

# Tri-Parish Catholic Churches

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

220 N "A" Ave, Sterling, OK 73567

## St. Ann Church

8492 State HWY 17, Elgin, OK 73538

## Mother of Sorrows Church

521 E Wallace, Apache, OK 73006

### Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:00pm, Mother of Sorrows  
 Sunday: 8:30am, St. Ann  
           10:30am, Our Lady  
 Tuesday: 4:30pm, Mother of Sorrows  
 Wednesday: 9:15am, St. Ann  
 Thursday: 9:15am, Our Lady  
 Friday: 9:15am, St. Ann

### Adoration Times:

First Friday: 9:45am—10:45am, St. Ann

## TWENTH-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 25, 2024

Rev. Linh Bui, Pastor  
 Deacon Tom Biles  
 Karen Jacobi, Secretary  
 P.O. Box 10, Elgin, OK 73538  
 Office: 580-492-5914  
 Church email: stann@triparishok.org  
 Church website: www.triparishok.org  
 Fr. Linh's email: paullinhbui@yahoo.com  
 Deacon Tom's email: abiles1967@gmail.com

### Confession Times:

Saturday: 4:30pm, Mother of Sorrows  
 Sunday: 8:00am, St. Ann  
           11:30am, Our Lady  
 (or by appointment: 580-492-5914)

### Rosary Times:

Saturday: 4:30pm, Mother of Sorrows  
 Sunday: 8:00am, St. Ann  
 Sunday: 10:00am, Our Lady

**The Church is a House of Prayer. Please refrain from carrying conversations in the Church. Your cooperation is most appreciated. Thank you.**

**St. Ann Religious Education Enrollment:** Will begin August 25th with classes starting September 8th. We are in need of adult teachers and helpers. Please see Sarah Sminkey if interested.

**Coffee and Donuts at St. Ann's Daughters of St. Ann** will be hosting coffee and donuts this Sunday, September 1st immediately after Mass. Everyone is invited to come and fellowship with us!

**The Parish Office will be closed Monday September 2nd, in observance of Labor Day.**

**First Friday Mass and Adoration**  
 September 6th, Mass 9:15am followed by Adoration at St. Ann's. Beginning with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and ending with Benediction. Please come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.

### Safe Environment Training: August 1—August 30

It is time to update your safe environment training for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City as the training certificate on file is no longer current.

#### For current volunteers and new volunteers:

Login to the site at <https://archokc.safeenvironment.org/> to complete your training. To start your next training course, click 'Take Next Course' or 'Retake Program' on the Training Summary. If your background check is also expired, you will automatically be directed to the background screening company to renew your background check upon logging in. Should you need any assistance with logging into your account, please contact **Tech Support as directed on the site. If you have any questions about your background check, please contact the diocese or background screening company as directed on the safe environment training site.**

#### For new Volunteers only:

**Please provide three references with name, phone number and email address to: Sherri Wooldridge**  
**sherriwooldridge2761@gmail.com**

Thank you, Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

### Tri-Parish Offertory (8/12-8/18/2024)

	OLPH	St. Ann	MOS
Regular	\$1,473.00	N/A	\$587.00
Building	\$20.00		
Insurance	\$35.00		
Mass Int.			
Catholic Univ	\$161.00		\$30.00

**We are grateful and thankful for your generosity. It helps to sustain our Parishes!**

### Please Remember These Brothers and Sisters in Your Prayers:

Debbie Benton, Margie Flores, Jon Leonard, Jenifer Moore, Britni Billingsley, Mileena Zafra, Clarice Telford, Penny Moore, Patricia Bread, Gene Hernandez, Jenny King, Kyle Dixon, JT King, Thomas Shafer, Martin Jantsch, Lee Kurk, Cody Ensley, Dennis Brandt, Katie Larson, James Lindsey, Mary Prowell, Debra Shaw, Elizabeth Sanders, Meta Tate, Aaron Warner, Ms. Variner, Shane Clarkson, Mya Shafer, Annette Rhodes, Chris Cunningham

**Nursing home:** Locetta Harrelson

**Prayer Line:** ST—Clarice Pierce

**Mass Intentions  
for the Week of August 25, 2024**

**Saturday, August 24**

5:00pm, AP Blessings of Work by The Nguyen Family

**Sunday, August 25**

8:30am, EL †Joseph by The Bui Family

10:30am, ST †Dominic by Mrs. Thuy

**Tuesday, August 27**

4:30pm, AP †Peter Hien by Ren Nguyen

**Wednesday, August 28**

9:15am, EL For healing and health of Pam

**Thursday, August 29**

9:15am, ST †Anna Tran by Thuy Pham

**Friday, August 30**

9:15am, EL †All Souls by Elizabeth Sang Nguyen Family

**Saturday, August 31**

5:00pm, AP †Lee Juliet Smith by The Farrell Family

**Sunday, September 1**

8:30am, EL †Terry Wooldridge by Sherri Wooldridge

10:30am, ST †Ruth Duesman by Lawrence Duesman

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17,18b, Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-2, Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32  
Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12, Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17, Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18, Ps 128:1-2, 4-5, Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9, Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, Mk 6:17-29

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25, Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11, Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31, Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21, Mt 25:14-30

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

**Allegiance to God**

In the first reading, Joshua challenges the Israelites to choose whom they will serve. This decision is crucial for their identity and future. Joshua reminds them of God's faithfulness and the many ways He has delivered them. We, too, face choices about our allegiance. We can choose to follow God or be swayed by other influences. Our commitment to God shapes our lives and our actions. Choosing God means putting Him first in everything. It means trusting His guidance and following His commandments. This choice is a daily decision, and it requires faith and dedication.

**Marital Unity**

The second reading from Ephesians speaks about the love and respect in marriage. Husbands and wives are called to reflect the love between Christ and the Church. This unity is a model for all relationships. Marriage is a partnership of mutual love and respect. Each person should care for the other, just as Christ cares for the Church. This kind of love is selfless and enduring. This reading teaches us about the sanctity of marriage. It reminds us that love in marriage should be deep and genuine. This love builds a strong foundation for family and community.

**Discipleship's Challenges**

In the Gospel, Jesus talks about the difficulty of His teachings. Many of His disciples find His words hard to accept and leave Him. Peter, however, reaffirms his faith in Jesus. Following Jesus is not always easy. It requires accepting difficult truths and making sacrifices. Some may find this too challenging and turn away. Peter's confession shows true discipleship. He recognizes Jesus as the Holy One of God and chooses to stay. This teaches us the importance of faith and commitment, even when the path is hard.

**ORGANIZATIONS**

**ST. ANN**

**Council Chairpersons:** Leonard Baker  
**Ladies Organizations:** Leslie Durham  
**Youth Groups:** Sarah Sminkey  
**Music Director:** Mary Kilgore  
**Altar Servers:** Mary Cunningham  
**Comm Ministers/Lectors:** Anne Biles  
**Greeter:** Jose Flores  
**Ushers:** Mark Lutonsky  
**OCIA:** Dcn. Tom Biles  
**Confirmation:**  
**Marriage Preparation:** Anne Biles  
**Religious Education:** Sarah Sminkey  
**Safe Environment:** Sherri Wooldridge  
**Sacristan:** Amber Brown

**OUR LADY'S**

Eddie King  
 Anita Huitt  
 Helen Mansel/Monica Mindemann  
 Susan Milam  
 Jeff Milam  
 Monica Mindemann  
  
 Dcn. Tom Biles  
  
 Anne Biles  
 Mallory Geiger/Janet Hanza  
 Sherri Wooldridge  
 Judy Milam

**MOTHER OF SORROWS**

Dennis Porter  
 Patricia Shafer  
 Mike Farrell  
 Betty Bercik  
 Mike Farrell  
 Barbara Harris  
  
 Dcn. Tom Biles  
 Mike Farrell  
 Anne Biles  
 Betty Bercik  
 Sherri Wooldridge  
 Dennis Porter