

# Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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

## From our Pastoral Associate:

In our first reading today, Moses instructs the people to observe the entire law given to them by God, so that it may serve as a witness to other nations. By following the law, Israel was meant to display its wisdom, leading others to recognize and come to the one true God—the God of Israel. The Law of Moses was intended to be a tool for converting the



nations. However, Israel ultimately failed in this mission, which eventually led to their exile under the Assyrians and Babylonians. When they returned, they found themselves subjugated by foreign powers.

In response, there was an effort to remove idolatry and other errant practices from their faith, but the focus shifted more toward ritual observances than moral teachings. This shift was motivated by the hope that God would once again bless them with a kingdom, autonomy, and greatness among the nations. As a result, the emphasis often fell on interpretations of the law rather than the law itself, particularly on ritual cleanliness, which was seen as essential for worship in the Temple.

This context helps us understand why the Pharisees were upset with Jesus when some of his disciples ate with unwashed hands. Jesus rebuked them for clinging to human traditions rather than adhering to God's law. For Jesus, what defiles a person is not external—such as food, drink, or a bit of dirt—but what arises from within: hatred, lust, covetousness, murderous thoughts, deceit, arrogance, blasphemy, and more. These, Jesus teaches, are far more significant than the dirt on our hands. This was the core of the contention between Jesus and the Pharisees. They accused Him of violating minor laws of the Torah, while Jesus criticized them for focusing on trivial matters while neglecting the more important laws of justice. This is not to say that the laws given by God were unimportant, but that they should be understood and applied in their proper context.

Jesus is teaching us a crucial lesson here. When we integrate the weightier teachings of justice toward our neighbor with our faith and prayer, we become, as Jesus described, a shining light on a hill, inspiring others to give praise to God. Today, we often see Christians who attend Mass, receive Christ in the Eucharist, and then contradict this by their lifestyle. This signals that our preaching and faith are merely words, not backed by deeds, and suggests that we do not truly believe what we proclaim. It is essential to radiate Jesus' radical, self-giving love to our world and to guard against the attitude Jesus warned against. May God grant us the grace to do so.

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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](mailto:bgeist@oloskc.org)

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024  
THE TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# Feasts and Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, August 31- The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time**

4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

**SUNDAY, September 1— The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time**

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**MONDAY, September 2**

**TUESDAY, September 3— St. Gregory the Great**

**WEDNESDAY, September 4**

Noon Denise Martinez

**THURSDAY, September 5**

Noon

**FRIDAY, September 6**

**SATURDAY, September 7- The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time**

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**SUNDAY, September 8— The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time**

11:00am † Marylin Dicks

## 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

8/31 & 9/1	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	John Pileggi	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Arthur Kovach	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

9/7 & 8	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

## Readings for the 22nd Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40;  
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Is 35:4-7; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

# Parish Calendar of Events

- Sep 2— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- Sep 4— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Sep 5— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Sep 7— Church Cleaning at 9am
- 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 14— Founder's Day after 4pm Mass.
- Sep 15— Church in Latin America Collection
- Sep 17— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Sep 21— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Sep 28— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Sep 29— Catholic Movie Night (Thérèse) at 6pm
- 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
- Oct 5— Wedding at 6pm
- Oct 12— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Oct 12— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 12— Wedding at 6pm
- Oct 15— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Oct 19— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 19-20— Mission Sunday Collection
- Oct 26— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 2— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 6 — Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. Gregory the Great

Gregory was the prefect of Rome before he was 30. After five years in office he resigned, founded six monasteries on his Sicilian estate, and became a Benedictine monk in his own home at Rome. Ordained a priest, Gregory became one of the pope's seven deacons, and also served six years in the East as papal representative in Constantinople. He was recalled to become abbot, but at the age of 50 was elected pope by the clergy and people of Rome. Gregory was direct and firm. He removed unworthy priests from office, forbade taking money for many services, emptied the papal treasury to ransom prisoners of the Lombards and to care for persecuted Jews and the victims of plague and famine. He was very concerned about the conversion of England, sending 40 monks from his own monastery. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, and for strengthening respect for doctrine. Gregory lived in a time of perpetual strife with invading Lombards and difficult relations with the East. When Rome itself was under attack, he interviewed the Lombard king. His book, *Pastoral Care* continues to be a classic. He described bishops mainly as physicians whose main duties were preaching and the enforcement of discipline. In his own down-to-earth preaching, Gregory was skilled at applying the daily Gospel to the needs of his listeners. Called "the Great," Gregory has been given a place with Augustine, Ambrose, and Jerome, as one of the four key doctors of the Western Church.



## Church Cleaning Invitation

Next Saturday, Sep 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

Happy are we if we do the deeds of which we have heard and sung. Our hearing of them means having them planted in us, while our doing them shows that the seed has borne fruit. By saying this, I wish to caution you, dearly beloved, not to enter the Church fruitlessly, satisfied with mere hearing of such mighty blessings and failing to do good works. For we have been saved by his grace, says the Apostle, and not by our works, lest anyone may boast; for it is by his grace that we have been saved. It is not as if a good life of some sort came first, and that thereupon God showed his love and esteem for it from on high, saying: "Let us come to the aid of these men and assist them quickly because they are living a good life." No, our life was displeasing to him; whatever we did by ourselves was displeasing to him; but what he did in us was not displeasing to him. He will, therefore, condemn what we have done but he will save what he himself has done in us. We were not good, but God had pity on us and sent his Son to die, not for good men but for bad ones, not for the just but for the wicked. Yes, Christ died for the ungodly. Notice what is written next: One will hardly die for a righteous man, though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. Perhaps someone can be found who will dare to die for a good man; but for the unjust man, for the wicked one, the sinner, who would be willing to die except Christ alone who is so just that he justifies even the unjust? Yet although men's actions were evil, God in his mercy did not abandon men. He sent his Son to redeem us, not with gold or silver but at the price of his blood poured out for us. Christ, the spotless lamb, became the sacrificial victim, led to the slaughter for the sheep that were blemished—if indeed one can say that they were blemished and not entirely corrupt. Such is the grace we have received! Let us live so as to be worthy of that great grace, and not do injury to it. So mighty is the physician who has come to us that he has healed all our sins! If we choose to be sick once again, we will not only harm ourselves, but show ingratitude to the physician as well. Let us then follow Christ's paths which he has revealed to us, above all the path of humility, which he himself became for us. He showed us that path by his precepts, and he himself followed it by his suffering on our behalf. In order to die for us—because as God he could not die—the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. The immortal One took on mortality that he might die for us, and by dying put to death our death. This is what the Lord did, this the gift he granted to us.

-From a Sermon by St. Augustine

## 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 August 19 to August 25, 2024

Plate	\$246.00
Envelopes	\$2617.00
Maintenance	\$25.00
Candles	\$102.70
Poor Box	\$63.00
Weddings	\$1995.00
Life and Justice	\$164.00



## Annual Parish Picnic

We will be celebrating our parish's feast day with our annual parish picnic on **Saturday, September 14 after the 4pm Mass**. Meat will be provided. If you are able, please bring a side dish to share. If you are not able, please come anyway. This is a great time to grow as a parish and get to know those around us. Visitors are welcome too! Sign ups are on the tables by the entrances to the church.



## 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](mailto:jpapileggi@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

## 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).

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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, September 29 th at 6pm in the parish hall**. The movie they will be watching is **Thérèse: The Story of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux**: The mesmerizing story of a young girl's romance with God. Her faith, trials, and sacrifices reveal a way of life based on love and simplicity. A contemplative film based on the true story of Saint Therese of Lisieux, the most popular saint of modern times. Based on true events.

## Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on Thursday, **September 5th 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 the end of Jesus' final words to his disciples before he was crucified. 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 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](mailto:bcapotosto@gmail.com).