



Fab Friday, April 28, 2023

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



Hello and Happy Springtime?

Or is it really springtime? I know that is what the calendar says. I look around me and grass is greening up, flowers are coming to life, budding and blooming, squirrels are romping in the dog park and all the signs of spring are all around. BUT it is still cold and wet, bones and joints still ache, and I am still wearing winter clothes. It's time for warmer weather and summer clothes, am I right?

Spring is also reflected in the life and resurrection of our Lord. With the resurrection, all is made new again. Fresh and vital, growing and flourishing, my spirit sings with joy in this Eastertide. St. John's is a perfect example of this newness of life as reflected in our front garden where a golden cross grows. Have you noticed the beautiful pansy cross planted by Doug T? It's a magnificent symbol of the new life found in the resurrection. Thank you, Doug!

We are blessed at St. John's to have an abundance of talented, giving people who share their talents with the rest of us. Doug's pansy cross is just one example of this. Each of us has something to give and that giving is abundant within these walls. I love to see the volunteers coming in to make our church and grounds sing. Altar and flower guilds, the Dewar kitchen crew, the Walk-Around Crew that keeps us safe, the Archives Team that has cleared out boxes and reams of paper accumulated over many decades, the Hospitality Committee and Daughters of the King, the St. John's Choir, the Beautification Team (aka Cherie T) painting areas that need to be refreshed, the treasurers keep us accountable, the acolytes, the readers, and so on and so on and so on. Thank you all for your faithful service. We appreciate you!

The [bulletin for this Fourth Sunday of Easter](#) is here for your pleasure.

Peace be with you!
Nancy

What's happening at St. John's in May 2023

Please note this week:

Monday, May 1 and the Feast of St. Philip and St. James at 5:30 pm

Wednesday, May 3 and First Wednesday Eucharist at 5:30 pm

Saturday, May 6 and the Daughters of the King Discernment Class at
10:00 am

Sunday, May 7 and the Blessing of the Pet Ashes Garden & Pet Blessing
following Church



ADULT FORMATION CLASS:

“Church History – The Reformation” led by Steve Orwig continues . . .

WEEK EIGHT (April 30) Eucharistic theology in *The Book of Common Prayer*—

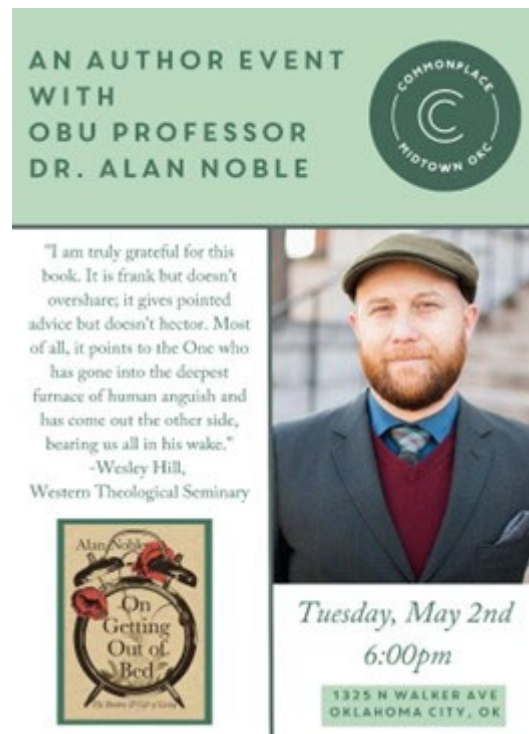
Which of these best describes your view of what happens during Eucharist?

1. **The Bread and Wine are actually (in a mystical and mysterious way) changed into the Body and Blood of Christ.**
2. **During Communion, we remember Christ's saving work for us, but Christ is in Heaven at the Right Hand of God, not in the Bread and Wine we consume.**

We try hard at Commonplace Books to highlight truly special books and special occasions. We think we've found just such a special book in Alan Noble's new book *On Getting Out of Bed: The Burden & Gift of Living*.

What do you do when you just don't feel like getting out of bed? When life feels devoid of color? Whether chronic mental illness or a crushing season of grief, Christians must know *why* they are called to get out of bed every day, even when getting out of bed feels like a Herculean task.


To best honor what he has written, we invited him to do a book signing on Tuesday, May 2nd at 6:00 pm, and we wanted to personally invite our St. John's family and friends to join us. In a world of books, we are happy to share this one with you. ~ Sarah Carr



AN AUTHOR EVENT
WITH
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DR. ALAN NOBLE

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"I am truly grateful for this book. It is frank but doesn't overshare; it gives pointed advice but doesn't hector. Most of all, it points to the One who has gone into the deepest furnace of human anguish and has come out the other side, bearing us all in his wake."
-Wesley Hill,
Western Theological Seminary



On Getting Out of Bed
The Burden & Gift of Living

Tuesday, May 2nd
6:00pm

1325 N WALKER AVE
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK



Daughters of the King Discernment Classes are scheduled to begin **Saturday, May 6, at 10:00 am in the John Ryan Parlor.** All women interested in becoming Daughters of the King are encouraged to participate. **Eight sessions are planned,** led by Nancy Steward and Kathleen Ferguson. Interested? Reach out to Nancy or Kathleen for more information.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Sunday, May 7 at 11:45 am

St. John's will start our ongoing Sunday Pet Blessings on Sunday, May 7, with a Blessing of the Pet Ashes Garden, just completed east of the Peace Chapel. All are invited, with or without pets.



St. John's Outreach News and Needs

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

New St. John's Security Measures:

In light of recent events, the Bishops Committee has been reviewing our safety and security guidelines. **As a safety precaution, a member of Bishop's Committee (BC) will lock the front door of the church after the Sunday service begins.** The BC member will remain near the door, for the duration of the service, to provide access for anyone arriving late for the service. Safety precautions are under review for other services. More to come.

