

# Our Lady of SORROWS C H U R C H



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## Pastoral Thoughts

Season's Greetings,

During this time of the year, we have so many things going on in our lives that we may find it hard to find time to catch our breaths and reflect on what the year entailed and what to expect and hope for in the coming year.

2019 has been both amazing and challenging in not only our secular lives, but also in our spiritual lives as well. Many in the country are divided over our president's policies, which have led to the historic impeachment hearings being broadcast over the many network and cable channels.

No matter which side of this debate you sit on, you must admit that at times it has been entertaining, concerning, and troubling; and for many, they wonder how we arrived at this place. Unfortunately, our church has had it stumbles too this year, and many feel lost and unsure if they can continue to rely on it with both abuse and finance scandals that seem to surface every few weeks.

Fortunately, the holidays cry out for us to slow down and look at the reality of our lives a bit. In our liturgies during this past Advent and now Christmas seasons, we find solace – peace for the soul. We learn of righteous women and men who did not ask to be something special but were given the graces needed to accomplish the task our Lord asked of them.

We must always remember that Christ did not choose us for who we were, rather he chose us because of what he knew we could become. Most people will not get recognized as a great prophet or saint during their lifetime but will perform some wonderful deeds. They will be mothers and fathers, aunts and uncles, teachers and social workers to name a few, who will stay true to their vocations in life. No matter what your status in life may be – strive to be Righteous, Merciful, Forgiving and Joyful in your endeavors and you will live a full life with no regrets, even if you don't accomplish all your goals.

You will have made the lives of those around you better for knowing you, and that is a resolution worth keeping this New year.

Many Blessings to you and your families,

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.*

### Parish Office Hours

9:00 am – 2:00 pm Mon - Fri

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#### Diocesan Ombudsman

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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 29, 2019  
HOLY FAMILY

# Mass Intentions

## SATURDAY, December 28—Holy Family

4:00 pm † Joseph & Paula Garcia

## SUNDAY, December 29—Holy Family

8:00 am OLOS Parishioners

11:00 am † Anita Rogers

## MONDAY, December 30—6th Day of Christmas Octave

Noon † Fausta Roco Pelayo

## TUESDAY, December 31—St. Sylvester I

Noon **NO NOON MASS/Closed**

## WEDNESDAY, January 1—Mary, Mother of God

10:00am † Charlies Pileggi

## THURSDAY, January 2—Sts. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen

Noon † Catherine & Clarence Healy

## FRIDAY, January 3—Holy Name of Jesus

Noon Barbara Ganz Family, spec. int.

## SATURDAY, January 4—Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 pm OLOS Parishioners

## SUNDAY, January 5—Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am Preservation of Sacred Holyland Sites

11:00 am

### Mass Intentions

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, Jim Healy, Mary Healy, Debbie Bruening, Rose Ann Jett, Teresa Bradskey, Judy Dale, Jane Carey, Mike Burke, Maurice Carey, Jerry Gumminger, Barbara Darling, and Leigh Ann Zeller.

# Volunteers

12/28-29	4:00pm	8:00am	11:00am
<b>Reader</b>	Tom Papreck	Eloise Sanders	Pat Battaglia Rebecca Miles
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Tammy Papreck Kathy Randolph	Jeremiah Tylski Ruth Rider-Seck	Kathryn Hogan Rick Grindel
<b>Servers</b>	John Pileggi	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

January 1	10:00am	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>We still need a few to help with New Year's Day Mass at 10:00am.</b></p> <p><b>Please call or email the office you can help!</b></p> </div>	
<b>Reader</b>	Bill Capotosto Allan Schaff		
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Rita Witt Volunteer		
<b>Servers</b>	Volunteer		
<b>Ushers</b>	Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer		

1/4-5	4:00pm	8:00am	11:00am
<b>Reader</b>	Tammy Papreck	Jeremiah Tylski	Tim Healy Rebecca Miles
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Lynette Wheeler Tom Papreck	Rita Witt Ruth Rider-Ssck	Kathryn Blundell Kathryn Hogan
<b>Servers</b>	John Pileggi	Tonnye Armstrong	Jim Healy
<b>Ushers</b>	Ed Stevens Judy Stevens Pat Tangen Debbie Tangen	Ted Tschirhart Joe Gutierrez Volunteer Volunteer	Mel Hogan Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer

**Baptism and Marriage ~ Call for appointment**

## Parish Calendar of Events

- **December 28—Weddings** at 1:30pm & 6:30pm
- **December 30—Mass at Noon.**
- **December 31—NO Noon Mass/Offices Closed**
- **January 1—Mary, Mother of God—Mass** at 10:00am
- **January 1—Offices Closed**
- **January 3—Wedding** at 3:00pm
- **January 3—Parents of Murdered Children and Other Homicide Survivors Support Group—6:30pm – 9:30pm** Meets in the Hall.
- **January 4 & 5—Catholic Key Subscription Collection** at all the masses
- **January 8—Knights of Columbus** meeting at 6:30pm in the Hall
- **January 11—Wedding** at 1:30pm

- **January 12—Coffee & Donuts—**after the 8am & 11am Masses in the Hall.
- **January 18 & 19—Catholic Home Missions Collection** at all the masses
- **January 19—Catholic Hope Group** 2-4pm in the Hall
- **January 21—Water Garden Society—**5-9pm in Hall
- **January 25—Wedding** at 1:30pm
- **February 5—Knights of Columbus—**6:30pm in the Hall
- **February 9—Coffee & Donuts—**after the 8am & 11am Masses in the Hall.
- **February 15 & 16—Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Appeal—**All Masses

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

# Weekly Activities & Events

## Thank you!!!

On behalf of Fr. Leonard, Deacon Mike, Stephanie and the rest of the staff, we would like to thank everyone who attended and participated in our liturgies for Christmas.

From those who were Ushers, Lectors, Servers, Musicians, Vocalist and Eucharistic Ministers, our guest presiders and especially those who helped to decorate so these liturgies would be very special.

It is only because of your kindness and volunteerism spirit that we are able to accomplish all we do here at OLOS, working to maintain a warm and welcoming environment to all peoples no matter their status in life.

Best wishes for the New Year!

Dcn Tyrone Gutierrez



## Planned Giving to Our Lady of Sorrows

Gifts of cash to Our Lady of Sorrows Parish made by December 31 of this year may be deducted from your taxes for this year (up to 50% of your income). Learn how you can benefit yourself and the parish by contacting parish staff with questions. Or, contact Laura Gray at gray@diocesekcsj.org, 816-714-2363.



## Praying for our Military Service Members:

Isaac Eyph, Cruz Ibarra, Brian Jansen, Christopher Lamkey 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 22, 2019

Plate.....\$645.87  
Envelopes.....\$1,646.00

## Readings for the Week of December 29, 2019

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/  
Col 3:12-21/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23  
Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/  
Lk 2:36-40  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/  
Jn 1:1-18  
Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Cal 4:4-7/  
Lk 2:16-21  
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Jn 1:19-28  
Friday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/  
Jn 1:29-34  
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8,9/Jn 1:35-42  
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

## New Years Day Mass for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Our Lady of Sorrows will celebrate a 10:00am Mass.

## Office & Mass Schedule for Week of 12/29

The offices will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday this week to observe the New Year's Holiday. We will be open Monday, Thursday and Friday.

There will be **NO NOON MASS** or confessions on Tuesday, December 31.

**January 1—Feast of Mary Mother of God,  
Mass at 10:00am.**

## 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

## LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA DISPLAYS

Who Am I to Judge? - Dr. Edward Sri

Discussing moral issues with family and friends can be a challenge in a culture that strongly promotes the idea that there is no objective truth. Speaking from a wealth of personal experience, renowned author and theologian Dr. Edward Sri provides 5 “keys” to enable Christians to oppose with logic and love what Pope Benedict XVI called the “dictatorship of relativism.” He also clarifies the proper understanding of what it means to judge, and the importance of making good judgments.

*“This talk not only helped me understand what relativism is, but more importantly it gave me simple, practical ways to defend against it.”* Rowena - NSW, Australia

*“Dr. Sri defuses relativism with love. The best talk on the subject to date!”* John - Denver, CO

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

## Second Collection

Next weekend, January 4 & 5, is the Collection for the Catholic Key Subscriptions.

This collection helps to offset the parish obligation to mail to a number of households. The suggested offering from the Diocesan Center for the Catholic Key is \$25.

Your generosity is appreciated here at Our Lady of Sorrows.



### New Parishioner Information

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

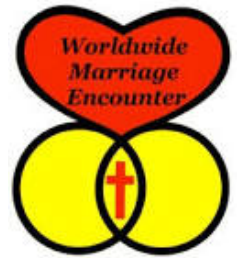
Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Please drop in collection basket or mail to the Parish Office.  
Or call the Parish Office 816.421.2112

## Greater Kansas City Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Calling all Marriage Encounter Couples...Worldwide Marriage Encounter

is offering an afternoon of enrichment, for any couple that has experienced a Marriage Encounter Weekend, on Saturday, January 18, 2020 from 1:00-4:15pm at the Precious Blood Center, 2130 Saint



Gasper Way, Liberty, Missouri. Entitled “Lighting the Way Together—Castles to Lighthouses”, the afternoon will reinvigorate your communication and rekindle the love in your relationship. Mass will be celebrated at 4:30pm with a free will offering to defray the program costs. For more information or to RSVP email Rich & Wendy Lorenz at wendyteach3@yahoo.com by January 10th.

**Behold, I make all things new!...** The start of a new year brings with it the opportunity to begin anew in all aspects of our lives, including our relationships with God, our family and our friends. A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is the perfect way to renew your love and commitment to each other. Grounded in the love of Jesus Christ, the weekend will provide you the tools and the time necessary to grow deeper love so that you can live more intimately and responsibly as a couple of God. **The next weekend in the Kansas City area will be February 28—March 1, 2020.** For more information, or to apply for a weekend, visit [www.wwme4youandme.org](http://www.wwme4youandme.org), or call/email Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816.741.4066, [tonybarbz@prodigy.net](mailto:tonybarbz@prodigy.net)



## Church Cleaning Invitation

Next Saturday, January 4, beginning at 9:00 a.m., is our monthly church cleaning. Please come and lend a hand for the work is light, rewarding, stay a few minutes or an hour. We need to have about 10 people there to complete the cleaning.

**“My obligation is to do the right thing. The rest is in God’s hands.”**

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

*The book of Courage by Matthew Kelly  
From Dynamic Catholic*