

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:

Today marks the feast of the Holy Cross, a feast that, along with the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, has always held special meaning for me. When I was a student at Benedictine College in my sophomore year, I struggled with depression. Despite going to therapy and being prescribed an anti-depressant medication, things only got worse, and no matter how hard I tried, no matter what I did, I couldn't get rid of it. On Palm Sunday, I went to adoration in the middle of the night and while I was seated and attempting to read a book on Holy Week, I felt our Lord firmly ask me to put the book down. With some trepidation, I obeyed, and I felt him ask me in my soul, "Why are you trying to get rid of your cross? I have told you to carry it. Where would you be had I not carried my cross but tried to get rid of it?"

These words cut me to the heart. As confused and overwhelmed as I was, I told him I would try, with the caveat that he show me how to do so. He remained silent and I knew he would show me in his time. I was attending a retreat at the monastery and on that Wednesday before Mass, I prayed, asking Jesus if he had really meant what he said, now doubting it. The bell rang, the hymn number was announced, and to my astonishment the hymn was "Take Up Your Cross." I took this as a confirmation, resolving to pray more on it.

On Holy Thursday during adoration after Mass, I prayed with Jesus in "the garden" and began praying the first 15 decades of the rosary, reflecting on all the mysteries in light of what Jesus would undergo in his passion. I felt tears run down my cheeks as I prayed, feeling it deeply.

At the same time all this was going on, I was attempting to make a new kind of rosary for myself and on Good Friday I finished it just in time for the service. At St. Benedict's Abbey, the monks are blessed to have a relic— a splinter— of Jesus' actual Cross that they venerate on Good Friday. When the abbot came in and sang "This is the wood of the Cross on which hung the savior of the world," I felt my legs grow weak, knowing it was true in the most literal way. Here was the cross on which Jesus gave his life. Here was the cross where my sins were forgiven. Moved deeply, I remained behind after the service, praying with my
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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
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SEPTEMBER 14, 2025
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, September 13— The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

4:00pm † Regina Garcia Foster, Joseph, Paula, Ronald I Garcia

SUNDAY, September 14— The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, September 15— Our Lady of Sorrows

TUESDAY, September 16—Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian

WEDNESDAY, September 17— St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Hildegard of Bingen

Noon Janet Williams

THURSDAY, September 18

Noon Randi Lynn, her parents, and Holy Souls

FRIDAY, September 19— The Most Holy Name of Mary

SATURDAY, September 20— 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Russ Daly

SUNDAY, September 21— 25th 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

| 9/13 & 14 | 4:00pm | 11:00am |
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| Reader | James Hardy | Maureen Kramanak |
| Eucharistic Minister | Nancy Lowdon | Rita Witt |
| Server/Sacristan | John Pileggi | George Bryde |
| Usher | Ted Tschirhart | Bill Capotosto |

| 9/6 & 7 | 4:00pm | 11:00am |
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| Reader | Lynette Wheeler | Bill Capotosto |
| Eucharistic Minister | Nancy Lowdon | Rita Witt |
| Server/Sacristan | John Pileggi | George Bryde |
| Usher | Ted Tschirhart | Bill Capotosto |

Readings for the 24th Week in Ordinary Time

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1-3, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 8:4-15
 Sunday: Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

Parish Calendar of Events

- Sep 13-14— Food Pantry Collection
- Sep 15— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- 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
- Nov 22— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 30— Advent Begins
- Dec 3— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Dec 4— Bible Study at 7pm
- Dec 13— Wedding at 6pm
- Dec 20— Wedding at 1:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saints of the Week— Cornelius and Cyprian

There was no pope for 14 months after the martyrdom of Saint Fabian in 236 because of the intensity of the persecution of the Church. During the interval, the Church was governed by a college of priests. Saint Cyprian, a friend of Cornelius, writes that Cornelius was elected pope “by the judgment of God and of Christ, by the testimony of most of the clergy, by the vote of the people, with the consent of aged priests and of good men.” The greatest problem of Saint Cornelius’s two-year term as pope had to do with the Sacrament of Penance and centered on the readmission of Christians who had denied their faith during the time of persecution. Two extremes were finally both condemned. Cyprian, primate of North Africa, appealed to the pope to confirm his stand that the relapsed could be reconciled only by the decision of the bishop. In Rome, however, Saint Cornelius met with the opposite view. After his election, a priest named Novatian (one of those who had governed the Church) had himself consecrated a rival bishop of Rome—one of the first antipopes. He denied that the Church had any power to reconcile not only the apostates, but also those guilty of murder, adultery, fornication, or second marriage! Cornelius had the support of most of the Church (especially of Cyprian of Africa) in condemning Novatianism, though the sect persisted for several centuries. Saint Cornelius held a synod at Rome in 251 and ordered the “relapsed” to be restored to the Church with the usual “medicines of repentance.” St. Cornelius died as a result of the hardships of his exile in what is now Civitavecchia.

(continued from page 1) new rosary, finally touching it to the relic, making it a relic of the Cross for my own. I realized suddenly that I did not feel depressed, but at peace— something that had been eluding me for months. I suddenly had a realization that I had the answer to my prayer. My means of carrying my cross was to unite my suffering with that of Jesus and his mother Our Lady of Sorrows. Since then, I’ve not struggled in any serious way with depression again. I soon got rid of the medications and ceased the therapy. When I feel down or unable to find joy or hope, I turn to Jesus and Mary and find meaning, ultimately able to come to a deeper sense that I am not alone— something that everyone who feels depression feels acutely. Jesus endured the Cross for us in all of its excruciating agony. He did so to set us free from our sins, but also to give us healing in ways we can’t begin to understand. I encourage you today to take time to take time to reflect and pray upon the mystery of the Cross and the life-giving love that endured it for our sake. Take also time to reflect upon your own crosses. What is Jesus asking you to take up and carry? Is it the burden of someone in your family treating you ill? Is it the frustration of a neighbor? Is it a busy schedule? Is it bodily pain? Is it emotional pain? Hold this firmly in your mind and then offer it up to Jesus, knowing that he understands you fully, that, as the Book of Hebrews states, he can sympathize with your weaknesses. The Cross gave our own little crosses meaning and purpose. I encourage you to pray and reflect, asking our Lord what purpose he may have for you.

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 Sep 1, 2025 to Sep 7, 2025

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| Plate | \$461.25 |
| Envelopes | \$2692.25 |
| Candles | \$62.00 |
| Poor Box | \$120.00 |
| Maintenance | \$225.00 |
| Weddings | \$1000.00 |
| Lighthouse | \$5.00 |
| Latin America | \$20.00 |
| Online | \$142.90 |

Church in Latin America

Next weekend we will have a collection for the Church in Latin America. Please be as generous as you are able.

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, October 1 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, **October 2nd 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 on the book of Genesis, the first and one of the most important books of the Bible. 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.