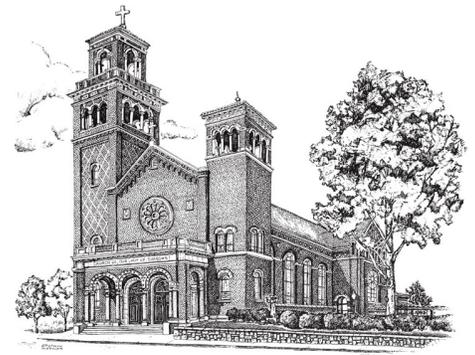


Our Lady of SORROWS CHURCH



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Pastoral Thoughts

Today we celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical year (A) with the beginning of the Advent season. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Babe of Bethlehem. The first two weeks are still considered a penitent time where we are challenged to look inward as we prepare for the coming Savior; while during the last two weeks we start to build up emotions of anticipation of the coming Lord.

In many ways to the outsider, Advent looks a lot like Lent and they do share some similar qualities: the solemnness in which we being the season, the liturgies that feed us with food for thought, the violet vestments that will be replace for one week with Rose colored vestments as we approach and end of the season, and each end in a Glorious celebration.

Some of our protestant brothers and sister will also follow a form of advent as well, but many of them have unfortunately waned away from the observances which has opened the door to mass advertising by the secular media to promote an overabundance of gift buying , rather than allowing people time to quietly reflect on their blessing; and if they exchanged gifts – they were something that truly mattered.

We Catholics can always take solace in that no matter where we may travel during this season and whatever Catholic Church we may step in to, we will find a liturgy rich in tradition and one we are familiar with enriched with the local customs.

It is also a time of Family. It is a time to recall all our memories from simpler times as a child in preparation for Christmas. It's as if, the colder it gets outside the higher our anticipation rose on what we might find under the tree or what wonderful candies and cookies we would find around the house.

But it was also a time to reflect on our gift and blessings, and a time to pray for those who would spend the holidays in the cold with little food. It is a time to come together as a family and as a community and make a special effort to reach out to those most vulnerable and do what we can in the Spirit of Christ.

So, enjoy this coming season and take a little time to reflect on simpler times, family and friends, those who are no longer with us, and what you might be able to do to make someone's life a little brighter.

Best wishes
Dcn Tyrone

Regardless of where you are from, your occupation, your family, your marital status, your personal history, your age, your background, your race, your ethnicity, your political affiliation, your religion, your gender, or your gender identification, we are happy you are here with us today to worship! We invite you to learn more about our parish and its activities by contacting our office, website or simply by mingling with our parishioners after mass.

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Weekend Schedule

Saturday

Confessions 3:30 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

DECEMBER 1, 2019
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, November 30—1st Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm † Gene Thompson

SUNDAY, December 1—1st Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Preservation of Sacred Holyland Sites
11:00 am OLOS Parishioners

MONDAY, December 2—Advent Weekday

Noon Daily Mass Attendants, spec.int.

TUESDAY, December 3—Advent Weekday

Noon † Catherine & Clarence Healy

WEDNESDAY, December 4—St. John Damascene

Noon † Elia Ibarra & Richard Ibarra, spec.int.

THURSDAY, December 5—Advent Weekday

Noon † Bertha & George Hiller

FRIDAY, December 6—Advent Weekday

Noon † Theresia Claire Pileggi

SATURDAY, December 7—2nd Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm OLOS Parishioners

SUNDAY, December 8—2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 am † Concepcion Santoyo Mora
11:00 am † Gregorio Gutierrez

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, Sue Remkus, Linda Turner, Jim Healy, Mary Healy, Debbie Bruening, Rose Ann Jett, Teresa Bradskey, Jane Carey, Mike Burke, and Maurice Carey.

Volunteers

11/30-12/1	4:00pm	8:00am	11:00am
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Bill Capotosto	Rick Grindel Rebecca Miles
Eucharistic Ministers	John Pileggi Lynette Wheeler	Tom Papreck Tammy Papreck	Kathryn Hogan Sylvia Gutierrez
Servers	John Pileggi	Tonnye Armstrong	Jim Healy
Ushers	Ed Stevens Judy Stevens G. Weatherford Volunteer	Ted Tschirhart Joe Gutierrez Volunteer Volunteer	Rick Grindel Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer

12/7-8	4:00pm	8:00am	11:00am
Reader	John Pileggi	Jeremiah Tylski	Madison Bowser Tess Robbins
Eucharistic Ministers	G. Weatherford Kathy Randolph	Rita Witt Elizabeth Bower	Mary Healy Pat Battaglia
Servers	Deacon	Tonnye Armstrong	David Mettman
Ushers	Ed Stevens Judy Stevens Pat Tangen Debbie Tangen	Ted Tschirhart Joe Gutierrez Volunteer Volunteer	Mel Hogan Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer

Readings for the Week of December 1, 2019

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44
Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147/
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Baptism and Marriage ~ Call for appointment

Parish Calendar of Events

- **November 30—Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **December 2—Te Deum Concert Rehearsal** 7-10pm in the Church
- **December 4—Knights of Columbus** 6:30pm in Hall.
- **December 6—Parents of Murdered Children and Other Homicide Survivors Support Group—**6:30pm –9:30pm Meets in the Hall.
- **December 7—Church Cleaning at 9:00am. Followed by WOOL—Refreshments in the Hall**
- **December 7—OLOS Volunteer/Parish Christmas Party—**5:00pm in the Parish Hall.
- **December 7 & 8—Religious Retirement Collection** at all the Masses
- **December 8—Te Deum—Christmas Concert** at 7:00pm
- **December 15—Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** at 11 am Mass, refreshments in the vestibule.
- **December 17—Water Garden Society—**5-9pm Hall
- **December 21—Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **December 22—Church Decorating for Christmas—**Noon
- **December 24 & 25—Office will be Closed**
- **December 24—Christmas Eve—**Join us at either 3:30 for carols followed by 4:00pm Mass or 11:30 for carols followed by a *traditional Midnight Mass with candlelight procession.*
- **December 28—Weddings** at 1:30pm & 6:30pm
- **December 31—NO Noon Mass/Offices Closed**

Keep Watching for more info & dates to come!

Weekly Activities & Events

Church Cleaning!

We have a small but dedicated group that cleans the church the first Saturday of each month to help keep it a beautiful worship space.

As Advent approaches, we would like to ask you to prayerfully consider assisting with this important ministry. Having a few extra hands would be a wonderful as we prepare for the Birth of our Savior. Our next scheduled date is Saturday December 7th. We gather at 9 AM and it last approximately 1 hour. Then we enjoy refreshments, coffee and one another.

It is an excellent way to meet new people while serving your parish, with a small time commitment. So Please plan to join us!

Christmas Party

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Parish Volunteer Christmas Party, next Saturday, December 7, at 5:00pm in the parish Hall. Heavy appetizers will be served.

Religious Retirement Collection

Next weekend, December 7 & 8, **Give in thanksgiving.** "The nuns left lasting impressions on me," writes a donor. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education." Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously. Moneys will be forwarded to the Diocese for distribution to the USCCB fund.

Praying for our Military Service Members:

Isaac Eyph, Cruz Ibarra, Brian Jansen, and all military members serving our great nation.

Please remember these people in your prayers.

If you or a loved one or friend are serving in the military, please call the office to have their names added to our military prayer list. We would like to honor those serving by having them listed on our bulletin. We ask our parishioners to remember them, and all who are on our prayer list in their prayers. 816.421.2112

Last Weekends Collection

From November 24, 2019

Plate.....	\$938.30
Envelopes.....	\$2,501.00

Te Deum Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 8 and 7:00pm, Te Deum is excited to bring the spirit of the season to Our Lady of Sorrows. Following Te Deum's highly successful Christmas concert in 2018, we are returning with an equally exciting and engaging version of our now annual "Peace and Joy." This season's concerts will of course focus on two of the season's most important themes, music of peace and joy, with arrangements of familiar carols like Away in the Manger and Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming, but we will also give special attention to local Kansas City composers, offering world premieres of works by Ed Frazier Davis and Geoff Wilcken. In addition, we will perform one of the most virtuosic and grand choral pieces ever composed, Schoenberg's Friede Auf Erden (Peace on Earth).

Parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows can receive an additional 20% off the already-discounted advanced ticket price by using promo code **OLOST19** during checkout (*Discounts not available at the door*).

Children's Mercy Hospital Communion Ministry Program

We are looking for anyone interested in helping with our hospital Communion Service Ministry at Children's Mercy Hospital.

If you are a current Eucharistic Minister and would like to help please contact Deacon Tyrone for more information at 816.421.2112 or by email at dcnt@olosc.org

We visit the Hospital on Sundays at 1:00pm. The rotation would be about once every 5-6 weeks depending on the interest to help in this ministry.

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 Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information

Weekly Activities & Events

Journey to Bethany

Our Diocesan Vision, *One Family: Restored in Christ – Equipped for Mission*, identifies the need for healing and restoration. Bishop Johnston, in collaboration with lay faithful, has established *Journey to Bethany*, a program designed to address a variety of wounds and broaden awareness of healing resources within our diocese. This program will initially focus on those harmed by clergy sexual abuse.

An **email survey**, titled **“Bishop Johnston’s Healing Our Family Survey”** will soon to be sent to randomly selected parishioners throughout the diocese. Your responses will help identify the manner by which we can assist all of those impacted by clergy sexual abuse. Those who do not receive the email survey will have opportunities to attend presentations to hear results and provide additional input.

Thank you for your participation, support and prayers!

Nuestra visión diocesana, *Una Familia: Renovada en Cristo – Equipada Para la Misión*, identifica la necesidad de sanación y renovación. El obispo Johnston, en colaboración con los fieles laicos, ha establecido el *Journey to Bethany*, un programa diseñado para tomar cuidado de una variedad de heridas y extender la concientización en los recursos de sanación dentro de nuestra diócesis. Este programa se enfocará inicialmente en aquellos perjudicados por el abuso sexual del clero.

En breve, se enviará una **encuesta por correo electrónico** titulada **“Sanando Nuestra Familia – Encuesta del Obispo Johnston”** a feligreses seleccionados al azar en toda la diócesis. Sus respuestas nos ayudarán a identificar la manera en que podemos ayudar a todos los afectados por el abuso sexual del clero. Aquellos que no reciban la encuesta por correo electrónico van a tener la oportunidad de asistir a presentaciones para escuchar los resultados y proporcionar información adicional.

¡Gracias por su participación, apoyo y oraciones!



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.
Or call the Parish Office 816.421.2112

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 18th. 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.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA DISPLAYS

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING – Dr. Scott Hahn

Dr. Scott Hahn is one of the most eminent Catholic theologians in our country today. Discover what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind - Jesus Christ.

“This revealing look into the culture of Jesus’ day and the principal characters surrounding His birth give an even deeper understanding of the miracle of Christmas!”

Judith – Essex, VT

“This CD sheds incredible light on the Kingship of Christ and how to gain a much greater appreciation of Advent.”

James – Sycamore, IL

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

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.