

# Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



ESTABLISHED 1890

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

## From our Pastor:

Dear Friends and parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows,  
Praise be the name of Jesus. Now and forever!

I am humbled and filled with gratitude as I pen down this note to mark a significant milestone in the life of our parish church. It is with immense joy that we celebrate 100 years since the consecration of this holy sanctuary to the glory of God and his Mother, Our Lady of Sorrows.

This anniversary not only signifies the physical dedication of our church building but also the continuous dedication of our hearts and lives to the service of God. Over the years, we have seen God's faithfulness in our midst, guiding us through trials, rejoicing with us in times of celebration, and helping us grow together in faith. We have witnessed lives transformed, families strengthened, and hearts drawn closer to the divine through our parish.

As we celebrate this milestone, let us also take a moment to remember and honor those who have gone before us – the pioneers, clergy and faithful members who have laid the foundation upon which we stand today. Their vision, sacrifices, and prayers paved the way for our church's continued growth and impact in our city and in our society.

Next Saturday we will be graced by the visitation of Bishop Johnston who will celebrate the mass of the dedication of our Church. Immediately following the mass we will have our parish fiesta. I encourage to invite your family, friends, old parishioners as we commemorate this great feast of our parish.

As we embark on this journey into the future, let us hold fast to the words of the psalmist.

*"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain (Psalm 127:1)* I encourage each one of you to actively participate, not only as a celebration of the past but as an affirmation of our commitment to the future. Together, we can continue to be a beacon of hope and a source of spiritual nourishment for our community.

Thank you, dear parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows for your unwavering support, love, and dedication to the work of the Lord. May God continue to bless our parish abundantly, as we strive to shine His light even brighter in the years to come.

Your in Christ

Fr. Leonard



## Parish Office

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of the stairs.

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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 10, 2023  
THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Mass Intentions and Feasts

**SATURDAY, September 9— 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00pm † Brian Waldbillig

**SUNDAY, September 10— 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**MONDAY, September 11**

**TUESDAY, September 12—The Most Holy Name of Mary**

**WEDNESDAY, September 13—St. John Chrysostom**  
Noon † Maurice Carey, Christina Garcia

**THURSDAY, September 14—Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
Noon † Maurice Carey

**FRIDAY, September 15— Our Lady of Sorrows**

**SATURDAY, September 16— Anniversary of the  
Dedication of our Church**  
4:00pm The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

**SUNDAY, September 17— 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
11:00am † Maurice Carey

### 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

9/9 & 10	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Joe Creedon
Server/ Sacristan	James Hardy	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

9/16 & 17	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz James Hardy	Bill Capotosto
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey Brad Geist	Rita Witt
Server/ Sacristan	John Pileggi Brad Geist George Bryde Tony Armstrong	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tshirhart Ed and Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

### Readings for the 23rd Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11  
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19  
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13; Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17  
Friday: 1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8; 11; Jn 19:25-27  
Saturday: 2 Chron 5:6-10, 13-6:2; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22  
Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

## Parish Calendar of Events

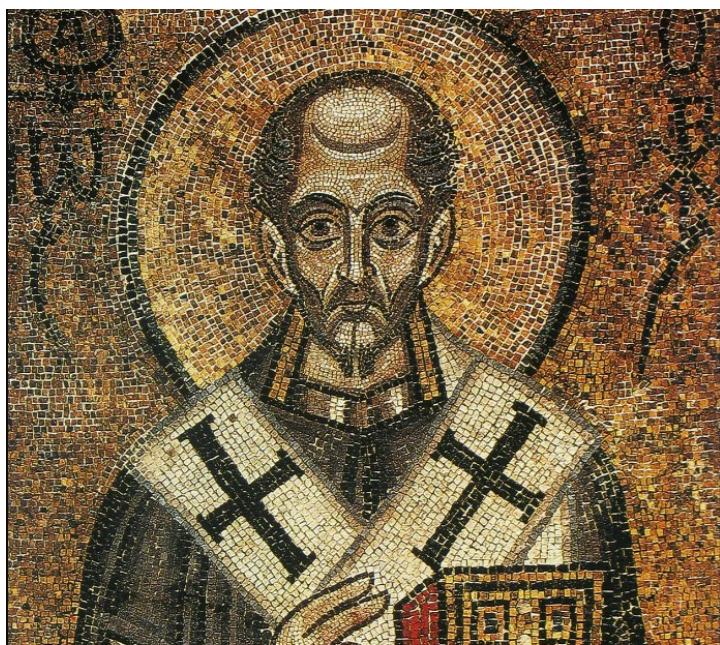
- Sep 9-10— Social Ministry Collection
- Sep 11— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- Sep 16— Our Lady of Sorrows (100th Anniversary)  
4 pm Mass with Bishop Johnston, Party and meal after
- Sep 16-17— Church in Latin America Collection
- Sep 19— Water Garden Society from 6-9pm
- Sep 23— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Oct 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— All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation) at Noon
- 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
- Dec 2— Parish Christmas Party at 5pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!



# Ministries & Reflections



## Saint of the Week— St. John Chrysostom

St. John Chrysostom in Antioch (modern day Turkey) in 347 AD. He began his education under the pagan preacher Libanius where he learned rhetoric, and a love of the Greek language and literature. He became steadily more devoted to his Christian faith and went to study Theology at the newly re-constituted School of Antioch. John became a hermit and lived an extreme asceticism but this quickly damaged his health and he was forced to return to Antioch. He was ordained as priest and quickly gained popularity due to the eloquence of his preaching as well as its straightforwardness— demonstrating that he had a unique command of the scriptures and its relevance to everyday life. He was elected Patriarch of Constantinople in 397 and had to leave Antioch secretly for fear that his departure would cause unrest. His time in Constantinople was tumultuous and he gained enemies due to his preference for the poor and the refusal of honors accorded to him by the Eastern Roman Emperor. He was outspoken and energetic, sometimes preaching sermons that would last 2 hours. He regularly preached care for the poor, which made him odious to the rich. The Empress, angered by his sermons, finally had him exiled during which he died in 407. He is named as one of the Doctors of the Church and is the most prolific Church Father after St. Augustine of Hippo and Origen of Alexandria. He is venerated by both the Roman and Orthodox Churches and is particularly beloved for the Divine Liturgy that he wrote, which is still used as the main liturgy of worship by the Eastern Catholic Churches and many Orthodox Churches to this day.

## Church in Latin America Collection

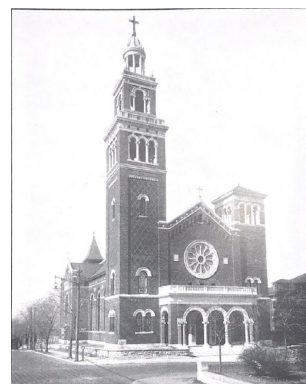
Next weekend we will have a second collection for the Church in Latin America. This collection will go toward helping the Church's missionary efforts and charitable giving in Latin America. Please be as generous as you are able.

## Reflecting on Our History:

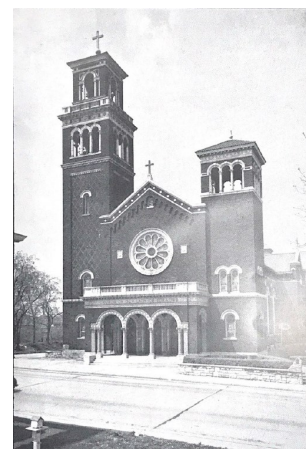
*This is a continuation of the parish's history from previous bulletins.*

On October 6, 1940, the golden jubilee of the parish was celebrated at 10:30AM, with Fr. Richard Wurth celebrating Solemn High Mass in the presence of Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara. In 1944, the south tower of the church had been struck by lightning. The strike severely damaged the tower's white top and left fallen terra cotta stone that damaged the St. Francis statue below it. This statue was repaired and it was given its present location on our grounds in 1946. The Church tower was rebuilt, but differently, reflecting the construction on the lower north tower (as we see it today). In 1948, Fr. Callistus Sollbach, O.F.M., arrived as pastor. On June 3, 1951, Fr. Boniface Sack, O.F.M., who grew up in the parish, celebrated his first Holy Mass. He was the 9th priestly vocation to come from the parish. Among the other vocations were a number of religious sisters of various congregations, who numbered 17 by 1965.

In the summer of 1951, Fr. Paschal Kerner, O.F.M., came as assistant. He was in charge of the Third Order of St. Francis for over a decade and endeared himself as a confessor to many in Kansas City. In 1954, Fr. Jerome Kircher, O.F.M. was named pastor. He arrived on a hot summer day and almost immediately purchased a number of much-needed fans for the rectory. He also provided storm windows. During the Fatima Rosary Crusade in 1955, Fr. Jerome had a Fatima statue make a pilgrimage to a home each week



*The Church with the original bell tower*



*The Church with the newly repaired bell tower*

## 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 28 to September 3, 2023

Plate.....\$500.00

Envelopes.....\$1776.00

## Prayer of the Week

### A Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows

O most holy Virgin, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ: by the overwhelming grief you experienced when you witnessed the martyrdom, the crucifixion, and death of your divine Son, look upon me with eyes of compassion, and awaken in my heart a tender commiseration for those sufferings, as well as a sincere detestation of my sins, in order that being disengaged from all undue affection for the passing joys of this earth, I may sigh after the eternal Jerusalem, and that henceforward all my thoughts and all my actions may be directed towards this one most desirable object. Honor, glory, and love to our divine Lord Jesus, and to the holy and immaculate Mother of God.

Amen.

September is dedicated to the devotion of Our Lady of Sorrows. As we approach the 100th anniversary, we will be sharing various prayers to Our Lady of Sorrows.

## Church Decoration

We will be decorating the church for our 100th Anniversary Celebration this Friday, September 15th at 9am. Anyone that can or wants to help is welcome and will be needed. We hope to see you there!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bcapotosto@gmail.com).

## Parish Bible Study— The Gospel of John

The next Bible study session is on **October 5th 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 explore Jesus' visit to Jerusalem during the Feast of Tabernacles, the questions swirling around him, and the woman caught in adultery. 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](mailto: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](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.

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