

# The Epiphany of The Lord – Sunday, January 5, 2020

## **Gifts for God – December 22, 2019**

### Regular Tithes

Immaculate Conception -	\$ 1,622.00*
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton -	494.00
Saint Joseph -	225.00

\* Includes all Masses.

## **Gifts for God – December 29, 2019**

### Regular Tithes

Immaculate Conception -	\$ 1,307.00*
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton -	446.00
Saint Joseph -	365.00

\* Includes all Masses

## **Gifts for God – Christmas 2019**

Immaculate Conception -	\$ 1,948.00*
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton -	77.00
Saint Joseph -	397.00

### Second Collections

#### *Priest Retirement Fund - Diocese*

Immaculate Conception -	\$ 347.30*
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton -	86.00
Saint Joseph -	73.00



### Stewardship Reflections

*“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” (Matthew 2:11)*

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to us.



### Mass Intentions:

#### Immaculate Conception

January 11 – For the repose of the soul of Adrian Trejo, by Brenda Trejo.

January 12 – For the repose of the soul of Horace Hamby, by Edward Wemmerus.



## **Religious Education classes resume next week**

There are no classes today (January 5) – a change in the schedule – but all classes resume next Sunday, January 12. This includes Confirmation at 3 p.m.

Since we skipped today, we WILL HAVE CLASS on Sunday, January 19 – except for the Confirmation Class which will meet on Wednesday, January 22.

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## **Las clases de educación religiosa se reanudarán Jan. 12**

No hay clases hoy (5 de enero), un cambio en el horario, pero todas las clases se reanudarán el próximo domingo 12 de enero. Esto incluye la Confirmación a las 3 p.m.

Como nos saltamos hoy, TENDREMOS CLASE el domingo 19 de enero, excepto la clase de confirmación que se reunirá el miércoles 22 de enero.

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## **Bulletin Prayer List in process of update**

Our bulletin prayer list was reset today. The list will return next week with the names of those who need our directed prayers. If someone needs to be on this list, please contact David Jones at the office (918) 647-3475. This list is not meant to exclude anyone, but requires your help to make sure it is current.

## **Catholic Community Calendar**

### **Tuesday, January 7, 2020**

- 8 a.m. Daily Mass in the I.C. Chapel
- 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry open.

### **Wednesday, January 8, 2020**

- 8 a.m. Daily Mass in the I.C. Chapel
- 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry open.

### **Thursday, January 9, 2020**

- 8 a.m., Daily Mass in the chapel.
- 6 p.m. Scripture Study at I.C. with Father Jim

### **Friday, January 10, 2020**

- 8 a.m. Daily Mass in the I.C. Chapel

### **Saturday, January 11, 2020**

- 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions at I.C.
- 5 p.m. Vigil Mass for Sunday, Immaculate Conception, Poteau.

### **Sunday, January 12, 2020 – The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

- 9 a.m. Holy Mass at Immaculate Conception parish, Poteau.
- Religious Education at I.C.
- 12 Noon. Holy Mass at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton parish, Spiro.
- Potluck dinner at Saint Elizabeth following Mass.
- 3 p.m. – Confirmation class at Immaculate Conception.
- 5 p.m. Holy Mass at Saint Joseph Parish, Stigler.
- Potluck dinner at Saint Joseph following Mass.

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## **Be It Resolved: Suggestions for 2020 improvements**

January tradition calls on us to make personal improvements. We call them “resolutions” but we treat them more as suggestions, easily forgotten. True change requires resolve – a sincere desire to become a better version of ourselves.

In the Gospels, John the Baptist confronted spiritual complacency when He was challenged by men who were content with their relationship with God. “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones ...” (Matthew 3:7-9).

John called for a change of heart. So does Jesus. It is not enough for us to call ourselves Christian. God could turn stones into authentic Christians, if He needed them. In the year 2020, let us see ourselves with 20-20 vision, and make little changes that will have big rewards.

For instance, we can work on Patience. Cut others some slack for shortcomings, failures or tardiness. Then there is Punctuality. Keep appointments on time, including Mass or Adoration. Respect the time God has given you by respecting the time of your neighbors. Persevere in goals you set and commitments you make. Be a person of Penance: Take responsibility for your errors. Own each mistakes and sin. Fix them through apology and absolution, which means visiting a priest in the little room. Finally, increase your Prayer and Praise. Tell God how thankful you are for all his gifts. Do these things, and what a year of change you – and those around you – will see!

*(Check out the Reflection in Father’s Note for another great suggestion).*

### **Daily Mass Readings**

**6 Monday After the Epiphany (W)** / 1 John 3:22 – 4:6/ Psalm 2:7BC-8, 10-12A / Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

**7 Tuesday After the Epiphany (W)** / 1 John 4:7-10 / Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 / Mark 6:34-44

**8 Wednesday After the Epiphany (W)** / 1 John 4:11-18 / Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 / Mark 6:45-52

**9 Thursday After the Epiphany (W)** / 1 John 4:19 – 5:4 / Psalm 72:1-2, 14 and 15BC, 17 / Luke 4:14-22

**10 Friday After the Epiphany (W)** / 1 John 5:5-13 / Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 / Luke 5:12-16

**11 Saturday After the Epiphany (W)** / 1 John 5:14-21 / Psalm 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6A and 9B / John 3:22-30

**12 The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (W)** / Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 / Psalm 29: 1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 / Acts 10:34-38 / Matthew 3:13-17



### **Immaculate Conception Chapel makeover**

*For those who have not recently visited the Immaculate Conception Chapel, here is a look at the new engineered-wood flooring and the new tile that accentuates the sanctuary of the altar. The Chapel is where most Daily Masses are celebrated, and where Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on the first and third Fridays of the month.*

### **Lay Ministry Assignments for Sunday, January 12, 2020**

Rosary – Kim Jones

Lector – Zac Patty

Announcements – Daniel Kasper

Altar Servers – Kevin Gavina & Ashley Felipe

Ushers – Reyna Burgos, Pilar Botello, Brianna Bautista & Eunice Quiroz

Lay Ministers of Holy Communion – Ramona Hargrove, Leticia Burgos & Guadalupe Guizar.

Hospitality – Layton & Delores LeBlanc & Marge Frizzell.