

# Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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## Pastor's Ponderings

### Advent Smatterings – Week 3

This is the Third Sunday of Advent, called Gaudete Sunday. In the midst of our Advent preparations we move from penitence to rejoicing. In addition to two purple candles, we light the rose candle. In some parishes, rose-colored vestments are also worn.

The word "Gaudete" is the second-person plural present active imperative of *gaudeō*, which means "I rejoice." Since the imperative means this word is a command, my years in Virginia may be able to help to explain what it means: "Rejoice, y'all!" It is a call for all the church to rejoice – our future and our hope has been established by the coming of Jesus into the world, through his passion, death and resurrection. That is a great reason to rejoice! It is also a great reason for all the preparation we are doing, so Gaudete Sunday does not change Advent's emphasis but gives it purpose!

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### Lessons and Carols are this Sunday!

Speaking of rejoicing, remember that this week the Music Department of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic High School will be presenting Lessons and Carols on Sunday at 4pm. As a brand-new school, we are in the early stages of building our Concert Choir, Chamber Singers and Orchestra, but, wow, what a beginning! Mr. Hunter Eisenmenger, our music teacher, has been able to assemble a wonderful group of musicians. This is SMA's second annual presentation of Lessons and Carols,

Lessons and Carols combines Hymns, Carols and Holy Scripture to celebrate the coming of the Christ Child by reflecting on God's preparation in salvation history. I hope you all will take advantage of this wonderful event and support these young people as they minister in Song and Scripture.

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### Christmas decorations

You probably are tired of me talking about the Christmas Decorating party on December 23. I'm bringing it up again since I want as many of you as possible to come on down for this wonderful time!

We're going to gather, for a wonderful lunch, downstairs in the Parish Hall after the 11am Mass next Sunday. Then, after lunch we'll head upstairs to the church to begin our decorating. Whether you can do a little or a lot when it comes to decorating our church, we'd love to have you come and be a part of this wonderful time of fellowship. Our church is known in the city for our decorations and you can be a part of it!

Remember, our Christmas Eve Mass will again take place at 4pm on December 24 and our Christmas Day Mass will be at 10am.

In Christ,

Fr. Randy Sly

## Parish Office Hours

9:00 am – 2:00 pm Mon - Fri

**Phone** (816) 421-2112

**Fax** (816) 421-6037

**Website** oloskc.org

**Rev. Randolph Sly**

Pastor

**Deacon Scott McKellar**

Deacon

**Our Lady of Hope Community**

Celebrating the Ordinary form of Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows on Sundays at 9:15am

Rev. Ed Wills

**Stephanie Franke-Ibarra**

Director of Operations  
stephanief@oloskc.org

**John G. Pileggi**

Knights of Columbus  
816-547-6574

**Report Abuse:**

**Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti**  
816-812-2500

**Diocesan Victim Advocate**

**Kathleen Chastain**  
chastain@diocesekcsj.org

**Weekend Schedule**

**Saturday**

Confessions 3:00 pm

Mass 4:00 pm

**Sunday**

Masses 8:00 & 11:00 am

**Weekdays**

Confession 11:30 am

Mass 12 Noon

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Fridays 11:00 am

**Baptism and Marriage**

Call for appointment

**To register to become a parishioner, return slip on back page or call the office**

DECEMBER 16, 2018  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# Mass Intentions

## SATURDAY, December 15—Third Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm † JoAnn Holden

## SUNDAY, December 16—Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am OLOS Parishioners

11:00 am † Jim Eck

## MONDAY, December 17—Late Advent Weekday

Noon † Joseph Putthoff

## TUESDAY, December 18—Late Advent Weekday

Noon † George & Bertha Hiller

## WEDNESDAY, December 19—Late Advent Weekday

Noon † John & Eric Hiller

## THURSDAY, December 20—Late Advent Weekday

Noon † Michael & Patrick Healy

## FRIDAY, December 21—St Peter Canisius

Noon † John S. Brady

## SATURDAY, December 22—4th Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm † Joseph & Paula Garcia

## SUNDAY, December 23—4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 am † Jacob Armstrong

11:00 am OLOS Parishioners

## Mass Intentions

Mass intentions are available for daily and weekend Masses. Please call the office if you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one, living or deceased. 816.421.2112.

## Prayers Requested

Pray for Earl Jones, Mary Weatherford, Grace Diaz, Sarah Eck, Shirley Sormani, Sue Remkus, Linda Turner, Debbie Bruening, Rose Ann Jett, and Teresa Bradskey.

# Volunteers

12/15 & 16	4:00	8:00	11:00
Readers	Debbie Bruening	Jeremiah Tylski	Ken Blundell
Communion Ministers	Lynette Wheeler G. Weatherford	Ruth Rider-Seck Rita Witt	Kathryn Blundell Kathryn Hogan
Servers	John Pileggi	Tonnye Armstrong	Jim Healy
Ushers	Ed Stevens Judy Stevens G. Weatherford Volunteer	Marie Jones Joe Gutierrez Jerald Gutierrez Ted Tschirhart	Mel Hogan Rick Grindel Volunteer Volunteer

12/22 & 23	4:00	8:00	11:00
Readers	Lynette Wheeler	Bill Capotosto	Pat Battaglia
Communion Ministers	John Pileggi G. Weatherford	Rita Witt Jeremiah Tylski	Mary Healy Tammy Papreck
Servers	John Pileggi	Tonnye Armstrong	Tom Papreck
Ushers	Ed Stevens Judy Stevens G. Weatherford Volunteer	Marie Jones Joe Gutierrez Jerald Gutierrez Ted Tschirhart	Mel Hogan Rick Grindel Volunteer Volunteer

## Readings for the Week of December 16, 2018

Sunday: Zep3:14-18a/Is12:2-3.4.5-6(6)/Phil4:4-7/Lk3:10-18  
 Monday: Gn49:2.8-10/Ps72:1-2.3-4ab.7-8.17/Mt1:1-17  
 Tuesday: Jer23:5-8/Ps72:1-2.12-13.18-19/Mt1:18-25  
 Wednesday: Jgs13:2-7/24-25a/Ps71:3-4a.5-6ab.16-17/Lk1:5-25  
 Thursday: Is7:10-14/Ps24:1-2.3-4ab.5-6/Lk1:26-38  
 Friday: Sg2:8-14 or Zep3:14-18a/Ps33:2-3.11-12.20-21/Lk1:39-45  
 Saturday: 1Sm1:24-28/1Sm2:1.4-5.6-7.8abcd/Lk1:46-56  
 Next Sunday: Mi5:1-4a/Ps80:2-3.15-16.18-19(4)/Heb10:5-10/Lk1:39-45

## Parish Calendar of Events

- **December 16—11am—Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** Mass and Luncheon follows in the hall.
- **December 16—Catholic Hope—2-4pm** Hall
- **December 16—St. Michael's High School Christmas Concert—An Evening Service of Lessons & Carols—4pm** in the Church
- **December 17—Knights of Columbus Board meeting—7-9pm** in the Hall
- **December 18—Water Garden Society—3-9pm** Hall
- **December 20—Concert Rehearsal—6-9pm** Church
- **December 21—Kantoei KC—Concert 7:30pm** Church
- **December 22-January 1—Offices Closed**
- **December 23—Christmas Luncheon & Decorating—** after 11am Mass luncheon in the Hall followed by decorating for Christmas in the Church
- **December 24—Christmas Eve—**Carols start at 3:30pm. Mass at 4:00pm
- **December 24—Our Lady of Hope Ordinariate Community—**11:00pm Divine Worship Mass
- **December 25—Christmas Day—**10am Mass.
- **December 26—No Mass/Offices Closed**
- **December 27—11:30am Confessions, Noon Mass**
- **December 28—11am Adoration, 11:30am Confessions, Noon Mass**
- **December 31—No Mass/Offices Closed**
- **January 1—10:00am Mass only/Offices Closed**
- **January 2—Office re-opens at 9:00am**

**Keep Watching for more info & dates to come!**

# Weekly Activities & Events

## Lay Minister Sign-up for Christmas Masses

The Sign-up sheets for our Christmas Masses are located on the counter in the Sacristy. Please take a moment to stop by and sign up to help with our Mass times for Christmas.

Christmas Eve at 4:00pm or Christmas Day at 10:00am.

## Christmas Luncheon & Decorating

On December 23, after the 11 am mass we will be having a Christmas Luncheon and decorating party. This will be a fun time to get together for a festive meal, as well as a time we can make our church beautiful for Christmas.

**Please call** or text Sandy Sly at 730.475.5778, Tammy Papreck at 660.886.0827 or the parish office at 816.421.2112 with your **RSVP as we need a head count** for the main course. We are also asking people to bring a salad or finger food desserts to share. Please let us know if you can bring either of these.

Even if you can't help with the decorating, please feel free to come to the lunch as we celebrate together this Christmas season.

## Flowers for Christmas

At the entrances to church, you will find an envelope for Flowers for Christmas. If you have someone, you would like to remember this Christmas, please enter the names on the envelope and return it through the collection to the office by December 23rd. The flowers purchased will be placed in the sanctuary at Christmas and the names of your loved ones will appear in this bulletin and next weekend's bulletin.



## Sound System Repairs update

Repairs and upgrades to our sounds system have been completed.

Our total needed for Sound System repairs and upgrades: \$4,518.00.

Total collected so far: \$2,070.00.

Thank you for your help in meeting the needs of your parish.

## Last Weekends Collection

From December 9, 2018

Plate.....	\$522.00
Envelopes.....	\$2,275.00

## Winter Reminder

With the ice storms and snow that move through the Kansas City area this time of year I wanted to remind everyone of a few items. The sidewalks are cleaned and treated. However, the crew is not located onsite. Many times they come only for the storm to move back in and cover all their work again. Many of you know that there are buckets of deicer located at all the doors of the Church in "kitty Litter" boxes. If you notice ice on the sidewalks there you may wish to sprinkle a little on these spots. Everyone working together last year kept the ice and snow down.

Many are also aware that during the winter weather snow & ice accumulate on the north side of the Church roof. As the temperatures warm and/or the sunshine beams down on the roof, the snow & ice tend to slide off the roof. Please be aware that this can happen at anytime and without warning. You may wish to use the Sacristy door to exit the Church or exit through the main doors and use the south sidewalk to get to the parking lot. We want everyone to be safe during the winter weather.

Closings are posted on KMBC Channel 9 News.

## BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

**Coping with Life Alone** – a grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks begins Saturday, January 5, 2019, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Church of the Ascension: 9510 W 127th Street, Overland Park, KS, 66213.

The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope. To register for the next series, email register.bekc@gmail.com, or contact Donna at 816.305.3760.

## 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, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, 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 Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information

# Weekly Activities & Events

## LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA DISPLAYS THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS - Fr. Larry Richards

In this inspiring talk, renowned preacher and retreat master Fr. Larry Richards illuminates how the true joy of Christmas is found in the greatest gift ever given—the gift of Jesus Christ to the whole world. With humor, compassion, and clarity, Fr. Larry gets to the heart of the true meaning of Christmas and helps us to better appreciate the immensity of God’s love for us as His children.

*“Fr. Larry does not disappoint with his insights on the Season of Christmas! He offers wonderful ideas for contemplation, both for Christmas and for the entire year.”* Nancy - Warroad, MN

*“Fr. Richards challenged me to enter the Christmas story with my eyes open... not just by celebrating Jesus’ birth, but by participating in his life.”* Maureen - Spencer, NY

*“Fr. Richards gives Christmas its true meaning... A must-listen!”* Mickey - Philadelphia, PA

*“Only Fr. Larry can take a very familiar story and expand it to the fullest degree.”* Norm - Biloxi, MS

**Visit the Lighthouse displays at the main and side entrances of the church to find more.**

## Kids Corner on Formed.org



Brother Francis leads us on a daily journey in this special seasonal celebration of the coming of the Lord! Featuring meditations, prayers, and suggested activities to keep our

focus on Christ this Christmas.

Found under Study-Advent/Christmas



### New Parishioner Information

Please print your name and address below to receive registration information.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Please drop in collection basket or mail to the Parish Office.

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## The Story of the Nativity

### Explore the Birth of Christ

This fast-paced look at the true story of the Nativity clears away misunderstandings about Jesus’s origin and is invaluable for learning more about the truth of Christmas.



*“I LOVE the biblical referencing tying the Old and New Testaments together...it shows the fullness and perfection of God’s plan unfolding!”*

—Sandy S., Eustis, FL

Watch on formed.org



Weekend of December 22 & 23

## Parish Access to Formed.org

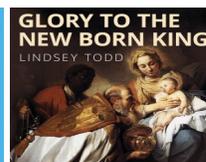
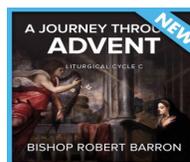
Go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) Click on the ‘Enter Code’ box and type in our parish code **TMDJ9D**. Now set up a username and password and you are set to use all the great programs anytime by simply logging in.

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