

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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IN MARY'S TEARS AND SORROWS WE FIND GRACE

From our Pastoral Associate:

Today marks the 101st anniversary of our parish church's dedication in 1923 and the readings match up well with our parish's patron of Our Lady of Sorrows. Our first reading comes from one of Isaiah's Suffering Servant passages, that details the suffering of a servant of God who undergoes painful torments for the sake of salvation. The Church has always understood these passages to refer to Christ directly; the most famous passage is read on Good Friday: "But he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins; upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we are healed." (Is 53:5) Mary and Jesus were so united in mind and spirit that his wounds were her wounds. His sufferings were hers. His crucifixion was also hers. And yet, it is not Mary's sufferings that I want to reflect on here, but her hope.



We know that on Easter morning, Mary Magdalene found the empty tomb and ran back to tell the disciples. In response to this, Peter and John sprint to the tomb. But why did they run? Was it horror that Jesus had been taken away in the night? Or was it something else? We know very little of what happened in those intervening days between Cross and Tomb. But we do know that the Apostle John was entrusted by Jesus at the Cross to care for Mary. So we can be sure that as they mourned Jesus' death in the days after his crucifixion, he was with Mary. We also know that Peter, deeply sorrowful for his denial of Christ, returned to them, as he was with them when Mary Magdalene came with news. I think we can be sure that Mary imbued these disciples with a new hope—reminding them of what Jesus told them in our Gospel reading today: that he will rise after three days. Consequently, when Mary Magdalene comes back to tell them the news that the tomb is empty, Peter and John sprint to the empty tomb, to see for themselves if what the Mother of Jesus had hoped for was true. I think this, ultimately, is the meaning of haste, and why they seemed to not even fear that they might encounter the band of soldiers that were supposed to be there to guard the tomb. It is also why John ultimately leaves the tomb believing (Jn 20:8). The race to the tomb indicates Mary's hope.

We likewise should learn from Mary. No matter what sorrows we may face (and they may indeed be great), we should never lose hope in God's promises to us. Mary understands our sufferings, possibly more than anyone else but God. And yet she wishes us to maintain our hope in Christ, to remain confident in the identity of her Son, who loved us so deeply that he did not spurn even the tremendous suffering of the Cross for our sake. I encourage you this day to spend time with her, asking her to help enliven a new hope within your heart and to help you to see beyond the strife and sorrow you may face to what is the most important. I have no doubt that she will do exactly that.

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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

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024
THE TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Feasts and Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, September 14- 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Jennifer Rose & family, friends (living and deceased)

SUNDAY, September 15— 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, September 16— Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian

TUESDAY, September 17—St. Robert Bellarmine

WEDNESDAY, September 18

Noon

THURSDAY, September 19— St. Januarius

Noon Donny and Randi Lynn Hann (living and deceased)

FRIDAY, September 13

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4:00pm Jennifer Rose & family, friends (living and deceased)

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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

9/14 & 15	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Arthur Kovach	Maureen Kramanak
Eucharistic Minister	Nancy Lowdon	Rita Witt
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

9/21 & 22	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 24th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1, 6-8, 15; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10-14; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

Parish Calendar of Events

- Sep 14-15— Social Ministry Collection After Mass
- Sep 14— Founder's Day after 4pm Mass.
- Sep 15— Church in Latin America Collection
- Sep 16— Legion of Mary at 6pm (Every Monday)
- 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
- Nov 7— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Nov 10— Catholic Movie Night (Cabrinis) at 6pm
- Nov 16— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 16— Wedding at 6pm
- Nov 23— Wedding at 1:30pm
- Nov 29— Wedding at 3:30pm

Keep watching for more info & dates to come!

Ministries & Reflections



Saints of the Week— Cornelius and Cyprian

St. Cornelius was elected Pope in 251 during the persecutions of the Emperor Decius. His first challenge, besides the ever present threat of the Roman authorities, was to bring an end to the schism brought on by his rival, the first anti-pope Novatian. He convened a synod of bishops to confirm him as the rightful successor of Peter. The great controversy that arose as a result of the Decian persecution was whether or not the Church could pardon and receive back into the Church those who had apostatized in the face of martyrdom. Cornelius decreed that they must be welcomed back and insisted that they perform an adequate penance. In 253 Cornelius was exiled by the emperor Gallus and died of the hardships he endured in exile. He is considered a martyr. St. Cyprian was born to wealthy pagans around the year 190, and was educated in the classics and in rhetoric. He converted at the age of 56, was ordained a priest a year later, and made bishop two years after that. His writings are of great importance, especially his treatise on The Unity of the Catholic Church, in which he argues that unity is grounded in the authority of the bishop, and among the bishops, in the primacy of the See of Rome. He was a close friend of Pope Cornelius, and supported him both in his claim to be Pope and his re-admittance of repentant apostates. During the Decian persecutions Cyprian considered it wiser to go into hiding and guide his flock covertly rather than seek the glorious crown of martyrdom, a decision that his enemies attacked him for. On September 14, 258, however, he was martyred during the persecutions of the emperor Valerian.

Church in Latin America Collection

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Church in Latin America. This goes to supporting missionary efforts in Latin America. Please be as generous as you are able.

For Your Reflection

We are celebrating the feast of the cross which drove away darkness and brought in the light. As we keep this feast, we are lifted up with the crucified Christ, leaving behind us earth and sin so that we may gain the things above. So great and outstanding a possession is the cross that he who wins it has won a treasure. Rightly could I call this treasure the fairest of all fair things and the costliest, in fact as well as in name, for on it and through it and for its sake the riches of salvation that had been lost were restored to us.

Had there been no cross, Christ could not have been crucified. Had there been no cross, life itself could not have been nailed to the tree. And if life had not been nailed to it, there would be no streams of immortality pouring from Christ's side, blood and water for the world's cleansing. The legal bond of our sin would not be cancelled, we should not have attained our freedom, we should not have enjoyed the fruit of the tree of life and the gates of paradise would not stand open. Had there been no cross, death would not have been trodden underfoot, nor hell despoiled.

Therefore, the cross is something wonderfully great and honorable. It is great because through the cross the many noble acts of Christ found their consummation—very many indeed, for both his miracles and his sufferings were fully rewarded with victory. The cross is honorable because it is both the sign of God's suffering and the trophy of his victory. It stands for his suffering because on it he freely suffered unto death. But it is also his trophy because it was the means by which the devil was wounded and death conquered; the barred gates of hell were smashed, and the cross became the one common salvation of the whole world.

The cross is called Christ's glory; it is saluted as his triumph. We recognize it as the cup he longed to drink and the climax of the sufferings he endured for our sake. As to the cross being Christ's glory, listen to his words: *Now is the Son of Man glorified, and in him God is glorified, and God will glorify him at once. And again: Father, glorify me with the glory I had with you before the world came to be. And once more: Father, glorify your name. Then a voice came from heaven: I have glorified it and I will glorify it again.* Here he speaks of the glory that would accrue to him through the cross. And if you would understand that the cross is Christ's triumph, hear what he himself also said: *When I am lifted up, then I will draw all men to myself.* Now you can see that the cross is Christ's glory and triumph.

-From a Discourse by St. Andrew of Crete

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 September 2 to September 8, 2024

Plate	\$307.00
Envelopes	\$2190.00
Candles	\$102.25
Poor Box	\$60.00
Lighthouse	\$5.00

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

Are you looking to make a difference in your community, grow in faith, and build lasting friendships? The Knights of Columbus are calling you! The Knights of Columbus:

- ****Serves Others****: Participation in charitable works that support those in need.
- ****Strengthen Faith****: Deepening spiritual life through prayer, education, and service.
- ****Enjoy Brotherhood****: Connection with like-minded men who share Catholic values with commitment to faith, family, and community.

Please contact Arthur Kovach at (816) 574-0900



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.

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.

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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 29th 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, **October 3rd 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 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 September 14 & 15th**, 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.