

Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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

From our Pastoral Associate:

In Today's Gospel, Jesus, after having just told Peter that he would be the leader of his new Church, tells his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem to die at the hands of the elders and chief priests and be killed on the third day and be raised. Horrified, Peter pulls Jesus aside and rebukes him. Jesus, after rebuking Peter, tells his disciples to deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow him.

In roughly 64 AD, a great fire broke out in Rome. This fire was used as a pretext to launch a persecution of the new-to-the-scene Christians, who were blamed for the fire (it may have actually been Nero himself that lit it). The persecution became so bad that St. Peter decided to flee the city. On the road outside of Rome, Peter encountered a vision of Jesus as he was at the Passion, carrying a cross in the direction of Rome. Peter, shocked, asked, "*Domine, quo vadis?*" or, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus told him that he was going to Rome again to be crucified again. Strengthened by this vision, Peter turned around and returned to Rome, where he was crucified upside down on a cross because he didn't feel worthy to die in the same manner as Our Lord.

Jesus never promised that being his disciple would be easy. We may, as Christians, find it fairly easy to follow our faith in our country. But in many places in the world, Christians are regularly beaten, marginalized, see their churches burned to the ground, and even killed in horrific ways. At times, we have to wonder how God can allow this treatment of his children. We hear echoes of this sentiment in Jeremiah today, "You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped." Jeremiah felt violated, embarrassed, afraid, and frustrated. But he also expresses the fact that the truth impels him forward. Whether or not others accept our message or despise it, we are not free, now that we know the truth, to abandon it.

As Christians, we need to always remember in the face of persecution that despite the hatred of the world for who we are and what we stand for, Jesus is still Lord. Jesus still came to save us (including those that persecute us) and that this message is one so tremendously beautiful and important that nothing will compel us to put it aside. We should never waver in sharing the Gospel, always remembering the martyrs that go before us, and the Christians throughout the world who share a worse fate than us.



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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 3, 2023
THE TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions and Feasts

SATURDAY, September 2— 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm † Russ Daly, † Gregorio Gutierrez

SUNDAY, September 3— 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am The Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows

MONDAY, September 4

TUESDAY, September 5

WEDNESDAY, September 6

Noon † Maurice Carey

THURSDAY, September 7

Noon † Maurice Carey

FRIDAY, September 8— The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin

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

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

9/2 & 20	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Anthony Effertz	Jim Carley
Eucharistic Minister	Deacon Michael Elsey	Deacon Michael Elsey
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

9/9 & 10	4:00pm	11:00am
Reader	Nancy Lowdon	Ann Creedon
Eucharistic Minister	Lynette Wheeler	Joe Creedon
Server/Sacristan	John Pileggi	George Bryde
Usher	Ted Tschirhart Judy Stevens	Bill Capotosto

Readings for the 22nd Week of Ordinary Time

Monday: 1 Thess 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13;
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thess 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: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10;
Mt 18:15-20

Parish Calendar of Events

- Sep 4— The Legion of Mary at 6pm
- Sep 6— Knights of Columbus at 6:30pm
- Sep 7— Bible Study (The Gospel of John) at 7pm
- Sep 8-9— Social Ministry Collection
- 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— 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. Peter Claver

St. Peter Claver was a Spanish Jesuit priest and missionary. Born in 1580 to a devoutly Catholic and prosperous Spanish family, he quickly became known in his studies for being pious and intelligent. Claver entered the Jesuits and volunteered to serve in the colonies. He was sent to the New Kingdom of Granada and continued his studies to be a priest. While there, he was deeply disturbed by the harsh treatment of the black slaves that were brought from Africa. Despite being condemned by Popes Paul III and Urban VIII, the slave trade was flourishing. Claver would go to the ships as they arrived to treat and minister to the terrified human cargo. Despite having difficulty moving in the ship because of being filled to capacity, Claver would give them medicine, food, bread, and lemons for scurvy. He often gave away his own cloak. With the help of interpreters and pictures, Claver gave basic instructions. During the seasons when the slavers were not sailing, he would traverse the countryside, visiting and catechizing the slaves, preferring to stay in their quarters. During the 40 years of his ministry, he is believed to have baptized over 300,000 slaves. He regularly preached civil rights and humane treatment of slaves and called himself a “slave of the Africans.” He died in 1654.

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

The annual “In His Presence” Eucharistic Congress will be at Our Lady of the Presentation Parish in Lee’s Summit on September 9th. This all day event will feature Adoration, Mass, inspiring talks, vendors, and a relic room. Come spend the day growing closer to the Eucharist. Registration:

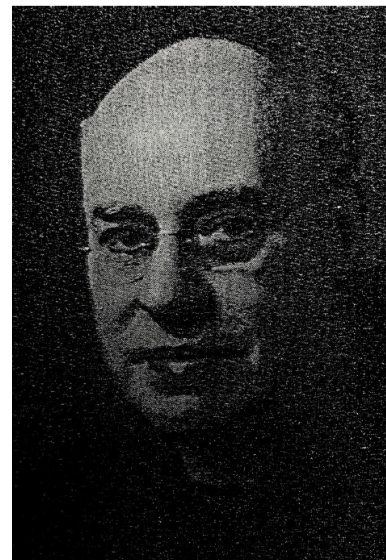
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Reflecting on Our History:

This is a continuation of the parish’s history from previous bulletins. In 1937, Fr. J Forest McGee, O.F.M. became pastor at Our Lady of Sorrows. During his time, he and his assistants Fr. Albert Q Senn, O.F.M. and Rev Fr. Constantine Schaaf, O.F.M. accomplished much. Fr. Forest made a number of noteworthy changes. A public address system was installed and large ventilating fans were added to the church. He also had a pamphlet rack installed in the vestibule of the church to promote and foster the reading of good Catholic literature. He also fostered the creation of Our Lady of Sorrows Scout Troop No. 143. He also oversaw the renovation of the clubrooms, parish auditorium and classrooms. He also had new playground equipment added to the school grounds. Under his leadership, many parish groups were flourished including the Martha Altar Society, which became the St. Vincent de Paul Society; also the St. Mary’s Senior Ladies Altar Society, the Third Order of St. Francis, the Holy Name Society, the Knights of Columbus, the Young Ladies Sodality, the School Society, the St. Joseph Benevolent Society, the Trustees, and the Sts. Peter and Paul Court of the Catholic Order of Foresters.

One of his most notable accomplishments was establishing a perpetual novena in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows. On August 19, 1938, Fr. Hugh Calkins, O.S.M. of Our Lady of Sorrows monastery in Chicago where the novena originated, conducted the first services at 5:30, 7:30, and 8:30 in the evening on Fridays.. A fourth service was added later at 4:00. This novena allowed approximately 2300 Kansas Citians to join others worldwide in weekly prayer and was credited with obtaining innumerable favors both



Rev. Fr. J. Forest McGee,
O.F.M.

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 August 21 to August 27, 2023

Plate.....\$663.09

Envelopes.....\$1545.00

Prayer of the Week

A Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows

Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and weeping.

We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his passion.

Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death.

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 Cleaning Invitation

September 9th, 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.

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.

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 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.

Parish Bible Study- The Gospel of John

The next Bible study session is on **September 7 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 will dive deep into Jesus' Bread of Life Discourse and the implications that it has on the Church's teaching on the Eucharist. We'll also explore common objections to the Catholic interpretation. 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 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. 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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