

# Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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## Pastoral Thoughts

Today and next week we will hear of John the Baptist – the wild man of the Gospels. He is not mentally deranged but rather he is excited about the coming of the Messiah. For John is the last and greatest of the prophets of the Old Testament, and many believed him to be Elishia reincarnated.

John's plea to repent may sound harsh to some, but it is so well received from the people and they were coming in from all over Judea to hear him and be baptized by him. Rather, than seeing his message as harsh they see it as nourishment, desiring to be refreshed in their faith.

During the centuries there as always been a need for Christ to send someone who comes off radically to awaken the people, delivering a message that is needed; St. Steven, St. Patrick, Saints Francis and Anthony, St. Claire & St. Elizabeth of Hungary and St. Padre Pio to name a few.

These men and women brought the message in their own way to those around them, just as John the Baptist did. He was just a little more blunt with his message to repent your ways and surrender yourself to Christ and then you will have peace in your life.

During the Advent season we are called to slow down a bit, contrary to society that wants us to race around so fast consumed in commercialism. John the Baptist came out of the wilderness full of vigor for Christ as he began his ministry. For it is in the wilderness – away from all the noise and racket of society that we find silence and hear our Lords voice.

The Good Lord speaks to us in the tone we need to hear, sometimes it may sound harsh and sometimes it is a little gentler. The gift of Advent may be to stir our conscience, and ask the question – has our quest for happiness led us astray to chase after material goods? Advent can help get our happiness compass back in-line. For to achieve the kingdom, we need to address how we are living here and now.

So, if the scriptures and homilies you hear this Advent come off a little strong to you, perhaps it is not the voice of John the Baptist or the homilist you are hearing, it could be you are hearing our Lords voice trying to get your attention.

Blessings  
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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9:00 am – 2:00 pm Mon - Fri

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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 8, 2019  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# Mass Intentions

## 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

## MONDAY, December 9—Immaculate Conception

Noon OLOS Parishioners

## TUESDAY, December 10—Advent Weekday

Noon † Michael & Patrick Healy

## WEDNESDAY, December 11—Advent Weekday

Noon † Frank J. Incaprera

## THURSDAY, December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

Noon † Eric Hiller

## FRIDAY, December 13—St. Lucy

Noon †

## SATURDAY, December 14—3rd Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm † Brian Waldbillig

## SUNDAY, December 15—3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00 am OLOS Parishioners

11:00 am † Healy, Hoedl & Hiller Families

## 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, Judy Dale, Jane Carey, Mike Burke, and Maurice Carey.

# Volunteers

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

12/14-15	4:00pm	8:00am	11:00am
<b>Reader</b>	Tammy Papreck	Stephen Bulley	Tess Robbins Time Healy
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Kathy Randolph Lynette Wheeler	Elizabeth Bower Emily Tylski	Rick Grindel Rebecca Miles
<b>Servers</b>	Tom Papreck	Tonnye Armstrong	Jim Healy
<b>Ushers</b>	Ed Stevens Judy Stevens G. Weatherford Volunteer	Ted Tschirhart Joe Gutierrez Volunteer Volunteer	Rick Grindel Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer

## Readings for the Week of December 8, 2019

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13,17/  
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/  
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17/Judith 13:18bcde, 19/  
Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/  
Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

**Baptism and Marriage ~ Call for appointment**

## Parish Calendar of Events

- **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 11am Mass, refreshments in the vestibule.
- **December 15—Catholic Hope Group—2-4pm** in Hall
- **December 16—Knights of Columbus—6:30pm** Hall
- **December 17—Water Garden Society—5-9pm** Hall
- **December 21—Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **December 22—Church Decorating for Christmas—**Noon meet in the church
- **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 25—Christmas Day—10:00am** Mass
- **December 28—Weddings** at 1:30pm & 6:30pm
- **December 31—NO Noon Mass/Offices Closed**
- **January 1—Mary, Mother of God—**Mass at 10am
- **January 1—Offices Closed**
- **January 2—Parents of Murdered Children and Other Homicide Survivors Support Group—6:30pm – 9:30pm** Meets in the Hall.

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

# Weekly Activities & Events

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## Religious Retirement Collection

Today, December 7 & 8, support aging religious. Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception

### Clarification

Monday, December 9, we will celebrate the liturgy for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at our Noon Mass. However, there is no obligation for the day since the feast actually falls on Sunday this year.

## Thank You!

We would like to extend a huge Thank you to Enrique Gutierrez, Graciela & Enrique Gutierrez, Sr. and their family who graciously catered our Christmas Party on Saturday evening after the 4:00pm Mass.

Thank you also to Tammy Papreck for organizing the invitations, set up and clean up of the event.

Thank you to all who attended and participated in the "White Elephant Exchange".

## 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 December 1, 2019**

Plate.....\$567.25

Envelopes.....\$1,216.00

## 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 **OLOS19** during checkout (*Discounts not available at the door*).

## Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Next Sunday, December 15, we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at our 11:00am Mass. There will be Mexican breads and pastries after the mass in the vestibule of the church. All are welcome to participate in the flower processional.

## Featured in the Catholic Key this Week!

This week in the Catholic Key, there will be a full featured article on Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. Several parishioners were interviewed for the article. It will cover our history in Kansas City. Watch your mailbox for the edition.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more information

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## 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.

## 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@oloskc.org](mailto:dcnt@oloskc.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.

## Lay Ministers help for Christmas Masses

We are still in need of a few people to help with the Christmas and New Year’s masses. We still need Ushers for Midnight Mass. We still need Eucharistic Ministers, Server, Ushers for Christmas Day Mass at 10:00am and New Year’s Day Mass at 10:00am. Please email or call the office if you are available to help with one of these Mass times.

## LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA DISPLAYS

### Our Lady of Guadalupe – Luis Soto

Many people have heard of Our Lady of Guadalupe, but few people know her story. In this talk, speaker and catechist Luis Soto (who himself was born and raised in Mexico) shares the little-known history and life-changing importance of Mary’s appearance to a peasant man named Juan Diego, and the miraculous image she left behind. Loved by millions (including St. John Paul II), Our Lady of Guadalupe is a patron and example of how to share the Gospel with the whole world.

“Luis is a joyful and intriguing presenter. He clearly loves Our Lady and telling this remarkable story.”

“I had heard of Our Lady of Guadalupe, but not like this! I learned many new and interesting details that I didn’t know before.”

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