

**St. John's**  
**Episcopal Church**  
Oklahoma City, OK

## **Fab Friday - March 24, 2023**

### EVERYTHING HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S AND MORE THIS WEEK

There is so much happening at St. John's these days that I struggled to get everything in the bulletin for the week. And as I look at the calendar going forward, I don't see that this is going to change anytime soon. It is so cool to have been a witness to the growth in activity here. Nary a day goes by that I don't have the pleasure of the company of visitors/volunteers, tenants and outside visitors to enjoy, laugh with and get things done here in our sacred community. You are all cherished.

St. John's has become such a vibrant community since I began my service 21 months ago. I can hardly believe that it has been almost 2 years - it's true that time flies when you are happy in your job and faith community. I have grown so much and learned from all of you in my time at St. John's. Still so much to learn and many happy moments to look forward to.

Speaking of the bulletin and growing schedules and outreach needs, you will see a change in the layout of the bulletin announcements. For the foreseeable future, you will now find the Prayer List AND the Outreach ministry needs on the inside back cover. On the outside, you will find the flower dedications, birthdays and "calendar" of the events for the upcoming week. I hope that this enables you to find special ways to worship, enjoy and serve at St. John's.

You, of course, should be able to keep up with the calendar in the Fab Friday as well. I enjoy putting this together for you each week and hope that it informs AND inspires participation. See you soon!

The [Sunday Bulletin](#) is available at this link.

Blessings to You!  
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S - WEEK OF MARCH 16

### Weekday and Special Services • Special Events – Church and • Special Events – Outside Groups

#### Sunday, March 26

6:30 Christ & Capital Punishment in Oklahoma:  
An Evening with Sam Heath

#### Wednesday, March 29

5:30 Stations of the Cross

#### Thursday, March 30

7:00 The Piatigorsky Foundation Concert  
Katherine Calcamuggio Donner, mezzo-soprano and  
Carita Pfaltzgratt, piano accompaniment  
**This is a FREE concert – invite your friends to join you!**

#### Friday, March 31

Opening Day Game – OKC Dodgers vs Tacoma Rainiers

#### Saturday, April 1

Game Night for Young Families

**Full information on these events below**

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### ST. JOHN'S PARK - PET ASHES GARDEN

You did it! You stepped up to support the PET ashes garden near the Peace Chapel and Dog Park and, as a result, WE HAVE MET OUR GOAL! Thank you to those who made kind donations towards this peaceful, beautiful addition to our Park.

**Now the work begins** and later this spring we will have a beautiful place for pets to rest after having been so faithful to us over the years.

**This Saturday, March 25, at 10:00 am, join our beautification team for a Workday in the Park at St. John's** as we ready the grounds for our Easter Sunrise Service. Bring your work gloves, rakes, garbage bags, and weed eater or leaf blower.

**REMEMBER, MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!**



Combined Youth & Adult Sunday School  
**Church History—The Reformation**

If you haven't had the opportunity to join the adult forum recently, you are missing great discussions! Led by Steve Orwig, and his sidekick/sub/daughter, Rosemary Rodgers, the discussions can be serious, joyous, inspiring, troubling and certainly you will leave with a lot to think about.

Each week, we are given some questions to guide our discussion. If you have a chance to consider these before the class, great! If you DON'T have a chance to look at these, please come anyway and participate in the discussion, or just listen.

**WEEK FIVE (March 26) - Priesthood of all believers—  
What are some things that priests can do that lay people cannot do?  
Who says?**

## Christ and Capital Punishment in Oklahoma: An Evening with Sam Heath

St. John's will host a panel this Saturday, March 25 and a presentation by Sam Heath on Sunday, March 26, at 6:30 pm each evening. Many of you will recall that Fr. Nate has been an active member of a coalition to look at Christ and Capital Punishment in Oklahoma. Come to see what this is all about! [Click here to RSVP](#) for these events.



We are excited to welcome the Piatigorsky Foundation back to St. John's. As many of you will remember, this concert started coming to St. John's many years ago at the behest of Martha Custer. This was something near and dear to her heart.

Their last concert here was in 2019. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** and plan to attend this **FREE one-hour concert on Thursday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m.** This year's concert features mezzo-soprano Katherine Calcamuggio Donner, accompanied by Carita Pfalzgraff on piano. This should be a lovely way to spend a relaxing Thursday evening.

No reservation needed! Bring your friends or family too.

## The Piatigorsky Foundation

*Great artists...new audiences...where music is going...*



### St. John's Episcopal Church Oklahoma City, OK

Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.



Katherine Calcamuggio Donner  
mezzo-soprano



Carita Pfalzgraff  
piano

A one-hour, intimate and enchanting concert featuring two amazing artists.

Through their musical performance and comprehensive commentaries, you will gain an unparalleled understanding of the classical music pieces and composers. Please come and be inspired by this live concert!

Following the concert, please stay to meet the artists

For information please call St. John's Episcopal Church at 405-943-8548

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Let's go out to the ballgame! All St. John's parishioners, family and friends are invited to **opening night Friday March 31 for our hometown OKC Dodgers vs. Tacoma Rainiers**. We have arranged for a special group deal for St. John's. Reserved seat ticket to game -- Dodgers cap and Braums' meal deal voucher -- for just \$12 per ticket!

Pat Greaves is organizing this evening out at the ballpark. Please, let Nancy or Pat know you want to go (Text or call Pat at 405-574-0204).

RSVPs need no later than Thursday, March 30. **PLAY BALL!**

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**YOUNG FAMILIES - Don't miss this next gathering on April 1. It promises to be rowdy.**







## Maundy Thursday - The Agape Dinner Returns

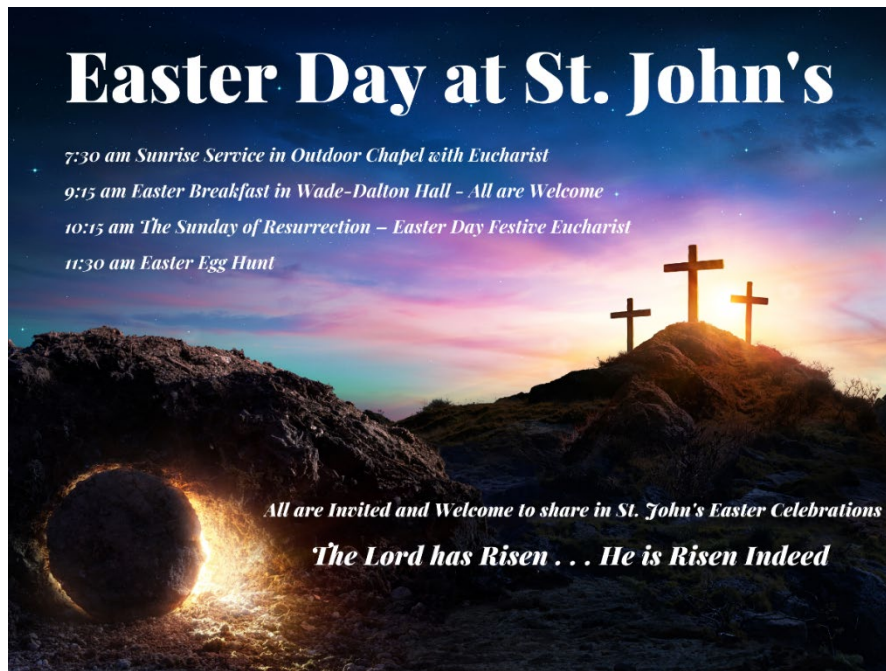
Remember the days when you celebrated an Agape Dinner at St. John's on Maundy Thursdays? We are happy to announce that we are bringing back the **Agape Dinner at 5:30 on Maundy Thursday, leading up to the service at 7:00. Please mark this date on your calendar** before you forget. We know you will want to be here for the food and fellowship on this Holy Thursday.

This event is a potluck, of sorts. We need food items for the dinner. **There are signup sheets in the Narthex for the various items.** The great part - most don't require any cooking!!! **Please sign up THIS SUNDAY for the team putting this meal together.**

The night before he was crucified, Jesus spent several hours in the Garden of Gethsemane in anguished prayer. When his disciples fell asleep, he pled with them to stay away and pray, asking, "Can you not watch with me one hour?"

**Join Jesus at the Altar of Repose following the Maundy Thursday service for one hour of prayer from 8:00 pm Maundy Thursday and until noon on Good Friday.** Sign up for your prayer time on the signup sheet on the buffet in the Narthex.





## St. John's Outreach News and Needs

**CANDY!** We need candy to fill the Easter eggs for the hunt on Easter morning. **Please bring bags full of small candies for the eggs this week!** The families will be filling the eggs at their event on April 1.

**St. James's Food Pantry is in need of cereal.** We are collecting boxes of cereal through Palm Sunday, April 2. Our goal is to collect 50 boxes. There is a bin set up in the Narthex for donations.

**Teacher's Toolbox is in need of** washable Crayola markers and a variety of color copy paper at this time. Our teachers so appreciate your donations.

**Our children celebrating birthdays with Sunbeam Birthday Boxes for April are:** Riley, girl age 3, really needs "jammies" - Frozen, Minnie Mouse or Bluey pajamas; **Dorothy, girl age 2** would enjoy a sensory busy board or Montessori toys; and **Zy, boy age 7**, is a sucker for outdoor sports , legos, (creative and art toys), and super heroes.

**CAIR is going to spend the rest of March and April collecting and distributing spring and summer clothing.** Their most urgent donation needs are **spring and summer clothing for kids ages 4-18**. For girls, they need long-sleeve shirts, pants (jeans, dress pants, leggings), and long dresses. For boys, athletic wear (sweatpants, athletic pants, jeans, T-shirts that are plain or with sports teams logos). Gently used shoes for kids and adults -- everyone loves sandals!

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