

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From our Pastor:

God is a Community of Love—So Are We

This Sunday, we celebrate one of the most beautiful and mysterious truths of our faith: **Trinity Sunday**. It's the only Sunday in the Church year dedicated to a doctrine—not a specific event. But it's not just theology for theologians. The Trinity is the beating heart of our Christian life.

So, what does it mean when we say God is Trinity? We're saying that God is one—but not solitary. God is three persons in one divine essence: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each Person is fully God, yet not three Gods, but one God. If that makes your head spin a little, you're not alone! But at its core, this isn't a math problem. It's a love story. At the heart of the Trinity is relationship. The Father eternally loves the Son. The Son receives that love and returns it completely. And the love between them is so real, so personal, that it is the Holy Spirit—the bond of love itself.

So, God is not a distant power or an isolated being. God is a community of love. A communion. A family. And here's the amazing part: you and I were created in God's image—not just individually, but communally. That means we are created *from love, for love, to be love*.

Let's make this real:

- Think about your family. Do you reflect God's love in how you speak to each other?
- Look at our parish. Do we welcome newcomers with the warmth of the Trinity?
- Consider your friendships. Are they marked by self-giving love, or self-interest?

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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 15, 2025
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, June 14— The Most Holy Trinity

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, June 15— The Most Holy Trinity

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, June 16

TUESDAY, June 17

WEDNESDAY, June 18

Noon

THURSDAY, June 19— St. Romuald

Noon

FRIDAY, June 20

SATURDAY, June 22— The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, June 23— The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

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.

Liturgical Assignments

6/14 & 6/15	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

6/21 & 6/22	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	John Pileggi	Arthur Kovach
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 11th Week in 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: Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110:1-4; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11-17

Parish Calendar of Events

- Jun 14-15— Communications Collection
- Jun 14-15— Food Pantry Collection
- Jun 16— The Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Jun 22—Knights of Columbus Fundraiser Brunch after 11am Mass
- Jun 28— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jul 2— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Jul 3— Bible Study at 7pm
- Jul 5—Church Cleaning at 9am
- Jul 5— Wedding at 6pm
- Jul 12-13— Food Pantry Collection
- Jul 12—Wedding at 1:30pm
- Jul 12— Wedding at 6pm
- Jul 19—Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 2—Church Cleaning at 9am
- Aug 2—Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 6— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Aug 7— Bible Study at 7pm
- Aug 8—Wedding at 4pm
- Aug 9-10— Food Pantry Collection
- Aug 16—Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 16-17— Diocesan Life and Justice Collection
- Sep 3—Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Sep 4— Bible Study at 7pm
- Sep 6— Jun 14— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Sep 6— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Sep 20-21— Church in Latin America Collection

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. John of Matha

John de Matha was born on June 24, 1154 (or 1160) in a small village in the French Alps. He received a classical education at the college of Aix-en-Provence, Marseille and finally Paris, the intellectual center of all Christendom. There he earned the degree of Doctor of Theology and taught at the Cathedral School. Deeply religious and pious, he wanted to devote himself entirely to God and His service, asking Him for a sign to show him the way forward. Ordained a priest by Maurice de Sully, bishop of Paris and builder of Notre Dame, he celebrated his first Mass on January 28, 1193. During the celebration of the Eucharist, at the time of the consecration, he pleaded with the Lord to graciously show him which religious order he should enter for his salvation. He received a vision of a new order, which he was to found. John joined a group of hermits in the forest of Cerfroid, 70 kilometers north-east of Paris. These men would become the Order of the Holy Trinity and Slaves. This order would focus on ransoming Christian captives, particularly those held by the muslims during the Crusades. He made many trips to Africa, redeeming at least 100 slaves each trip. On one occasion the ship returning with the captives was attacked by Muslims who were angry because John gave their prisoners hope and perseverance in their faith. They raided his ship, tore away the helm, and tore the sails, leaving them to die at sea. The captives, however rigged their cloaks as sails and made it to Italy safely. St. John died in 1213 and the Trinitarians continue to this day, heroically serving those in persecuted regions whose faith is in peril.

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And here's the big one: Are we building communities that reflect God's unity in diversity?

The Trinity invites us to live differently. Not as self-sufficient islands, but as people rooted in relationship. Where unity doesn't mean uniformity. Where love doesn't end with sentiment but becomes action.

Here's a challenge for this week:

Take one step to live "trinitarianly." Reach out to someone who feels isolated. Forgive someone who hurt you. Start a conversation with someone you usually avoid. Join or invite someone into a small group, a ministry, or a meal. When you do this, you're not just being nice—you're participating in God's very life. Trinity Sunday is not about solving a mystery. It's about stepping into it. The Trinity is not a puzzle to figure out—it's a love to be lived.

So come, community of St. Monica/Our Lady of Sorrow Parish. Let's be what we were made to be: a reflection of the God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—One God, a communion of love.



Catholic Communications Campaign

Today we will have a second collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign. Through websites, social networks, television, radio, and print, the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media locally and nationally. Half of all donations to the CCC collected in our diocese stay in our diocese to support our local communications needs such as diocesan publications. Please be as generous as you are able.

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 at 816-213-6024 or ombudsman@diocesekcsj.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 Assistance Coordinator at 816-714-2357 ext. 516 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org

Weekly Activities & Events

Last Week's Offering

From May 26, 2025 to June 1, 2025

Plate _____	\$517.00
Envelopes _____	\$1820.00
Candles _____	\$45.00
Poor Box _____	\$51.00
Weddings _____	\$1000.00
Online _____	\$222.03

Prayer of the Week

The Gloria Patri

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

Glory 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.

The Legion of Mary

Under the patronage and care of the Mother of God, the Legion of Mary is formed to serve both the spiritual growth of her members and in commitment of work and service to the Church.

The Our Lady of Kibeho Praesidium 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. This group collaborates with parishioners of St. Monica's, our sister parish.



Prayers Requested

Pray for Mary Weatherford, Grace Diaz, Sarah Eck, Jim Healy, Mary Healy, Rose Ann Jett, Jane Carey, Jerry Gumming, Ken Blundell, Allan Schaff, Grace Weatherford, Joe Creedon, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Nolan Davidson, Jay Keen, Berhane Shiker, Jim Tabor

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 email Brad at the office at bgeist@oloskc.org.

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Knights News

Congratulations to our council's new officers!

Please join us for our annual fundraiser

brunch (free-will donation) on **June 22nd at**

Noon in the Parish Hall followed by our installation ceremony at **2pm**. All are invited.



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.

Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on Thursday, **July 3rd 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 explore Jesus' resurrection, and John's unique additions to the narrative. 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, unopened 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 June 14-15** 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.