

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



ESTABLISHED 1890

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

From our Pastoral Associate:

In April of 2005, the newly elected Pope Benedict XVI had come, along with cardinals who had elected him, to the front loggia of St. Peter's Basilica to bless the crowds. Among them was Cardinal Francis George of Chicago, who looked very thoughtful. When asked later what he was thinking, he replied, "I was gazing over toward the Circus Maximus, toward the Palatine Hill where the Roman Emperors once resided and reigned and look down upon the persecution of Christians, and I thought, 'Where are their successors? Where is the successor of Caesar Augustus? Where is the successor of Marcus Aurelius? And finally, who cares? But if you want to see the successor of Peter, he is right next to me, smiling, and waving at the crowds.'"



Today's readings are very focused on the authority given to St. Peter by Jesus at Caesarea Philippi in the symbol of keys. We first read of the proclamation of Isaiah to Shebna, the master of the palace, that his authority, due to abuse, will be given to another—Eliakim, who will exercise a certain authority (symbolized by keys) over the kingdom of David. Echoing this, Jesus said, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven. Whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Jesus is giving a similar authority to Peter, to exercise an authority in the kingdom (the Church) that Jesus is bringing. Jesus first tells Peter (whose name was given to him by Jesus and means "rock"), "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. By way of Peter's authority which passed on to the Bishop of Rome, where Peter died as a martyr, Christ's Church will never fail or fall. By way of the authority of the Pope and the authority of the bishops, the successors of the Apostles, the Church has been preserved from teaching error and being led astray. Jesus himself promised that his Church would never fail and that the gates of hell would not prevail against it.

This is immensely comforting. When we look out at the world around us with its constant wars, persecutions, genocides, and other atrocities, we are tempted to falter and fall into fear. How can Christianity survive in a world that is so recklessly against it? Well, Jesus gave us the answer. He would preserve it until the end, never allowing it to fall. Let us take a moment and thank him for that promise and help.

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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

AUGUST 27, 2023
THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, August 26— 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, August 27— 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00am † Maurice Carey

MONDAY, August 28—St. Augustine of Hippo

TUESDAY, August 29—The Passion of St. John the Baptist

WEDNESDAY, August 30
Noon † Maurice Carey

THURSDAY, August 31
Noon † Maurice Carey

FRIDAY, September 1

SATURDAY, September 2— 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, September 3— 22nd 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.

Mass Assignments

8/26 & 27	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Molly Schmidt
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

9/2 & 20	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 20th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: 1 Thess 1:1-5, 8-10; Ps 149:1-6, 9;
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thess 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thess 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thess 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5, 12-14, 17,
Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thess 4:1-8; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12;
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thess 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2;
Mt 16:21-27

Parish Calendar of Events

- Aug 28— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- Sep 2— Wedding 1:30pm
- Sep 6— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Sep 7— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Sep 8-9— Social Ministry Collection
- Sep 16— Our Lady of Sorrows (100th Anniversary)
4 pm Mass with Bishop Johnston, Party and meal after
- Sep 16-17— Church in Latin America Collection
- Sep 19— 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 14-15— Social Ministry Collection
- Oct 20— Wedding at 5:00pm
- Oct 21— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 21— Wedding at 6pm
- Oct 21-22— Mission Sunday Collection
- Oct 27— Wedding at 2:30pm
- Oct 28— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 1— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Nov 2— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Nov 3— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 4— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 11— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 11-12— Social Ministry Collection
- Nov 18— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Augustine of Hippo

St. Augustine was born in 354 in the North Roman Province of Numidia. Augustine recounted his life in his famous *Confessions*, which has been an enduring spiritual classic. His mother, St. Monica, was a Christian; his father a pagan. He was brought up as a Christian but as he lived a dissolute life, he quickly fell away from the Church, though he never entirely forsook Christ. He studied in Carthage and quickly became well known for his brilliant mind and skill as a orator and lawyer. During this time Augustine embraced Manichaeism, which was a form of Gnosticism. After about 9 years of learning all he could of the intellectual movement, he abandoned it as incoherent and fraudulent. He moved to Rome and then eventually Milan where he met St. Ambrose. Hearing St. Ambrose's sermons led Augustine to a conversion and he accepted baptism, in time for St. Monica to see what she had always longed for her entire life. He returned to Africa and lived a quasi-monastic life. On a visit to Hippo, the people there ordained him as a priest and then a bishop against his will. He later accepted God's will in the matter and spent the rest of his years refuting the writings of heretics. Augustine died in 430 as the Vandals besieged his city of Hippo. He joins St. Ambrose, his mentor, as a Doctor of the Church.

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

The annual "In His Presence" Eucharistic Congress will be at Our Lady of the Presentation Parish in Lee's Summit on September 9th. This all day event will feature Adoration, Mass, inspiring talks, vendors, and a relic room. Come spend the day growing closer to the Eucharist. Registration:

<https://kcsjatholic.org/wpcontent/uploads/2023-EC-Flyer-Schedule-w-code.pdf>



Reflecting on Our History:

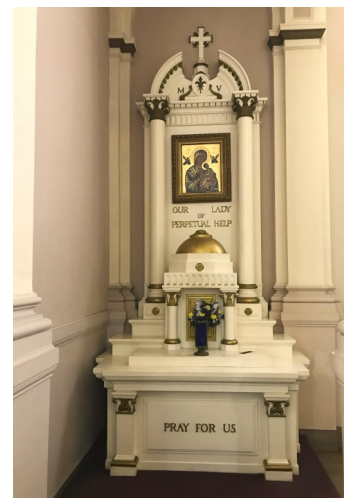
This is a continuation of the parish's history from previous bulletins. Perhaps the most outstanding work accomplished under the guidance of Fr. Alexander was the organization of the Holy Name society. The evening of January 10, 1935, a Holy Name retreat was begun, and on the following Sunday the first solemn reception of the members into the Holy Name society was held in connection with the close of the retreat services. Shortly afterwards, retreats were also conducted for various other parish societies.

Then under Fr. Alexander's direction congregational singing was inaugurated. Hymn cards were printed and henceforth the congregation joined in the singing of hymns during the various devotions, particularly during procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament and on other special occasions.

About this same time, Our Lady of Sorrows "Parish Weekly" was introduced. This weekly paper was the forerunner of our bulletin, keeping the congregation informed regarding religious devotions, but also furnishing up-to-the-minute news concerning the activities of the various parish organizations and the parochial school, and served as an excellent medium for conveying bits of religious instruction.

Fr. Alexander, innovating, created a religious inquiry class which anticipated by decades the advent of the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA). These classes were conducted for the benefit of those who wished to learn more about the Catholic Faith and helped in bringing converts into the Catholic Church.

Religious fervor was also manifested in the dedication of a beautiful shrine in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Not only the altar itself, but also the necessary decorations, were donated by grateful clients of Our Blessed Mother.



The Our Lady of Perpetual Help Altar

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 August 14 to August 20, 2023

Plate.....\$675.09

Envelopes.....\$3251.00

Prayer of the Week

Prayer for Pope Francis

V. Let us pray for our Holy Father Francis.

R. The Lord preserve him and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

Lord Jesus, shelter our Holy Father the Pope under the protection of Your Sacred Heart. Be his light, his strength and his consolation.

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to Your shepherd, the Pope, a spirit of courage and right judgement, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care may he, as successor to the apostle Peter and vicar of Christ, build Your church into a sacrament of unity, love, and peace for all the world.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

"The Pope, Bishop of Rome and Peter's successor, "is the perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity both of the bishops and of the whole company of the faithful." "For the Roman Pontiff, by reason of his office as Vicar of Christ, and as pastor of the entire Church has full, supreme, and universal power over the whole Church, a power which he can always exercise unhindered." (The Catechism of the Catholic Church, 882)

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 John Pileggi for more information."



Prayers Requested

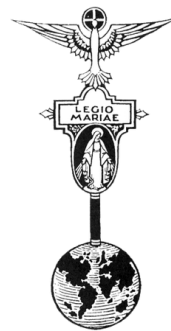
Pray for Mary Weatherford, Grace Diaz, Sarah Eck, Jim Healy, Mary Healy, Rose Ann Jett, Jane Carey, Maurice Carey, Jerry Gumminger, Ken Blundell, Allan Schaff, Grace Weatherford, Joe Creedon, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera

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.

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.



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 September 9-10**, 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.

Parish Bible Study- The Gospel of John

The next Bible study session is on **September 7 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 deep into Jesus' Bread of Life Discourse and the implications that it has on the Church's teaching on the Eucharist. We'll also explore common objections to the Catholic interpretation. 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.

100th Anniversary

Our celebration of our parish's 100th anniversary of the dedication of the church will be on Saturday, September 16th at the 4pm Mass. Bishop Johnston will extend to our parish an Apostolic Blessing during the Mass. There will also be a party with the bishop after Mass in the parking lot.

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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