

# 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: 6:30pm, St. Ann  
 Thursday: 9:15am, Our Lady  
 Friday: 9:15am, St. Ann

### Adoration Times:

First Friday: 9:45am—10:45am, St. Ann

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2024

Rev. Linh Bui, Pastor  
 Deacon Tom Biles  
 Karen Jacobi, Secretary  
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Fr. Linh's email: [pauillinhbui@yahoo.com](mailto:pauillinhbui@yahoo.com)

Deacon Tom's email: [abiles1967@gmail.com](mailto: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

### Coffee and Donuts at St. Ann's

The Daughters of St. Ann will be serving coffee and donuts today, December 1, after Mass in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited.

### First Friday Mass and Adoration

December 6, 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.

### OLPH Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 8, immediately after Mass, in the Parish Hall. The meat will be provided. You will be contacted on what side dish to bring. Please come and enjoy good food and fellowship!

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Holy Day of Obligation.

Monday, December 9:

9:00am, Mother of Sorrows, Apache

5:30pm, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sterling

7:00pm, St. Ann, Elgin

**The Church is a House of Prayer. Please arrive and leave quietly, out of respect for those who are praying. Your cooperation is most appreciated.**

### Confession Times during Advent (or by appointment)

#### Mother of Sorrows:

Tuesday: 4:00-4:30pm and Saturday: 4:30-5:00pm

#### St. Ann:

Wednesday: 6:00-6:30pm and Friday: 8:45-9:15am

#### Our Lady of Perpetual Help:

Thursday: 8:45-9:15am and Sunday: 11:30am-12:00pm

### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve

5:00pm, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sterling  
 7:00pm, St. Ann, Elgin

#### Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day

8:30am, Mother of Sorrows, Apache  
 10:30am, St. Ann, Elgin

### St. Ann Christmas Eve Reception

Following the 7:00pm Vigil Mass, there will be a reception in the hall. Please bring Christmas treats to share with everyone!

### Tri-Parish Offertory (11/18-11/24/2024)

	OLPH	St. Ann	MOS
Regular Building	\$1,156.00	N/A	\$498.00
Insurance	\$50.00		
Mass Int.	\$10.00		

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

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

Margie Flores, Jon Leonard, Jenifer Moore, Britni Billingsley, Mileena Zafra, Clarice Telford, Penny Moore, Patricia Bread, 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 December 1, 2024**

**Saturday, November 30**

5:00pm, AP †Anna Vu Thi Hoa Mai by Nguyen & Giang

**Sunday, December 1**

8:30am, EL †Pat & Roberta Cunningham  
By The Biles & Cunningham Family  
10:30am, ST †Souls of family by Mrs. Chi

**Tuesday, December 3**

4:30pm, AP †Maria Hoang Thi La by Hat Bach and Tien Bach

**Wednesday, December 4**

6:30pm, EL †Hung & Trang Nguyen by Mrs. Minh Ha

**Thursday, December 5**

9:15am, ST †John the Baptist by Chi Anh

**First Friday Mass and Adoration, December 6**

9:15am, EL †Joseph Thanh by The Bui Family

**Saturday, December 7**

5:00pm, AP †Marion Capuccio by Elena Capuccio

**Sunday, December 8**

8:30am, EL †Herman Lenhardt Jr by The Lutonsky Family  
10:30am, ST †Ruth Duesman by Lawrence Duesman

**Trusting in God's Promises**

In the first reading, Jeremiah speaks about God's promise to bring forth a righteous branch from David's line. This branch represents Jesus, who brings justice and righteousness. This promise shows us that God is faithful and keeps His word. Even in difficult times, we can trust that God is working for our good. His promises give us strength and courage. When we feel uncertain or afraid, we can remember that God has a plan for us, just as He did for the people in Jeremiah's time. Jesus tells us to stand up and lift our heads because our redemption is near. We should not be afraid but trust that God will fulfill His promises. Jesus will return, and we need to be ready. As we begin Advent, let's focus on trusting in God's promises. By trusting in God's promises, we can prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus and find peace in His faithfulness.

**Growing in Love and Holiness**

In the second reading, Paul prays for the Thessalonians to increase in love and to live in holiness. This message is important as we begin Advent. We are called to love more and live better lives. Paul's prayer reminds us to focus on our relationships. Increasing in love means caring for others, helping those in need, and showing kindness. These actions reflect God's love in our lives. By loving more, we prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming. Living in holiness means following God's teachings. It means avoiding sin and striving to do what is right. Paul urges us to live in ways that please God. This can be challenging, but it is important for our spiritual growth. Holiness helps us to be ready for Jesus. As we start Advent, we are encouraged to examine our lives. Are we growing in love? Are we living in holiness? By focusing on these themes, we can prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus and deepen our faith.

**Watchfulness and Prayer**

Jesus warns about signs in the sun, moon, and stars. These signs can seem scary, but Jesus tells us not to be afraid. Instead, we should stand tall because our redemption is near. This teaches us to be ready for Jesus' return. Being watchful means staying alert and paying attention to how we live. We should avoid things that distract us from God. Instead, we should focus on prayer and good deeds. Jesus calls us to live in a way that pleases God. This makes us ready for His coming. Jesus urges us to pray for strength to face challenges. Prayer helps us stay connected to God and strong in our faith. It reminds us that we need God's help every day. By praying, we grow closer to Him and prepare our hearts for Jesus' return. Are we living in a way that honors God? Are we watchful and prayerful? By focusing on these themes, we can prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus and grow in our faith.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16, Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14, 1 Thes 3:12-4:2, Lk 21:25-28, 34-36  
Monday: Is 2:1-5, Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10, Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17, Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6, Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24, Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14, Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26, Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:35-10:1,

**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:** Sarah Sminkey  
**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  
Sarah Sminkey  
Anne Biles  
Mallory Geiger/Janet Hanza  
Sherri Wooldridge  
Judy Milam

**MOTHER OF SORROWS**

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