

# Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 16, 2020

## \* \* \* Religious Education Update \* \* \*

### Gifts for God – August 2, 2020

#### Immaculate Conception

General Collection - \$ 1,694.00  
Weekly Budget Needs: 1,700.00

#### Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$ 277.00  
Weekly Budget Need: 475.00

#### Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$ 322.00  
Weekly Budget Needs: 375.00

#### Building Fund Collection

Immaculate Conception \$ 71.00



### Stewardship Reflections

*"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." (Romans 11:29)*

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.



#### Mass Intentions:

#### Immaculate Conception

**August 22 – 5 p.m.**

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

**August 23 – 9 a.m**

*For the repose of the soul of Audrey Goodwin; by her sister, Ramona Hargrove.*

**August 23 – 11 a.m**

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



We will start Religious Education classes on September 13 as scheduled. What is happening with the Poteau schools will not directly affect our RE program. Enrollment will take place on Sunday, August 30, and on Sunday, September 6, after the 9 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall.

For all children new to Immaculate Conception, please bring a copy of their baptismal records. Parents need to be registered as official members of the parish. If you have questions, see David in the parish office. (918-647-3475)

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## RCIA – A Path to Friendship with Jesus

This year has been a rough ride for many. Disruptions in jobs, schools and family life are ongoing. Many worry about Covid-19, but also of rumors of new lockdowns and restrictions. Then there are the riots, violence and angry voices that, though mostly in larger cities, are displayed all over TV and social media. The net effect is demoralizing.

The Scriptures teach that this is an opportunity to increase our faith and trust in God's will. A time to draw closer to Jesus and His promises. It says that we are "earthen vessels" (2 Corinthians 4:7) so that God can prove His power despite our frailty. In the next verse it adds that "We are afflicted in every way, but not constrained; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."

Religious faith gives us the courage and strength to overcome despair and hopelessness.

Who do you know who is discouraged or afraid or has given up? Is there someone you know who needs to encounter and fall in love with Jesus and His Church? Is there someone who has fallen away or who did not receive the full measure of sacraments?

Might we suggest our Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA), a series of adult classes in which we explore the mysteries of Forgiveness, Salvation and God's call to human hearts. RCIA is a no-pressure, uplifting experience that offers a path to a relationship with Jesus and His people.

Once-a-week classes will begin in September. Please let Father Jim or David know of those who should be there. You may want to invite them to RCIA or, better yet, bring them to the class.

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## Our Guest Priest for Next Weekend

Our next guest priest (August 22-23) will be Father Robert Duck, associate pastor of Saint Francis Xavier parish in Stillwater. Please show him our southeastern Oklahoma hospitality.

## 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

**17** Monday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Ezekiel 24:15-23 / (Psalm) Deuteronomy 32:18-19, 20, 21 / Matthew 19:16-22

**18** Tuesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Ezekiel 28:1-10 / (Psalm) Deuteronomy 32:26-27AB, 27CD-28, 30, 35CD-36AB / Matthew 19:23-30

**19** Wednesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time (G) / Ezekiel 34:1-11 / Psalm 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6 / Matthew 20:1-16

**20 Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot & Doctor (W)** / Ezekiel 36:23-28 / Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 / Matthew 22:1-14

**21 Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope (W)** / Ezekiel 37:1-14 / Psalm 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Matthew 22:34-40

**22 Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (W)** / Ezekiel 43:1-7AB / Psalm 85:9AB and 10, 11-12, 13-14 / Matthew 23:1-12

**23 The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (G)** / Isaiah 22:19-23 / Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 / Romans 11:33-36 / Matthew 15:21-28

## Pay a visit to Father Jim, maybe share a meal

Father Jim is at the Rectory in Poteau and would love company while his knee recovers. If you are interested in dropping by or bringing food, call David at the office.

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## **Religious Education Enrolment 2 weeks away**

Enrolment for religious education classes on Sunday, August 30, and Sunday, September 6. Full details next week.

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## Our Catholic Community Calendar

### Monday, August 17

– Nothing scheduled.

### Tuesday, August 18

– No Daily Mass.

– 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry open. Masks are required.

### Wednesday, August 19

– No Daily Mass

– 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry open. Masks are required.

– 3 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet.

### Thursday – August 20

– No Daily Mass.

### Friday, August 21

– No Daily Mass.

### Saturday, August 22

– 3:30 to 4:30. Confession is available

– 5 p.m. Vigil Mass at I.C.

### Sunday, August 23 – The Twenty-First 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.

All Sunday Masses at I.C. are livestreamed via Fr. Jim's

Facebook page

No Daily Masses until further notice.

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*Our Catholic Community*

**Immaculate Conception Church – Poteau**

Saturday – 5 p.m. Vigil Mass

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

All Sunday Masses are Live-Streamed on Facebook

Confessions: Saturday, 3:30 to 4:30

**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton – Spiro**

Sunday: 1 p.m.

**Saint Joseph Church – Stigler**

Sunday: 5 p.m.

Live-Stream Sunday Mass with us on Facebook (Jim Caldwell, Jr.)