

Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 10, 2020

Gifts for God – May 3, 2019

Regular Tithes

Immaculate Conception -	\$ 1,204.00
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton -	750.00
Saint Joseph -	0.00

Building Fund

Immaculate Conception -	\$ 40.00
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton -	110.00

Faith & Works 2020

Immaculate Conception -	\$ 6,308.00
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton -	858.00
Saint Joseph -	1,265.00

(Latest update April 29)



Stewardship Reflections

“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” (1 Peter 2:7)

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called “charisms” and they are used to build God’s kingdom on earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God’s salvation plan.



Mass Intentions: Immaculate Conception

May 16 – *For the spiritual & physical benefit & protection for the people of Immaculate Conception, Saint Joseph & Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton parishes.*

May 17 – *For the spiritual benefit of Jason Jones, on his birthday, by David & Kim Jones.*

Sunday Mass to resume Memorial Weekend

*Bishop approves the process of restoring in-person worship
Restrictions & conditions must be followed*

Public Mass on Sunday will restart May 23-24 (Memorial Weekend). A list of requirements was issued by Bishop David Konerda, including both mandatory and advisory options. Here’s the absolute minimum of what you need to know:

1) The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains **SUSPENDED** for all Catholics in Oklahoma. If you are not comfortable physically attending Mass, you may continue to live stream Mass from your home. Make a spiritual communion.

2) If you are in the high risk group for Covid-19 (over 65, have underlying health conditions like diabetes, obesity, lung conditions, high blood pressure) you are *encouraged* to stay home and continue to live stream Mass.

3) If you or any member of your household is ill – for any reason – you please **DO NOT** attend Mass at church. If your symptoms match those of a Covid-19 infection, you should seek medical attention and testing.

4) All “cry rooms” are closed. No exceptions.

5) Holy Water fonts will be empty. If you desire Holy Water for home use, a method will be provided for this. (See Father Jim.)

6) The Bishop has issued a limit to all parishes for attendance at a single Mass. This is based on Social Distance rules and church size. There is one exception for families, who will be allowed to occupy their own pew.

7) Hymnals, missalettes, prayer cards, etc., will be removed. You may follow the readings on your cell phone.

SPECIFIC DAILY & SUNDAY MASS TIMES & REQUIREMENTS FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SAINT JOSEPH & ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON:

A) Daily Mass will resume on Thursday, May 21, at 8 a.m. in the Chapel. From this date, all Daily Masses will be held at 8 a.m. unless otherwise announced. All Daily Masses will continue to be live-streamed.

B) Daily Mass attendance will be limited to 10 people, not including Father Jim.

C) There will no longer be Daily Mass on Saturdays.

D) Father Jim will hold Sunday Masses at Immaculate Conception and Saint Joseph parishes. The Mass times will be as follows:

5 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday at I.C. (Live streamed)

9 a.m. Mass on Sunday at I.C. (Live streamed)

11 a.m. Mass on Sunday at I.C. (Live streamed)

1 p.m. Mass on Sunday at I.C. (Live streamed)

5 p.m. Mass on Sunday at Saint Joseph

E) During this transition period, there will be no Sunday Mass at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. Parish members are encouraged to go to one of the five available Masses, or continue to do Spiritual Communion via Facebook Live-stream at home. We realize this is not optimal but the numbers of congregants, the distances between churches, and the fact that there is only one of Father Jim necessitates this schedule.

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.

Daily Mass Readings

11 Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter (**W**) / Acts 14:5-18 / Psalm 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 / John 14:21-26

12 Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter (**W**) / Acts 14:19-28 / Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13AB, 21 / John 14:27-31A

13 Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter (**W**) / Acts 15:1-6 / Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4AB, 4CD-5 / John 15:1-8

14 Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle (R) / Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 / Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 / John 15:9-17

15 Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter (**W**) / Acts 15:22-31 / Psalm 57:8-9, 10 and 12 / John 15:12-17

16 Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter (**W**) / Acts 16:1-10 / Psalm 100:1B-2, 3, 5 / John 15:18-21

17 The Sixth Sunday of Easter (W) / Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 / 1 Peter 3:15-18 / John 14:15-21

New Public Mass Regulations (Continued)

F) There will be no seating in the choir loft at Immaculate Conception.

G) You are *encouraged* to wear face masks to Mass – for the protection of others. You may bring your own personal sanitizer to use. Please make sure it will not damage the pew.

H) You will be greeted at the doors by ushers who will answer your questions and grant access to the church. Inside the church, another usher will guide you to your assigned pew. Families must sit together. Married couples should sit side-by-side, which will allow more pew space for two other people to maintain Social Distance requirements. Once you are seated, you must remain in your pew except for Communion or visits to the restrooms.

If you arrive late –or after the allowable capacity has been reached – you will not be allowed inside. You will be advised when the next Mass will begin. Once Mass begins, no one will be admitted from outside.

I) Only a limited number of people may use the restrooms at one time.

J) Offertory: The collection basket will be in the vestibule. It will not be passed through the pews. There will be no procession of gifts at the offertory.

K) There will be no Sign of Peace, and **NO** holding hands during the Lord’s Prayer.

L) AT HOLY COMMUNION: Pay Attention to the Instructions

– If possible, sanitize your hands before entering the single Communion line;
– Please maintain a six-foot distance from all other individuals in line, unless they are members of your own family or household;

– Please be patient and cooperate with the ushers;

– The bishop suggests communion in the hand. Father Jim may allow communion on the tongue but will have specific instructions at the Mass;

– There will be no Extraordinary Lay Ministers of Holy Communion until further notice;

– When you receive Communion, take two steps to the side before consuming the host.

M) After Mass has ended, ushers will dismiss each pew in an orderly manner to ensure a proper distancing of persons leaving the church. There will be no hospitality in the Parish Hall.

N) Miscellaneous. This list likely misses a few things, so do not be surprised if Father Jim or an usher gives you additional guidance. Our job is to facilitate worship under the safest possible conditions, and there is no guarantee that we will think of everything. Understand that we are attempting to balance the right (and need) to worship with a responsibility to care for one another.

Other than Mass, no other gatherings are sanctioned at our churches without the express consent of Father Jim.

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For this week only, our Catholic Community Calendar is posted separately on our website.

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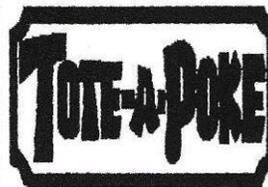


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Our Catholic Community

**Bishop Konderla has suspended public Masses
until April 24 - or until further notice!**

Immaculate Conception Church – Poteau

Mass Times: Live-Stream only on Facebook
Sunday: 10 a.m. English, 12 Noon Spanish

Confessions: Saturday 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church - Spiro

Saint Joseph Church - Stigler

Live-Stream Daily Mass with Father Jim on Facebook (Jim Caldwell, Jr.)