

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 5, 2020

Gifts for God – June 28, 2019

Regular Tithes

Immaculate Conception -	\$ 1,952.26
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton -	579.00
Saint Joseph -	318.00

Building Fund

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton -	200.00
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Peter's Pence

Immaculate Conception -	\$ 95.00
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton -	0.00
Saint Joseph -	7.00



Stewardship Reflections

"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:38)

Pope Benedict XVI said, "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness." "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!



Mass Intentions:

Immaculate Conception

July 11 – 5 p.m.

For the people of God of Saint Joseph, Immaculate Conception & Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton parishes.

July 12 – 9 a.m

For the spiritual benefit of Simon Jude Jones, on his birthday; by David & Kim Jones.

'We hold these truths to be self-evident'

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness – That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

By David Jones

The United States was founded on a set of principles that are not in conflict with our Catholic faith. Indeed, they rely heavily on Nature's God and His Divine Providence. It's the same God.

America is an **idea** that requires religious faith. That is why we say we are not a nation ruled by human beings, but a nation of human beings ruled by law – law based on rights given to us by God. Rights that are unalienable; that is, they cannot justifiably be taken from us by governments.

The Right to Life is paramount. We are created in the likeness of God and are meant to live forever. And we will, either blissfully in God's Kingdom, or in horror in the abode of the evil one. Our sojourn on this earth is our opportunity to seek God, know Him and do His will. That is our ultimate Happiness. Thomas Jefferson and his co-workers knew exactly what they were writing about. So too did most of those who heard the words proclaimed on that July 4, 1776.

Liberty is meant for all human beings. Freedom from tyranny, freedom from slavery and, most importantly, freedom from sin. Our nation, however imperfectly, was created to free us from tyranny and slavery, and we are constantly working to improve it, as the words in the Preamble to the Constitution declare, "to create a more perfect Union." It has not been easy, but no other nation in history has done as much or come so far.

Jesus died to free us from sin and resurrected to prove God's power over death. When we worship Christ and avail ourselves of His redemptive grace, we are transformed into fit subjects for His Kingdom. And in doing so, we become better citizens in this earthly Republic. Indeed, our system of government is fit only for God-fearing people.

There are groups today who want to topple our government using violence, economic and political pressure and social shaming. Behind these organizations are men and women of vast resources financing their work. They are eager to see the collapse of the Republic and its protection of the Rights endowed by God.

Behind all this is the action of the evil one. As is his style, he attempts to trick us with half-truths and outright lies, making it seem as if our freedom requires rebellion against the Church and the rules of right conduct. A liar and murderer from the beginning, indeed!

As you celebrate, remember that freedom does not come without cost. It must be renewed and preserved in every generation.

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, Josefina Estrada, Stan Floyd, Beverly Mazikowski, Johnny McMahan & Josephine McMahan, 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

6 Monday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Hosea 2:16, 17C-18, 21-22 / Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Matthew 9:18-26

7 Tuesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13 / Psalm 115:3-4, 5-6 7AB-8, 9-10 / Matthew 9:32-38

8 Wednesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 / Psalm 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 / Matthew 10:1-7

9 Thursday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Hosea 11:1-4, 8E-9 / Psalm 80:2AC and 3B, 15-16 / Matthew 10:7-15

10 Friday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Hosea 14:2-10 / Psalm 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 / Matthew 10:16-23

11 Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot (W) / Isaiah 6:1-8 / Psalm 93:1AB, 1CD-2, 5 / Matthew 10:24-33

12 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (G) / Isaiah 55:10-11 / Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 / Romans 8:18-23 / Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Our Catholic Community Calendar

Monday, July 6

– Nothing scheduled.

Tuesday, July 7

– **8 A.M. Daily Mass in Chapel.**

– 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry open. Lobby is open.

– 3 p.m. Divine Mercy chaplet.

Wednesday, July 8

– **8 A.M. Daily Mass in Chapel.**

– 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry open. Lobby is open.

– 3 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Thursday – July 9

– **8 A.M. Daily Mass in the Chapel.**

– 3 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Friday, July 10

– **8 A.M. Daily Mass in Chapel.**

– 3 p.m. Live-stream of Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Saturday, July 11

– 9 to 11 a.m. Father Jim hears confessions in the Church.

– 3:30 to 4:30. Father Jim hears confession in the Church.

– **5 p.m. Vigil Mass at I.C.**

Sunday, July 12 – The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

– 9 a.m. **Sunday Mass at I.C. in English**

– 11 a.m. **Sunday Mass at I.C. in Spanish**

– 1 p.m. **Sunday Mass at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spiro**

– 5 p.m. **Sunday Mass at Saint Joseph, Stigler.**

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SPECIAL NOTICE: All Daily Masses and the Sunday Masses at Immaculate Conception are live-streamed via Father Jim's Facebook Page (Jim Caldwell Jr.) or can be viewed later. This is to help those who cannot attend Mass for health reasons. Bishop David Konderla has issued a temporary dispensation from Sunday Mass attendance for those who cannot attend.

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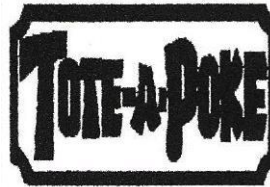
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Immaculate Conception Church – Poteau

Saturday – 5 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday: 9 a.m. English; 11 a.m., Spanish

All Masses are also Live-Streamed on Facebook

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

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton – Spiro

Sunday: 1 p.m.

Saint Joseph Church – Stigler

Sunday: 5 p.m.

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