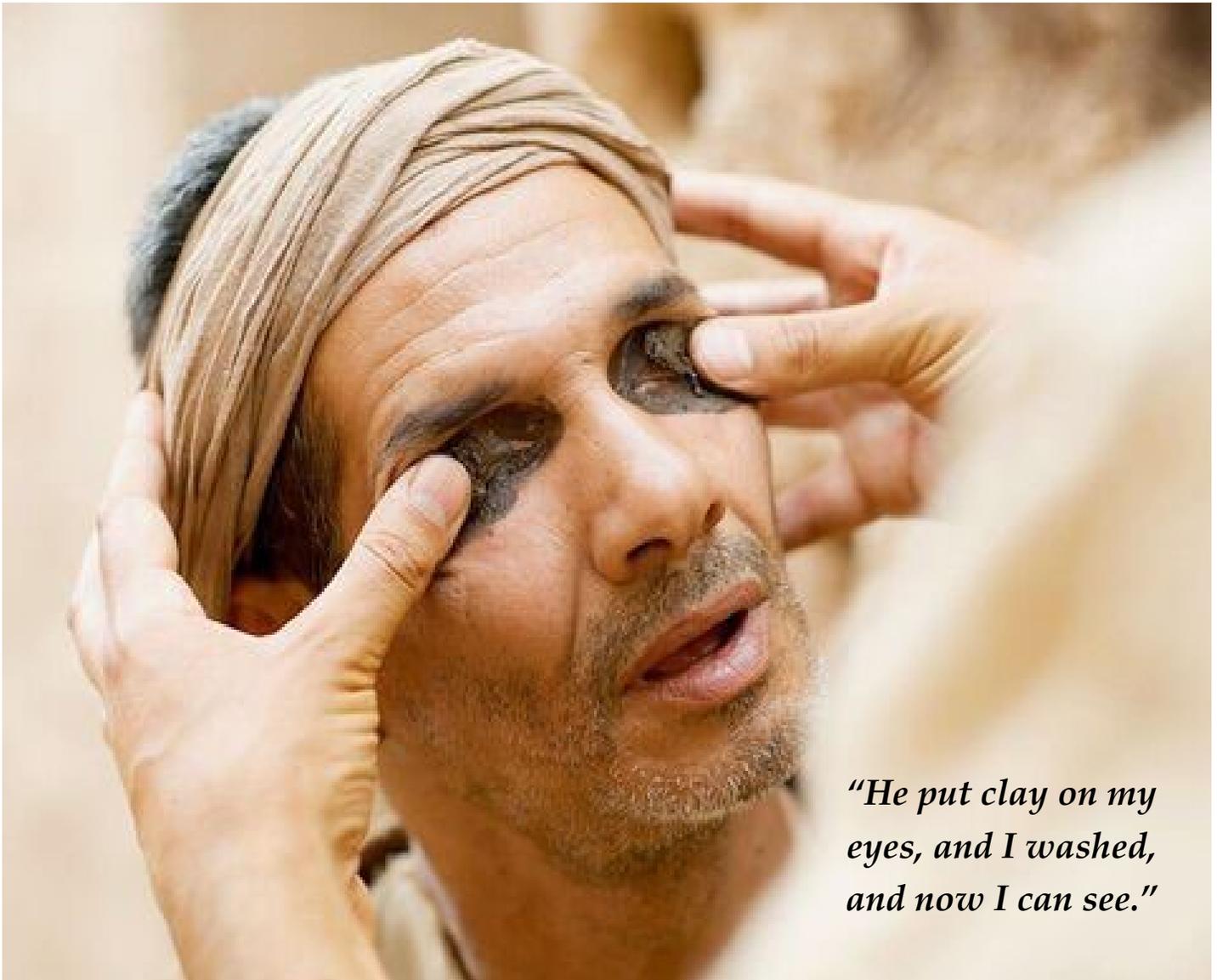


OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Father Sean O'Brien

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2026



"He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see."



Immaculate Conception Church

410 N. Bagwell, Poteau, OK

Sunday Mass – 9 a.m. English, 11 a.m. Spanish

Confessions 30 minutes before Mass

Or by Appointment

Daily Mass: Tuesday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m.

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Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

16526 US Hwy 271 (East of Spiro)

Sunday Mass – 1 p.m.

Confessions by Appointment

Saint Joseph Church

1406 NW 7th St., Stigler, OK

Saturday Vigil Mass – 5 p.m.

Confessions 30 minutes before Mass

Or by Appointment

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Gifts for God

March 8, 2026

Immaculate Conception

General Collection - \$ 2,701.00

Weekly Budget Need - 2,075.00

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$ 442.00

Weekly Budget Need 950.00

Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$ 702.00

Weekly Budget Need 607.00



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: IC

Sunday, March 22

9 a.m. – *Repose of the soul of Victor Balagbagan; by Katie Burwell.*

11 a.m. – *Spiritual benefit of Irina Jones, birthday; by Kim Jones.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS on MARCH 13

6 PM – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spiro

6:30 PM – IC, Poteau (Bilingual). A meatless meal follows.

7 PM – Saint Joseph (Spanish)

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Patron Saint Day at Saint Joseph

On Thursday, the universal Church honors Saint Joseph, spouse of the Virgin Mary. Not to be outdone, the parish of Saint Joseph in Stigler also honors him with a Mass at 6 p.m., followed by a celebratory meal and fellowship. Games will be played including a piñata and "pin the beard" on the saint.

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60+ Potluck & Rosary at IC

If you are 60 or older, Father Sean invites you to a special gathering at the Rectory at 5 p.m. next Sunday, March 22. This is a potluck dinner (bring something to share), the recitation of the Rosary, and good conversations. No need to register, just show up.

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'Night of Mercy' March 26 at IC

A "Night of Mercy" will be held on Thursday, March 26, at Immaculate Conception, from 6 to 8 p.m. Several priests will be on hand to hear confessions, in both English and Spanish. It's a good time to prepare your soul for Easter.

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Don't miss Dr. Karlo's next visit

Where is confession in the Bible? The answer may surprise. Dr. Karlo Broussard will explain "A Bible Blueprint for the Sacrament of Reconciliation" at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish, Saturday, March 28, at 6 p.m. Karlo is an author, podcaster, on staff for *Catholic Answers* and an apologist for the Diocese. All are welcome to attend.

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Easter flower donation update

Donations for the Easter flowers that decorate our churches have been somewhat underwhelming thus far, but we still have a couple of weeks. The suggested amount is \$20. Prayerfully consider helping.

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Prayer chain needs warriors

If you feel called to pray for people undergoing dire circumstances, please consider joining the "Prayer Chain" of our three parishes. Call Sally Hatch at 479-234-5350 or Reyna Burgos at 918-202-7684.

Prayers for Our Sick & Shut-ins

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

Emily Weller, Nicolosa Solis, John Paul, Billy Wood, Rufina Estabillo, Carmen Vasquez, Ana Narvaez, Juan Narvaez, Frances Liddy, Jim Norwood, Yuliana Casildo, Anthony Guerrero, Javier Diaz, Theresa Grafton, Donald Hargrove, Marge Frizzell, Donald Brooks, Vera Trout, Pilar Botello, Genia Harber, Oscar San Juan, Brandon Torres, Bobby Jackson, Robin Jackson, Jill Figari, Brenda Lizzet Cabral, Susan Heavener, Mayra Gavina, Christine Mainard, Anastacio Solis, Katie Malone, John Harris, Lizz Lopez, Roger O'Hara, Cassie Casildo, John Worton, Johnny & Barbara Morris, Nanette Johnson & Russell Tenison.

Daily Mass Readings

16 Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent (P) / Isaiah 65:17-21 / Psalm 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b / John 4:43-54

17 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

18 Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent (P) / Isaiah 49:8-15 / Psalm 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 / John 5:17-30

19 Solemnity of Saint Joseph (W) / 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29 / Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22 / Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a

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

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

22 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

Notable Upcoming Events

ST. JOSEPH MASS & MEAL – 6 p.m. at Saint Joseph, Stigler.
60+ POTLUCK & ROSARY – Rectory, 5 p.m. Sunday, March 22.
NIGHT OF MERCY – Thursday, March 26 at Immaculate Conception. Confessions from 6 to 8 p.m. Multiple priests.
CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD PANTRY – 9 a.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Poteau PARC (Ballfields)

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This Week's Schedule

Monday, March 16

– No Daily Mass today.

Tuesday, March 17

– 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass in the IC Chapel.

– 6:30 p.m. OCIA at IC

Wednesday, March 18

– 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass in the IC Chapel

– 5 to 9 p.m. Midweek Adoration in the IC Chapel

– 6:30 p.m. IC. BRIDGE classes.

Thursday, March 19 – Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary

– 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass in the IC Chapel

Friday, March 20

– 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass in the IC Chapel

– 6 p.m. Stations of the Cross, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spiro.

– 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Immaculate Conception

– 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Spanish), Saint Joseph, Stigler.

Saturday, March 21

– 9 to 12 Noon at IC: Charism Workshop

– 5 p.m. Vigil Mass at Saint Joseph Church, Stigler.

Sunday, March 22 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

– 7:30 a.m. Early Bird Bible Study, IC

– 9 a.m. English Mass at Immaculate Conception, Poteau

– 10 a.m. IC Parish Hall – Fellowship of the Faithful!

– 11 a.m. Spanish Mass at Immaculate Conception, Poteau

– 1 p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spiro

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