

Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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From our Pastoral Associate:

In our Gospel reading today, Jesus receives the Apostles back from the mission that he had sent them on in the episode we recounted last Sunday. The Apostles are understandably exhausted and Jesus invites them to a deserted place to rest as the people were crowding in so much that they were unable even to eat. So, along with Jesus, they embark on a boat and leave. The



people, however have other ideas and word spreads so fast that they find another crowd on the other side of the sea. Jesus, seeing the crowds, finds his heart moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd, so he begins to teach them many things.

It would be understandable at this point that the disciples would be deeply frustrated. They've had nothing but people for a while. They're exhausted. They want to eat. They want to be alone to process what just happened with them and to share their stories with one another. All the same, Mark shifts the focus from the needs of the disciples to that of Jesus' concern for the needs of the people.

Having been a teacher for the traveling youth catechesis program *Totus Tuus*, I know how exhausted one can be in having given of yourself non-stop. It's not always easy being Jesus' disciple. At times it can be completely exhausting, particularly if you are doing the work of the Church in the world. Nevertheless, we should not be discouraged, but look at the heart of Jesus, and see the masses of people through his eyes— as a shepherd looks upon his sheep. Our second reading states that Christ is our peace, and breaks down the dividing wall of enmity. This exhaustion that the disciples feel is at the service of this kingdom of peace that Christ is bringing to the world.

I encourage you today to pray for our bishops, priests, and deacons, who are the most engaged in bringing the kingdom of peace that Christ is establishing. I ask you to especially pray for Fr. Leonard. It's no easy task that they carry. They look after our sacramental needs, run their parishes and dioceses, manage the finances, look after repairs, plan for the future, preach the Gospel, and so much more. Yet their hearts are always at service to the peace of the Church.

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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

JULY 21, 2024
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, July 20— The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Maurice Carey

SUNDAY, July 21— The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, July 22— St. Mary Magdalene

TUESDAY, July 23—St. Bridget

WEDNESDAY, July 24— St. Sharbel Mahkluf

Noon † Jennifer Rose, Family & Friends (living and deceased)

THURSDAY, July 25— St. James, Apostle

Noon † Brian Waldbillig

FRIDAY, July 26— Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the BVM

SATURDAY, July 27— The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, July 28— The 17th 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.

Liturgical Assignments

| 7/20 & 21 | 4:00pm | 11:00am |
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| Reader | James Hardy | Bill Capotosto |
| Eucharistic Minister | Deacon Michael Elsey | Deacon Michael Elsey |
| Server/Sacristan | John Pileggi | George Bryde |
| Usher | Ted Tschirhart | Bill Capotosto |

| 7/27 & 28 | 4:00pm | 11:00am |
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| Reader | Nancy Lowdon | Maureen Kramanak |
| Eucharistic Minister | John Pileggi | Rita Witt |
| Server/Sacristan | John Pileggi | George Bryde |
| Usher | Ted Tschirhart | Bill Capotosto |

Readings for the 16th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-13; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6, 8, 11; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Parish Calendar of Events

- July 22— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- 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 10-11— Social Ministry Collection After Mass
- Aug 15— Solemnity of the Assumption at Noon
- Aug 17— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Aug 17-18— Diocesan Life and Justice Collection
- Jul 18— 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 14-15— Social Ministry Collection After Mass
- 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 2 — Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Oct 3— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Oct 5— Wedding at 10am
- Oct 5— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Mary Magdalene

St. Mary Magdalene was a disciple of Jesus who followed him on his ministry. Having had seven demons driven out of her by Jesus, she was one of the financial supporters of his ministry, possibly indicating that she was wealthy. She is named 12 times in the Gospels, which is more than many of the Apostles. She was present at the foot of the Cross with the Blessed Virgin Mary and is often depicted in crucifixion art as kneeling at the foot of the cross, weeping bitterly. She is most renowned by the Church for being the first witness to the Resurrection, arriving early on Easter Sunday morning to complete the burial of Jesus, which had been rushed on Good Friday due to the approach of the Sabbath. When she arrived with other women, they encountered angels who told them that Jesus was not there and to go tell the Apostles. Mary remained at the tomb, thinking that Jesus' body had been stolen. She encountered Jesus without recognizing him until he called her name and she knew him by the sound of his voice. She was the first to proclaim him to the other disciples. Mary later went on to be a missionary and, according to legend, once boldly presented herself to the Emperor Tiberius in Rome. She held out an egg to him and proclaimed "Christ is risen!" The emperor, unimpressed, told her that Christ had no more risen than the egg in her hand was red. Immediately, the egg turned red (giving rise to the practice of giving colored eggs on Easter Sunday). In the Mass for her feast day, the Church has chosen this line from the Song of Songs 3:4: "Have you seen him whom my heart loves? I had hardly left them when I found him whom my heart loves."



For Your Reflection:

When Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and did not find the Lord's body, she thought it had been taken away and so informed the disciples. After they came and saw the tomb, they too believed what Mary had told them. The text then says: *The disciples went back home, and it adds: but Mary wept and remained standing outside the tomb.*

We should reflect on Mary's attitude and the great love she felt for Christ; for though the disciples had left the tomb, she remained. She was still seeking the one she had not found, and while she sought she wept; burning with the fire of love, she longed for him who she thought had been taken away. And so it happened that the woman who stayed behind to seek Christ was the only one to see him. For perseverance is essential to any good deed, as the voice of truth tells us: *Whoever perseveres to the end will be saved.*

At first she sought but did not find, but when she persevered it happened that she found what she was looking for. When our desires are not satisfied, they grow stronger, and becoming stronger they take hold of their object. Holy desires likewise grow with anticipation, and if they do not grow they are not really desires. Anyone who succeeds in attaining the truth has burned with such a great love. As David says: *My soul has thirsted for the living God; when shall I come and appear before the face of God?* And so also in the Song of Songs the Church says: *I was wounded by love; and again: My soul is melted with love.*

Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek? She is asked why she is sorrowing so that her desire might be strengthened; for when she mentions whom she is seeking, her love is kindled all the more ardently.

Jesus says to her: Mary. Jesus is not recognized when he calls her "woman"; so he calls her by name, as though he were saying: *Recognize me as I recognize you; for I do not know you as I know others; I know you as yourself.* And so Mary, once addressed by name, recognizes who is speaking. She immediately calls him *rabboni*, that is to say, *teacher*, because the one whom she sought outwardly was the one who inwardly taught her to keep on searching.

-From a Homily on the Gospels by St. Gregory the Great, Pope

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 July 8 to July 14, 2024

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| Plate | \$259.00 |
| Envelopes | \$2374.00 |
| Candles | \$75.00 |
| Poor Box | \$141.00 |
| Weddings | \$4990.00 |
| Maintenance | \$215.00 |
| Mass Stipend | \$120.00 |
| Online | \$825.15 |

Prayer of the Week

The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

This prayer, beloved by the Church, was written by St. Bernard of Clairvaux.

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 jpapileggi@gmail.com.



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.

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.

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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 **August 2nd 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 16 in which Jesus continues his Last Supper discourse. 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 monthly collection of these items will take place on August 10th & 11th**, 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.