

# Fourth Sunday of Lent – Sunday, March 22, 2020

## Gifts for God – March 8, 2019

### Regular Tithes

Immaculate Conception - \$ 1,086.50\*  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - 1,257.00  
Saint Joseph - 325.00

\* Includes all Masses.

### Faith & Works 2020 (Ongoing)

**Immaculate Conception - \$ 5,380.00**  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - 700.00  
Saint Joseph - 560.00



## Stewardship Reflections

*“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.” (1 Samuel 16:7)*

How often do we invest our time, talent, and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car, and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent, and treasure here on earth.



## Mass Intentions:

### Immaculate Conception

**March 28 –** *For the repose of the soul of Trinidad Santana, by Leticia Gutierrez and Trinidad’s grandchildren + ;*

*And, for the people of God of Poteau, Spiro & Stigler parishes.*

**March 29 –** *For the spiritual benefit of the Morrow family, by Marinelle Morrow.*

### How do I schedule a Mass Intention?

*Please see David Jones, or Father Jim. Write the name, and whether it is in memory (for the repose of the soul) or for their spiritual benefit or physical benefit.*

## Unprecedented suspension of public Mass

### *Our Diocese adapts to help stall Covid-19 infections*

Bishop David Konderla has suspended public Masses for all parishes in the Diocese of Tulsa-Eastern Oklahoma until at least Good Friday, and possibly beyond. Priests will continue to say Mass *privately* each day. The lay faithful are dispensed from their Sunday obligation “during this time of trial.”

“I encourage the faithful to please pray for your priests and, as possible, continue to financially support your parishes ...” Bishop Konderla said in his Wednesday decree.

To meet the spiritual needs of our Catholic community, Father Jim will “live stream” Sunday Mass at 10 a.m. in English, and Mass in Spanish at 12 noon. Daily Masses will be at 10 a.m., except Saturday, at 11:45. You can find Father Jim’s Facebook link at <https://www.facebook.com/FrJimC>.

Mass Intentions scheduled during this time will continue to be valid. If you arrange for one, make sure that you do a “spiritual communion.” (More about that on the next page.) All lay ministry assignments are obviously cancelled until public Masses resume.

The First Friday and mid-month Adoration vigils will continue to be held in the IC Chapel. We will put greater emphasis on signing up for specific hours so as to allow adorers sufficient space.

Because the supply chain at grocery stores is erratic, our Catholic Charities Food Pantry is more important than ever. It will remain open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., and will initiate “drive through” service this week.

Other parish ministries affected include:

**All Religious Education classes** – including Sacramental Prep and Confirmation – are **postponed** until after Easter (and perhaps longer). This includes the mini-retreats scheduled for this month. No decision has been made to reschedule First Communion and Confirmation.

**All Remaining Friday Lenten Meals Cancelled.**

**The Hispanic Praise & Worship** gatherings on Saturday are cancelled until further notice.

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## Immaculate Conception hits Faith & Works goal

A ray of good news: The diocese reports that Immaculate Conception parish has surpassed its 2020 Faith & Works goal at \$5,380. This is \$960 over goal, which means that half will be returned to the parish. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton is at \$700, over halfway, needing only \$581 to complete. Saint Joseph is at \$560, needing only \$604 to hit its target. Your 10-month pledge or generous one-time gift can make a big difference.

## Prayers for Our Sick & Shut-ins

*"And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well." (James 5:15)*

Let us pray for: Ignacio Gonzalez, Stan Floyd, Beverly Mazikowski, Brandy Beane, John Worton, Robert Green, Harold High, Chet & Paula Gorgas, Bill Burwell, Donald Hargrove, Dorothea Willis, Patricia Shirey, Barbara Morris, Marianne Young, Leonard Adkins, Howard Bryant, Susie Hawkins, Nanette Johnson, Mary Smith, Rita Thompson, Susan King, Hilda Culver, Violet Ray, and all our hospitalized and shut-ins.

## How does one make a "spiritual communion"?

With public Masses suspended, it is time for us to ramp up the "Domestic Church," what our families should do when we are at home. Bishop Konderla suggests the following: we are invited to "cultivate our spiritual lives through the Liturgy of the Hours, meditation on the Holy Scriptures, prayers, praying with a televised or streamed broadcasting of the Mass, and the practice of other devotions keeping in their hearts the intentions of the Church, especially for the sick and the vulnerable." This should be a heart-felt effort by the entire family.

It may be a bit awkward at first, but everyone should appreciate the opportunity for a deep dive into the essential elements of our Catholic faith. Do not forget prayers for the sick (see box above) and prayers for those who have died – your own beloved dead and those who have succumbed to the Covid-19 virus.

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### Daily Mass Readings

**23** Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent (**P**) / Isaiah 65:17-21 / Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12A and 13B / John 4:43-54

**24** Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent (**P**) / Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 / Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 / John 5:1-16

**25 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (W)** / Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 / Psalm 40:7-8A, 8B-9, 10, 11 / Hebrews 10:4-10 / Luke 1:26-38

**26** Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent (**P**) / Exodus 32:7-14 / Psalm 106:22, 23 / John 5:31-47

**27** Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent (**P**) / Wisdom 2:1A, 12-22 / Psalm 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 / John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**28** Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent (**P**) / Jeremiah 11:18-20 / Psalm 7:2-3, 9BC-10, 11-12 / John 7:40-53

**29 Fifth Sunday of Lent (P)** / Ezekiel 37:12-14 / Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 / Romans 8:8-11 / John 11:1-45

### Our Catholic Community Calendar

#### Tuesday, March 24, 2020

- 10 a.m. Live-stream of Daily Mass with Father Jim.
- 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry open.

#### Wednesday, March 25, 2020

- 10 a.m. Live-stream of Daily Mass with Father Jim.
- 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry open.

#### Thursday, March 26, 2020

- 10 a.m. Live-stream of Daily Mass with Father Jim.
- No Scripture study.

#### Friday, March 27, 2020

- 10 a.m. Live-stream of Daily Mass with Father Jim.
- Live video of Stations of the Cross will follow Mass.

#### Saturday, March 28, 2020

- 9 to 11 a.m. **Confessions at I.C.**
- 11:45 a.m. Live-stream of Daily Mass with Father Jim.
- 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. **Confessions at I.C.**
- **NO VIGIL MASS**

#### Sunday, March 29, 2020 – Third Sunday of Lent

- 10 a.m. Live-Stream: Holy Mass at Immaculate Conception parish, Poteau.
- 12 Noon. Live-stream of Sunday Mass in Spanish with Father Jim.

*No Religious Education classes until further notice.*

*All Lay Ministry assignments cancelled until further notice.*

Pray for an end to Covid-19 & help for those afflicted



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Confessions: Saturday 3:30 to 4:30; 8:30 a.m. Sunday

**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church - Spiro**

Mass Times: Sunday, 12 Noon (Confessions before Mass)

**Saint Joseph Church - Stigler**

Mass Times: Sunday, 5 p.m. (Confessions before Mass)

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