

Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From Our Pastoral Associate:

In a very memorable moment in the classic football movie "Rudy," a priest named Fr. Cavanaugh tells Rudy, "Son, in 35 years of religious study, I have only come up with two hard incontrovertible facts: there is a God, and I'm not Him".

Our readings today pay a lot of attention to the need for humility. Humility is, nothing more and nothing less, the proper understanding of one's own self in regard to others, and especially God. This means not aggrandizing one's self to something that you're not. We are creatures who rely, whether we know it or not, entirely on God's care. We receive every good thing from him— our food, our clothes, our means of travel, our friends and family, and so much more. Even our existence relies on him in the most fundamental sense— God himself holds us in existence from moment to moment. And every human being is fundamentally the same in this regard. It would therefore not be in accord with the truth to place ourselves higher than others as if it is part of our very identity. To elevate ourselves, even in our own mind to more than this— as creatures reliant entirely upon the goodness of their creator— is to cease to be humble. Humility also has a downward aspect to it— particularly in regards to service. Humility prioritizes the needs of others over our own. We see this in the lives of the saints— in particular St. Louis who, even though he was the king of France, humbled himself among his people. Every day, St. Louis had 13 special guests from among the poor to eat with him, and a large number of poor were served meals near his palace. During Advent and Lent, all who presented themselves were given a meal, and Louis often served them in person. He kept lists of needy people, whom he regularly relieved, in every province of his dominion. St. Louis was truly humble in heart. St. Louis literally lived today's Gospel reading, especially in regard to serving those that can't pay you back. An infinitely greater example of this, of course, is the example of the Lord Jesus
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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 31, 2025
THE TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, August 30— 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

SUNDAY, August— 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am † Elizabeth Sanders

MONDAY, September 1

TUESDAY, September 2

WEDNESDAY, September 3— St. Gregory the Great

Noon Anthony & Anastasia Martinez, family,
and friends (living and deceased)

THURSDAY, September 4

Noon Denise Martinez

FRIDAY, September 5

SATURDAY, September 6— 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

SUNDAY, September 7— 23rd 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

8/30 & 31	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

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Readings for the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 2-5, 11-13;
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
Lk 4:31:37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17;
Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Parish Calendar of Events

- Sep 3—Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Sep 4— Bible Study at 7pm
- Sep 6— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Sep 6— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Sep 13— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Sep 13— Founders' Day
- Sep 13-14— Food Pantry Collection
- Sep 16— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Sep 20— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Sep 20— Wedding at 6pm
- Sep 20-21— Church in Latin America Collection
- Sep 27— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 1— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Oct 2— Bible Study at 7pm
- Oct 4— Church Cleaning at 9am
- Oct 4— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 11— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 11-12— Food Pantry Collection
- Oct 18— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 18-19— Mission Sunday Collection
- Oct 21— Water Garden Society at 5:30pm
- Oct 25— Wedding at 6pm
- Nov 1— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 5— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Nov 6— Bible Study at 7pm
- Nov 8— Wedding at 6pm
- Nov 15— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saint of the Week— St. Gregory the Great

Born in 540, St. Gregory the Great 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 the Great lived in a time of perpetual strife with invading Lombards and difficult relations with the East. When Rome itself was under attack, he personally went to the Lombard king to plead for the safety of the city. His book, *Pastoral Care*, on the duties and qualities of a bishop, was read for centuries after his death. 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.

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who, according to the letter to the Phillipians, "was in the form of God, [but] did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death upon a cross." (Phil 2:6-8)

Jesus's humility is a perfect example for us to strive after. Jesus is God the Son, and over him there is no one else— he is equal to the Father and the Holy Spirit. And yet he emptied himself and became a man, below even the angels. And because he found himself a man, he humbled himself— he roamed around without a home, once saying that "the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." He ate with the lowest of people and the outcast. The only time he appeared in the presence of an earthly king or ruler was during criminal proceedings. And he accepted one of the worst and degrading deaths possible— being hung as a form of ridicule upon a cross. Jesus did not spurn any of this. He did it in service to us— to redeem and save us. And because of this, he was highly exalted and given "the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil 2:9-11) Jesus, to use our Gospel reading, took the lowest place so as to be exalted. Let us also do likewise, serving those who are in most need, even if they can never pay it back.

Parish Picnic

We cordially invite all parishioners and visitors to join us for our annual parish picnic as we celebrate the feast day of our patroness, Our Lady of Sorrows and the anniversary of our parish church. Mark your calendars for September 13 at 5:00pm in our parish hall. The event is fun, free, and filled with good food. Please sign up on the table in the back of church to help us get a headcount for food prep.

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 Aug 18, 2025 to Aug 25, 2025

Plate	\$454.45
Envelopes	\$2351.00
Candles	\$82.75
Poor Box	\$25.00
Weddings	\$2990.00
Mass Stipends	\$75.00
Online	\$504.64

OCIA

Those parishioners interested in joining the Catholic Church at Easter are welcome to join OCIA (the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults), which will begin in September. Please contact Brad in the parish office if you are interested.

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.

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 Gumminger, 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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The Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will be meeting at 6:30pm on Wednesday, September 3 in the parish hall. If you have an interest in joining the Knights, we strongly encourage you to attend this meeting.



Parish Bible Study

The next Bible study session is on Thursday, **September 4th at 7pm** and we normally meet monthly on the first Thursday of every month. We have just concluded our study of the Gospel of John. Our next study will be announced soon. Please email Brad at bgeist@oloskc.org for updates and details.



Fr. Leonard on Vacation

Fr. Leonard is on vacation to visit his family in Kenya from August 26 to October 1. During this time away, he assures you that he will keep you and your families in his daily prayers. He kindly asks that you also keep him in your prayers—for safe travels, a restful visit, and a joyful reunion with loved ones. May this time of renewal strengthen him to return refreshed and ready to continue serving our parish community.

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 September 13 and 14** 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.