

Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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Pastor's Ponderings Another New Year!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your staff at Our Lady of Sorrows!

While New Year's Day is an arbitrary line in the sand, it signals an opportunity for renewed commitments and revitalized vision for the future. God has truly blessed our parish in so many ways over the years. This past year He has continued to pour out his grace on us in so many ways. May 2019 be a year where we continue to worship Him, praise Him, serve Him and behold His glory among us!

Special Gift for Every Family

A few years ago we began a tradition for Christmas at Our Lady of Sorrows of giving each family a book to that might help to strengthen our faith and life. I hope that all of you have enjoyed the books as much as I have enjoyed looking for something special that can enrich us.

This year's book is really a great one! It is "Signs of Life" by Dr. Scott Hahn. I really like the description of the book offered by one reviewer. *Hahn is able to take 40 of the most common Catholic traditions and explain the Biblical foundation for the practice. He also includes information from leading theologians and first-hand accounts from his own experience. More than that, however, he concludes each chapter with a "Ponder in Your Heart" section which is great food for thought for the rest of your day. Because of this format, the book lends itself beautifully to a chapter-a-day meditation for Lent or any other 40 day period.*

I hope you will take the time to slowly work through this book daily. I think it will be a great blessing to you!

New Year's Day: The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

This Tuesday may be New Year's Day but it is also the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God and a day of Holy Obligation – or as I like to call it, a Day of Holy Opportunity. We will have Mass at 10.

In the Church, the New Year always begins by celebrating the beginning of the new covenant which came forth from the womb of the young woman, whose "fiat" changed the very history of all mankind.

In 431 A.D. the Third Ecumenical Council, which was held at Ephesus, declared that the Blessed Virgin Mary was indeed the "Theotokos," the Mother of God. While the Church had always believed this, it was officially declared a doctrine by the Council primarily because of a heresy initiated by Nestorius, Patriarch of Constantinople.

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Parish Office Hours

9:00 am – 2:00 pm Mon - Fri

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Pastor

Deacon Scott McKellar

Deacon

Our Lady of Hope Community

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

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816-547-6574

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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 30, 2018
THE HOLY FAMILY

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, December 29—The Holy Family

4:00 pm † Anita Rogers

SUNDAY, December 30—The Holy Family

8:00 am OLOS Parishioners

11:00 am † Charlsie Pileggi

MONDAY, December 31—7th day within Octave

NO MASS

TUESDAY, January 1—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Noon † Fausta Roco Pelayo

WEDNESDAY, January 2—Sts. Basil & Gregory

Noon Betty McLaughlin, spec.int.

THURSDAY, January 3—Most Holy Name of Jesus

Noon Cruz & Gabbi Ibarra, spec.int.

FRIDAY, January 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton

Noon † Catherine & Clarence Healy

SATURDAY, January 5—The Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 pm OLOS Parishioners

SUNDAY, January 6—The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am Preservation of Sacred Holyland Sites

11:00 am Ann Virgo, sepc. Int.

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

12/29 & 30	4:00	8:00	11:00
Readers	John Pileggi	Eloise Sanders	Ken Blundell
Communion Ministers	G. Weatherford Debbie Bruening	Rita Witt Ruth Rider-Seck	Kathryn Blundell Sylvia Gutierrez
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

1/5 & 6	4:00	8:00	11:00
Reader	Lynette Wheeler	Bill Capotosto	Pat Battaglia
Communion Minister	Bruce Laughlin Becky Laughlin	Rita Witt Ann Virgo	Sylvia Gutierrez Kathryn Hogan
Server	John Pileggi	Tonnye Armstrong	Tom Papreck
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Readings for the Week of December 30, 2018

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22. 24-28 or Sir 3:2-6. 12-14/
Ps 84:2-3. 5-6. 9-10/1 Jn 3:1-2. 21-24 or
Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2. 11-12. 13/
Jn1:1-18

Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3. 5. 6. 8(2a)/
Gal4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1. 2-4/Jn 1:19-28

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:20—3:6/Ps 98:1. 3cd-4. 5-6/
Jn 1:29-34

Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1. 7-8. 9/Jn 1:35-42

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2. 3. 4. 5/
Jn 1:43-51

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13/
Eph 3:2-3z. 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Parish Calendar of Events

- December 31—No MASS/Offices Closed
- January 1—Holy Day of Obligation—10:00am Mass/Offices Closed
- January 2—Offices re-open at 9am. Mass and Confessions resume normal schedule.
- January 2—Knights of Columbus—6pm Hall
- January 4—Parents of Murdered Children and Other Homicide Survivors Support Group—6:30pm-9:30pm Meets in the Hall.
- January 5—Church Cleaning—9am
- January 5—Women Of Our Lady—snacks & conversation, 10am Hall **men may attend too**
- January 5 & 6—All Masses—Catholic Key Subscription Drive
- January 12—Heart of the Redeemer Young Adults

in the Hall 4:30pm-8:30pm

- January 13—Coffee & donuts—8am & 11am Masses
- January 15—Water Garden Society—5pm-9pm Hall
- January 19 & 20—Catholic Home Missions Collection—All Masses
- January 20—Catholic Hope—2pm-4pm Hall
- January 27—Coffee & Donuts—8am & 11am Hall
- January 27—Newly Married of the Diocese join the 11am Mass and share in Fellowship after the mass in the Hall with Coffee & Donuts.
- January 28—Controversies in Church History—7pm-9pm Hall
- January 31—Rehearsal at 5:30pm

Keep Watching for more info & dates to come!

Weekly Activities & Events

Office & Mass Schedule Thru January 2

Monday, December 31— **NO MASS**

Tuesday, January 1— **Mass 10am**

Wednesday, January 2—resume regular schedule with Confessions at 11:30am, Mass at Noon

*****Happy New Year*****

Catholic Key Subscription Envelopes

In your January envelope packets you will find an envelope to help in covering the cost of the Catholic Key. This is a publication that is produced by the Diocese, on things happening within the Diocese, as well as in the Church throughout the world.

Each parish within the Diocese has a specific number of subscription we pay for. These are sent to homes of our parishioners. Some parishioners pay for their own, while others receive it as our gift to you.

This collection helps to offset our cost and to provide anyone wishing to have a subscription the opportunity to receive one if they wish to participate. The collection will be held on January 5 & 6.

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.

Lay Minister Schedules

Lay Minister Schedules for the months of January and February have been emailed/mailed out. Please see this bulletin for next weekends schedule if you have not yet received your schedule. Thank you all for your help and continued support of Our Parish.

Snow Closure of Office and Mass times Policy—Watch for Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church on Channel 9 KMBC News. Or visit their website at www.kmbc.com and click on closures.

Pastor's Ponderings Continued

He and his followers, called Nestorians for obvious reasons, taught that Mary was the mother of His humanity not his divinity. They wanted to divide the His natures. As with everything about the blessed Mother, her very life as well as her titles, had everything to do with her son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

In declaring her "Theotokos," the Fathers were declaring once and for all that Christ was truly the union of God and man, fully human and fully divine, which theologians call the "hypostatic union."

As St. Cyril of Jerusalem declared, "A mother does not give birth to a nature, she gives birth to a person."

Let us not pass by this day without spending time in thanksgiving for God's gift to us of the Blessed Virgin Mary or in meditating upon her most significant place in salvation history.

Pope St. John Paul II once wrote, "From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things. From Mary we learn to trust when all hope is gone. From Mary we learn to trust her Son and Christ the Son of God."

This is truly the role of a mother – the Mother of God.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

In Christ,

Fr. Randy

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

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA DISPLAYS THE SEVEN PILLARS OF CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY— Matthew Kelly

Would you like to deepen your faith? Matthew Kelly will revitalize your spiritual life by taking you on the adventure of a lifetime! In a bold, practical and inspiring way, he will help you rediscover the true meaning of life as expressed in the **Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality**. “Catholicism is a way of life,” Matthew says, “designed by God to help you become all you can be.”

“Thank you for revitalizing my spirituality! I have always been a spiritual person, but now prayer is a part of my daily routine.” Rachel - Cincinnati, OH

“In a clear, concise, and inspiring way, Matthew Kelly has helped open up life-changing habits I can implement. I want to order more for my family and friends!” Claire - Largo, FL

“To be true to yourself is to be true to your faith. Matthew is inspiring and knowledgeable. He will help you to know your faith better so you can ultimately bring souls to God’s plan of salvation. We want all our family around us in paradise, don’t we?” Donna - Eunice, LA

“He gets straight to the heart of the modern Catholic malaise and responds with sound advice, amusing stories, and orthodox teaching.” Mark G.

“When I heard these topics explained, I realized that by integrating each of these pillars sincerely into my life I couldn’t help but become ‘The Best-Version-of-Myself’.” Cathy - Newburgh, IN

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

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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.

FORMED PICK

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

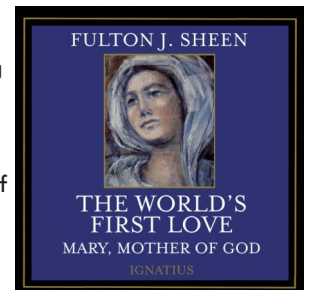
Watch on formed.org

Weekend of December 29 & 30



The World’s First Love—Mary, Mother of God by Fulton J. Sheehan

With eloquence and brilliance, Fulton J. Sheen presents a moving portrayal of the Blessed Virgin Mary, combining deep spirituality, history, philosophy, and theology. All the major aspects and events of Mary’s life are lovingly depicted in this never-failing source of information, consolation, and inspiration. Sheen gives profound insights into all the Marian beliefs ranging from the Immaculate Conception to the Assumption to the miracle of Our Lady of Fatima. Sheen stresses mankind’s need for the Mother of God and her burning love for all her children. The great resurgence of devotion to Mary is God’s way of emphasizing the worth and dignity of every person against the false doctrines that have so confused the modern world. This edition features a new foreword by Father Andrew Apostoli.



Find this and more on the FORMED.org website under *Listen—Audiobooks—Faith Formation—The World’s First Love*

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