



St. John's
Episcopal Church
Oklahoma City, OK

Fab Friday - April 5, 2024



What a beautiful Holy Week and Easter Day we had at St. John's last week. There is so much going on that it is hard to participate in all of the services leading up to the Sunday of Resurrection. I hope that you were able to participate in some, if not all, of the services.

On Easter Day we had a record attendance of over 200 people between the two services. That is, a record in these post-Covid days. I loved to see the Nave so full on Sunday - so many visitors, some new and some returning, so many of you that we see every week. The children were a joy, happy and carefree. Those were the days.

Now we find ourselves immersed in the 50 days of Eastertide. Eastertide begins on Easter Sunday (which I always thought was part of Holy Week, though that is not the case) and ends on Whitsunday, otherwise known as the Day of Pentecost. Each Sunday of the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter. The first eight days constitute the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as solemnities of the Lord. Octave is the term applied to the whole period of these eight days, during which certain major feasts came to be observed. Early history tells us that the "eighth day" or *octava dies* was associated with the weekly Christian celebration of the resurrection of Christ every "eighth day", which became a name for Sunday.

The solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on the 40th day of Eastertide (a Thursday). The nine days from the Feast of the Ascension until the Saturday before Pentecost (inclusive) are days of preparation for the Holy Spirit.

Easter tide is a season of joy. The liturgical color is white (and sometimes gold), which is the color designated for feasts and festivals. The Paschal Candle is lit on Easter and on Sundays during Easter tide. Easter tide ends on the Day of Pentecost. The Easter lily, a symbol of the resurrection, traditionally serve as the chancel flowers that decorate the chancel area of churches.

Of course, there is much more to be said about Easter tide. Maybe you will have some time to do a little digging of your own.

Here is the [bulletin for this Sunday](#). The weather will be warm so come to church, if only to see the beauty that is the Memorial Garden in the front of the church. Spring has sprung at St. John's Episcopal Church!

Christ is Risen, He is Risen INDEED!
Nancy

PS: While Fr. Nate is on sabbatical from the Academy, his contact email is nathan@commonplacebooksokc.com.



The poster features a background image of a cathedral dome and a landscape with a cross on a hill. The text is arranged in a white and blue layout. At the top left is the 'Faith Journeys' logo. The main title is 'Join us on a pilgrimage to England & Scotland' with dates 'June 22 - July 3, 2025'. Below that, it says 'Especially designed for St. John's Episcopal Church, Oklahoma City, OK'. A small photo of Rev. Nathan Carr is included, with his name and title 'Pilgrimage Host' below it. At the bottom, it says 'Registration opens soon! More details forthcoming'.

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I hope you will stop and take a look at the bulletin board in the front entry to learn more about our 2025 Pilgrimage. If you think you would like to go, grab one of the [info packets](#) on the table there that will give you a lot of information about the itinerary, cost, hotels, etc. The link for registration will open soon and will be sent out to you at that time. So exciting!!!!



Do you recognize this logo? It is the logo for the Instant Church Directory. What's that, you ask. Well, if you don't know the answer, ask someone at church.

If you want access to the new online church directory, it's as simple as downloading the Instant Church Directory from your app store and creating an "account". Once you have an ID and password, you will be able to find all members and communicants of St John's in seconds.

The directory has photos. If your photo wasn't taken in the Nave last fall, you can still have a photo with the same background. All you need do is contact Jason Pierce (yes, Ron and Priscilla's son) at jason@grandlifeoriginals.com to make an appointment for a photo session at his studio.

Questions: Contact Nancy at stjohnsokc@yahoo.com for full information.

Outreach Ministry





The **27th** annual
**Letter Carriers
Stamp Out Hunger®
Food Drive is on
Saturday, May 11**



Save the Date

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

Saturday, May 11th, 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Warr Acres Post Office
6001 NW 63rd St., Oklahoma City, OK 73133

The Regional Food Bank is excited to partner with the United States Postal Service and the National Association of Letter Carriers for the annual [Stamp Out Hunger](#) drive on Saturday, May 11. This event is the nation's largest single-day food drive in the country, where letter carriers collect non-perishable food donations along their mail routes. The food donated through this drive benefits the Regional Food Bank and its network of partner agencies.

St. John's has been invited to help sort incoming donations as the letter carriers return from their routes.

Children as young as 8 can participate (accompanied by parent or guardian).

Stay tuned for event sign-up and details



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 to help us with this project.