

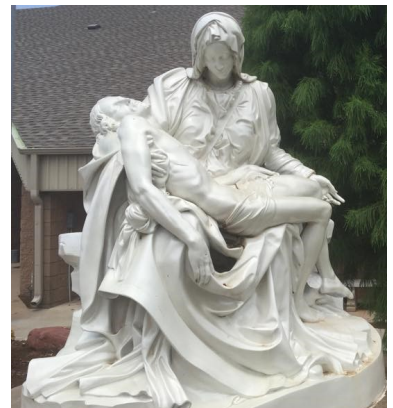


DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Our Lady of Sorrows parish is participating in *One Church, Many Disciples*, along with every church in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. This first ever major campaign will build a Shrine for Blessed Stanley Rother, support faith formation ministries and strengthen local parishes, including Our Lady of Sorrows parish. We join with faithful from across the archdiocese who are also helping to ensure our local church is strong and vibrant for generations to come.

As an archdiocese, we form a faith community of 200,000 Catholics in central and western Oklahoma; we truly are *One Church, Many Disciples*! With the Beatification of Blessed Stanley Rother, each of us has the opportunity to share in his legacy. What an occasion to live Jesus' call to missionary discipleship.

Please take a moment to review the impact *One Church, Many Disciples* will have on Our Lady of Sorrows parish. This campaign has my full support and, as your pastor, I hope you will embrace this opportunity here at Our Lady of Sorrows parish.



Rev. James Mickus

OUR PARISH ROOTS



Fr. Felix DeGrasse, O.S.B., pastor of the Guthrie parish was the first missionary to visit Chandler. The parish developed slowly enough that three years went by before Bishop Meerschaert dedicated the first church on November 11, 1894. By 1908 the first church had been destroyed by a tornado and had been rebuilt. In 1917 the parish became a mission of Cushing and then of Bristow.

The third church was begun in 1948 and dedicated on December 19, 1949. Father John L. Walch was assigned as the resident pastor. He built a rectory and in 1952 a parish hall.

From 1975 to 1994 Chandler was under the care of the monks of St. Gregory's Abbey. In 1984 the 1949 church was demolished to make room for a new one, to be twice its size. Archbishop Salatka dedicated the church on April 3, 1986.



PARISH LIFE TODAY

Our Lady of Sorrows parishioners continue their journey of faith, worshiping daily in Our Lady of Sorrows Church. The mission of the parish continues to be a worshipping Roman Catholic Community in Chandler, Oklahoma, who strives to live the mission of Jesus Christ through prayers, the Sacraments, the study of His work, the teachings of His Church, and through stewardship. The parishioners are committed to minister to all parishioners and non-parishioners with love, respect and support. Inspired by God, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, they wish to achieve a true sense of family and help all attain eternal life.



OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

Our Lady of Sorrows welcomes the opportunity to participate in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City's campaign, *One Church, Many Disciples*. This campaign will enable the building of a shrine for Blessed Stanley Rother, and will fund shared ministerial needs. Through participating in this campaign, Our Lady of Sorrows will raise significant funds toward the needs of our beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve the parish campaign goal of \$135,000. Our Lady of Sorrows will receive 20% of all funds we raise up to the goal, totaling \$27,000. Plus, 50% of every dollar raised above the goal will be returned to Our Lady of Sorrows.



OUR SHARE OF THE FUNDS

Through the *One Church, Many Disciples* campaign, we will not only play a significant role in this historic moment in the Church's history, but we will also be able to support exciting new projects at Our Lady of Sorrows. With Our Lady of Sorrows' share of the funds raised in this campaign effort, we will repair and resurface the parking lot, update our audio/visual equipment for the sanctuary and pay off our parish hall.

**Parking Lot Repair & Resurfacing
Audio Visual Equipment Updating
Parish Hall Loan Payoff**

