

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH

2552 GILLHAM ROAD, KCMO, 64108



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS
IN OUR PARISH CHURCH
1923-2023

From our Pastoral Associate:

Did you know that Christianity once hung in the balance of the difference of one letter? In 342, the Council of Nicaea promulgated a creed that we still recite at Mass today, explicitly detailing the Church's faith in the Trinity. The doctrine of the Trinity had been under attack by Arius, who had denied the divinity of Jesus Christ. One word in particular gained the most attention, as it was the word that clearly rejected Arianism. This word was "consubstantial" or in the Greek *Homoousios*. This word stated that Christ was "light from light, true God from true God" and of the same substance as the Father rather than *homoiousios* or "like the Father." The difference literally came down to one iota. This teaching made it clear that the Trinity is made of Three Persons



(Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) who are of the same substance (*ousia*)- God. While *homoousios* was accepted by the Council and used in the Creed, it did not find an easy acceptance in the Church at first. This was because the word was taken from Greek philosophy rather than from scripture and came with some elements that the bishops were unsure of. The bishops found it difficult to explain it and some turned Semi-Arian because of their lack of understanding. For a while after the council, Arians had the upper hand, having the backing of the Roman emperor Constantius, who persecuted orthodox Christians (including St. Athanasius) mercilessly. There were many who chose to die as martyrs rather than submit to the heresy of Arianism. Many were exiled. But through the efforts of St. Athanasius, St. Basil, and others, the triumph of the Council of Nicaea over Arianism was achieved. When you say the Creed at Mass, lift your head proudly and be conscious of what you are saying. These are fighting words. The contents of this Creed are what define you as a Christian. Be particularly attentive to the word "consubstantial" as the word, as well as the whole of the Creed, was baptized in the blood of the martyrs and is one of the greatest treasures that the Church has given.

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 4, 2023
THE SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY TRINITY

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, June 3— The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, June 4— The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

11:00am AnnMarie Creedon

MONDAY, June 5—St. Boniface

TUESDAY, June 6—St. Norbert

WEDNESDAY, June 7

Noon

THURSDAY, June 8

Noon

FRIDAY, June 9—St. Ephrem

SATURDAY, June 10— The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

SUNDAY, June 4— The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

PLEASE NOTE

There will not be a bulletin this next weekend due to our pastoral associate, Brad, and his wife welcoming their new baby girl into the world.

Mass Assignments

6/3 & 4	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	AnnMarie Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

6/10 & 11	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Arthur Kovach	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	John Pileggi	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 9th Week of Ordinary Time

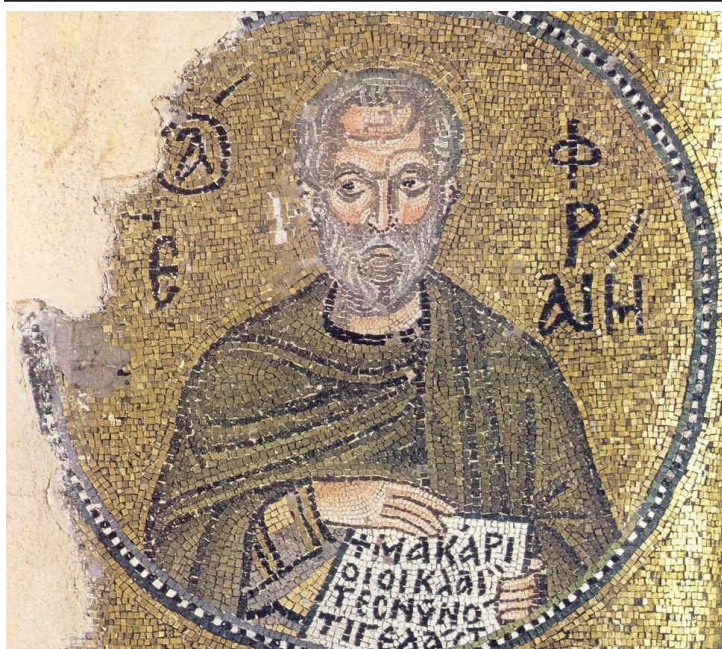
Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2,5-7; Mk 10:17-27
 Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
 Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5, 10-17; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Mk 10:32-45
 Thursday: Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-9; Mk 10:46-52
 Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mk 11:11-26
 Saturday: Sir 51:12-20; Ps 19:8-11; Mk 11:27-33
 Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14-16; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Parish Calendar of Events

- June 5— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- June 7— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- June 10— Wedding at 6pm
- June 10-11 Food Pantry Collection after Mass
- June 17— Wedding at 6pm
- June 17-18— Communications Collection
- June 18— Baptism during the 11 am Mass
- 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

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Ephrem the Syrian

St. Ephrem was born in Nisibis, Mesopotamia in the fourth century and was baptized as a young man. He became a monk and was ordained as a deacon by his bishop, who also appointed him as a teacher. He began to write biblical commentaries and hymns as part of his educational office. When the Persians conquered Nisibis from Rome, Ephrem and many other Christians fled to Edessa in 363. In Edessa, Ephrem found many heretics and began writing defenses and hymns of Nicene Orthodoxy to bring the heretics back into the Church. Ephrem continued writing hymns and found new ways to make them accessible to the people by writing them in their native tongue of Aramaic (what would later become known as Syriac) and setting them to common folk tunes. Ephrem's productivity is staggering. He wrote over 400 hymns, amounting to over 3 million lines of verse. He combined in his writing a three-fold heritage— Judaism, Greek science and philosophy, and the Mesopotamian/ Persian tradition of mystery symbolism. He was quite comfortable with female imagery, writing 28 hymns on the nativity that praised Mary and her role highly. Ephrem died of plague as he ministered to its victims in 373. He was named a Doctor of the Church in 1920 by Pope Benedict XV, the only saint of Syria to be granted the honor. One of his most popular titles is *Harp of the Spirit*.

Knights Baby Bottle Campaign

This weekend through Father's Day, the Knights of Columbus will be having a baby bottle campaign. Bottles will be placed in the back of the church to be taken home. Please return them by Father's day filled with cash. The proceeds will go toward funding ultrasound machines throughout the state of Missouri. This program has been highly beneficial to helping mothers decide to keep their babies during a difficult pregnancy. Please be as generous as you are able.

For Your Reflection:

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all, keep the Catholic faith. For unless a person keeps this faith whole and entire, he will undoubtedly be lost forever. And the Catholic Faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity. Neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Substance. For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is all One, the Glory Equal, the Majesty Co-Eternal. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit. The Father Uncreated, the Son Uncreated, and the Holy Spirit Uncreate. The Father Incomprehensible, the Son Incomprehensible, and the Holy Spirit Incomprehensible. The Father Eternal, the Son Eternal, and the Holy Spirit Eternal and yet they are not Three Eternals but One Eternal. As also there are not Three Uncreated, nor Three Incomprehensibles, but One Uncreated, and One Incomprehensible. So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty, and the Holy Spirit Almighty. And yet they are not Three Almighties but One Almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. And yet they are not Three Gods, but One God. So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Spirit Lord. And yet not Three Lords but One Lord. For, like as we are compelled by the Christian verity to acknowledge every Person by Himself to be God and Lord, so are we forbidden by the Catholic Religion to say, there be Three Gods or Three Lords. The Father is made of none, neither created, nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone; not made, nor created, but begotten. The Holy Spirit is of the Father, and of the Son neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding. So there is One Father, not Three Fathers; one Son, not Three Sons; One Holy Spirit, not Three Holy Spirits. And in this Trinity none is afore or after Other, None is greater or less than Another, but the whole Three Persons are Co-eternal together, and Co-equal. So that in all things, as is aforesaid, the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity, is to be worshipped. He therefore that will be saved, must thus think of the Trinity.

-From the Athanasian Creed, 5th century.

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 May 22 to May 28, 2023

Plate.....\$328.15

Envelopes.....\$2134.48

Prayer of the Week

The Gloria Patri

*Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto,
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula
sæculorum.
Amen.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Marian Conference

There will be a Marian Conference from June 16 through 18 at St. John Lalande and St. Robert Bellarmine parishes in Blue Springs, KS. This will be a dynamic three-day event exploring different topics relating to the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts of Jesus and Mary. There will be Holy Mass and Confession each day as well as a 24-hour adoration, vendors, and a relic room. Be sure to make plans to attend this awesome event! To learn more, see the fliers in the back of the church or visit srbccatholic.org/marian-conference.

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

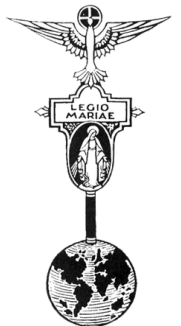
The parish Social Outreach ministry will be taking monthly donations of perishable and non-perishable food, toiletries, hygiene products, diapers, and laundry items for donation to the food pantry at St. Monica's. **Our next monthly collection of these items will be June 10-11**, and will take place 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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