

# OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Father Sean O'Brien

The Third Sunday in Advent

December 14, 2025

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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### **Immaculate Conception Church**

**410 N. Bagwell, Poteau, OK**

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

Confessions: 30 min. 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 – 2 p.m.

Confessions by Appointment

### **Saint Joseph Church**

**1406 NW 7th St, Stigler, OK**

Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 p.m.

Confessions: 30 min. before Mass

Or by Appointment

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## Gifts for God

**December 7, 2025**

### Immaculate Conception

General Collection - \$	6,885.00
Weekly Budget Need -	2,075.00
Building Fund -	2,160.00

### Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

General Collection - \$	1,126.00
Weekly Budget Need	950.00
Building Fund -	100.00

### Saint Joseph

General Collection - \$	739.00
Weekly Budget Need	607.00
Building Fund -	2,030.00



## Stewardship Reflections

*"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."* JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.



## Mass Intentions: IC

*December 21, 2025*

**9 a.m.** – *For the spiritual benefit of Maria Jones; by Kim & David Jones.*

**11 a.m.** – *Spiritual benefit of Donald Brooks; by Kim & David Jones,*

## Nights of Mercy offer healing grace

*"Blessed are those servants whom the Master finds vigilant on His arrival."* (Luke 12:37)

During Advent we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth – His First Coming – and we are reminded that we also to consider His Second Coming (the End of the Age or the very end of our own age). That's why the Church recommends the healing of the Confessional before Christmas and Easter. It's a spiritual duty that prepares our souls to meet Christ, whether at our death or in the Holy Eucharist.

Father Sean is holding two Nights of Mercy to help us prepare. The **first** is at Immaculate Conception this Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 6:15. Three priests will be available in the Church for at least two hours. The **second** night is Thursday, Dec. 18, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spiro; also two hours from 6 to 8.

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## Last call for IC Survey completions

IC needs you to fill out a survey! If you took a paper one, fill it out and bring it back. If you can, go online at the link below and get it done. We are about 20 surveys short of our goal, with time running out. Thanks!

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/c5579c>

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## Help us sing carols on Friday evening

Come help us spread pre-Christmas cheer in Poteau as we go door-to-door singing a few (well-known) carols. We'll meet up at Friday at 5:30 at the IC Parish Hall to get our flashlights, song sheets and hot chocolate.

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## Charities Food Truck delivery Saturday

Volunteers are needed this Saturday morning as the Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry arrives about 9 a.m. at the PARC (ballfields) south of town. Many families depend on our monthly works of mercy. Your presence is much appreciated.

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## IC fundraisers a success

Our fund-raising projects for the coming expansion of the IC Parish Hall building were quite successful. We raised \$2,000 from our own Gift Shop sale, and Tulsa-based Catholic Book & Gift sent a check for nearly \$2,000 in their promotion for our parish!

In addition, another \$17,000 has been donated toward our upcoming project.

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## Prayers for Our Sick & Shut-ins

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

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, Barbara Rogers, Susan Heavenner, 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

**15 Monday of the Third Week of Advent (P)** / Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a / Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9 / Matthew 21:23-27

**16 Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent (P)** / Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 / Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 & 23 / Matthew 21:28-32

**17 Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent (P)** / Genesis 49:8-10 / Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 / Matthew 1:1-17

**18 Thursday of the Third Week of Advent (P)** / Jeremiah 23:5-8 / Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 / Matthew 1:18-25

**19 Friday of the Third Week of Advent (P)** / Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a / Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 / Luke 1:5-25

**20 Saturday of the Third Week of Advent (P)** / Isaiah 7:10-14 / Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 / Luke 1:26-38

**21 The Fourth Sunday of Advent (P)** / Isaiah 7:10-14 / Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 / Romans 1:1-7 / Matthew 1:18-24

## Looking Ahead: Important Events

- **NIGHT OF MERCY**, Penance Service at IC, Dec. 17, from 6:15 to 8:15.
- **NIGHT OF MERCY**: Penance Service at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Thursday, Dec. 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. (Note date change!)
- **CHRISTMAS CAROL Singing** – IC, Parish Hall at 5:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 19.
- **CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD TRUCK**, Sat., Dec. 20, PARC.

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## This Week's Schedule

### Monday, December 15

- **No Daily Mass today.**

### Tuesday, December 16

- 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass in the IC Chapel.
- 6:30 p.m. English OCIA at IC.

### Wednesday, December 17

- 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. All Faith Formation classes at IC
- **6:15 to 8:15 NIGHT OF MERCY**, IC (Multiple priests)

### Thursday, December 18

- 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass in the IC Chapel.
- **6 p.m. NIGHT OF MERCY**, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

### Friday, December 19

- 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass in the IC Chapel.
- 5:30 p.m. IC Christmas Caroling, meet at Parish Hall.

### Saturday, December 20

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

### Sunday, December 21 – The Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 a.m. Early Bird Bible Study (Youth Room)
- 9 a.m. English Mass at Immaculate Conception, Poteau
- 11 a.m. Spanish Mass at Immaculate Conception, Poteau
- 1 p.m. Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spiro

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