Weddings	\$995.00

## Prayer of the Week

### Prayer for the United States by President George Washington

*Almighty God: We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow-citizens of the United States at large. And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

## 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](mailto:jgapileggi@gmail.com).



## Email Prayer Chain

If you would like to request prayers, please email our prayer chain at [AnnMarie@oloskc.org](mailto: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](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org).

## Visit our Website & Facebook Page

Please visit our website at [oloskc.org](http://oloskc.org). Once there Visit our Facebook page by clicking where indicated. Please be sure to like our Facebook Page for updates!

You may also make donations through our website.

Or use our QR Code for Vanco!



## The Legion of Mary

Our Lady of Kibeho Praesidium of the Legion of Mary meets every **Monday at 6:00pm in the parish hall except for the last Monday of the month, when we meet at St.**

**Monica's.** 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.



## Catholic Movie Night

Our next Catholic Movie Night, hosted by the Legion of Mary, **will be Sunday, July 28 at 6pm in the Parish Hall.** Our next movie will be **The Mission: Eighteenth-century Spanish Jesuits try to protect a remote South American tribe in danger of falling under the rule of pro-slavery Portugal.** Please note that this film has native nudity and some violence, including the depiction of a martyrdom so it may not be suitable to small children.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:bcapotosto@gmail.com).