



## Fab Friday - December 29, 2023

LET'S LOOK FORWARD TO 2024



Well, here we are at the end of a very interesting year. There is a lot to look back at, both to celebrate and to commiserate. But that isn't what I want to talk about here.

I found just what I wanted to say when I found the above photo on the *Times of India* website. Here's what I found:

"Happy New Year! 2024 - The New Year - comes with new energy and new perspectives. As we leap into 2024, new beginnings await to spread joy in our lives. As the clock strikes 12 on the 31st of December, the onset of the New Year promises a bright future. New Year's Eve symbolizes forgetting chapters of the past and getting ready to witness a brand new start."

That's just how I feel. The angst, anger and confusion of the past year has turned many lives upside down, no doubt. We all have our opinions about the current situations in our country and the world that need our attention. Sometimes we agree, often we don't. But one thing is for sure - we must set those things aside and remember how we love one another - our family, our church and, yes, even work.

If I made New Year resolutions, I would resolve to keep an open mind, listen carefully to what is being said by those I love, and take time to ponder those thoughts before I respond. I am always quick to respond right off the top of my head and that isn't the best way to react. So, I'm a gonna try!

**PLEASE NOTE:** I am going to have knee replacement surgery on January 4 (please hold me in your prayers) and will be at home recovering most of the month. **The office, for the most**

**part, will be closed for the month.** For the first few days, I will be totally unavailable. After a week or so, I plan to be checking emails and phone messages. If, at any time, you need an answer quickly, please send an email to Fr. Nate at [ndcarr@email.com](mailto:ndcarr@email.com). If there is a facility maintenance need, please contact J Michael Grissom by text. His phone number can be found in the church directory.

Today will be the last Fab Friday until probably Friday, January 19. If you have announcements that need to be made before then, you can contact Pat R or Lisa C to ask that they post your information on the [Friends of St. John's FB page](#). Please listen carefully to Fr. Nate's announcements on Sunday's so that you don't miss something important.

Also, you will NOT receive a weekly email with the bulletin. HOWEVER, you can refer to our [list of bulletins](#) on our website, click on the week of choice, and your bulletin will be available to you. OR go to our website at [stjohnsokc.org](http://stjohnsokc.org), click on "Resources" on the top menu and click on "Service Bulletins" in the drop-down menu.

Should any of this information change as my recovery unfolds, you will be the first to know!

Here is your [bulletin](#) for this Sunday.

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love in 2024 to you!

I'll miss you ALL!  
Nancy

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This Epiphany Calendar lists all Sunday and Weekday services through Epiphany. Keep in mind that this is subject to change and all changes will be announced somewhere at some time.

In addition to the services listed, remember that we also have Evening Prayer the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.



## Epiphany Calendar

Feast of the Holy Name	Mon - Jan 1 - 5:30
First Wednesday Eucharist	Wed - Jan 3 - 5:30
The Epiphany	Sat - Jan 6 - Noon
First Sunday after Epiphany	Sun - Jan 7 - 10:15
Second Sunday after Epiphany	Sun - Jan 14 - 10:15
Confession of St. Peter - Eucharist	Thur - Jan 18 - 5:30
Third Sunday after Epiphany	Sun - Jan 21 - 10:15
Conversion of St. Paul - Eucharist	Thur - Jan 25 - 5:30
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	Sun - Jan 28 - 10:15
Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple - Eucharist	Fri - Feb 2 - 5:30
Fifth Sunday of Epiphany - Acolyte Sunday	Sun - Feb 4 - 10:15
First Wednesday Eucharist	Wed - Jan 7 - 5:30
Last Sunday of Epiphany	Sun - Feb 11 - 10:15

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### Sunday School News Update

With the exception of the adult forum, Sunday School reconvenes next Sunday, January 14. **The adult forum starts on January 7, to begin their study of Mark.**

The adult forum will study the Season of Epiphany from Sunday, January 7 to February 11. The class is based on Lectionary Year B, the Gospel of Mark. Steve Orwig and Fr. Willie will teach the class once again.

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**REMINDER – a St. John's team is volunteering for the Regional Food Bank on Monday, Jan. 15, Martin Luther Day!** Our shift is 9:30 - noon. Children as young as 8 can attend. If you signed up for this day, please be reminded that **the door to volunteer area is at the far end of the food bank** and has its own entrance. **Please be EARLY** as the door is locked at 9:30 and there is no mode of communication with food bank staff.

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It's time to start donating to **Teachers' Toolbox** again. As they begin their new year, they are in need of **Crayons, Crayola Markers, Expo Markers (dry erase) and glue sticks**. There is a bin in the Narthex ready for your donations. Thank you for all you do for our local students!

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### **Cookies, Bars, Cakes, Breads, and Scones, Oh My!**

Help us raise money for a new adult-size changing table for St. John's Church. As our congregation grows, we want to be ready to welcome people of all ages and abilities. This is an important addition to our church to make this goal possible.

Bring your favorite sweet treat to sell at our Sunday bake sale and help us with this project.

