



St. John's
Episcopal Church
Oklahoma City, OK

Fab Friday - March 15, 2024



In my search to learn more about St Joseph, whose feast day we will celebrate on March 19 at 5:30, I found some interesting similarities and differences between what the Catholics believe and what we, as Episcopalians, believe.

First of all, on the basic level, we know that he was a poor carpenter of the line of King David. We know St Joseph to be the husband of Mary and the father (or "foster father" according to Catholic tradition) of Jesus.

There is no reference to Joseph after Jesus's experience in the Temple at age twelve. Because of the silence of the gospels, and because Jesus entrusted Mary to the care of John, it is generally believed that Joseph died a natural death after the visit to Jerusalem, but before the baptism of Jesus when he was thirty. This is, however, speculation and one of the many things we do not know about St Joseph.

So, what do we really know? Everything we know about St Joseph comes from Scripture; we have no words spoken by Joseph recorded there. For example, scripture tells us Joseph was faced with an awkward situation when he learned that his betrothed wife was pregnant, and he knew he was not the father. He made plans to divorce her quietly, but when an angel of God came to him in a dream and revealed God's plans for him, Joseph took Mary as his wife without further hesitation. He traveled with Mary to Bethlehem and saw that the religious obligations were met through the circumcision of the child and the purification of the mother.

The stories of his life, upon reflection, reveal much. From Scripture we can see that St Joseph was a righteous man who demonstrated the virtues of compassion, courage, faith, and love of Jesus and Mary, to name a few. We know that Joseph embraced Jesus as his own son and loved him dearly. He was a man of great faith and obedience to God. In the Catholic tradition, Joseph is considered the patron saint of fathers and families while the Episcopalians regard him as the patron saint of the working person.

In the end, we still have many unanswered questions about St. Joseph. There is much left to learn that will only be revealed in heaven. That's what faith is all about.

Here is your [bulletin](#) for this coming Sunday service. Fr. Nate will be back from his sojourn to Italy this Sunday.

Enjoy your weekend!
Nancy

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

Remaining Wednesday Evening Lenten Services

Wednesday, March 20 – 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, March 27 – 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross



Sundays in Lent

Sunday - Feb 18 - The Great Litany

Sunday - Feb 25 - Decalogue

Sunday - March 3 - Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday - March 10 - Laetare Sunday -
Rose Sunday

Time Change, Spring Forward

Sunday - March 17 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday - March 24 - Sunday of the Passion
Palm Sunday

Sunday - March 31 - **The Sunday of Resurrection**

7:30 am Sunrise Service, Outdoor Chapel, Rite I

9:15 am Easter Breakfast in Wade-Dalton Hall

10:15 am Easter Mass, Rite II



Weekday Services and Events

LENT

Tuesday, Feb 13 - Shrove Tuesday - 6:30 PM

Wednesday - Feb 14 - Ash Wednesday Eucharist - 7:00 PM

Wednesday, Feb 21 - Stations of the Cross at 5:30 with
potluck and program at 6:00

Saturday - Feb 24 - Feast of St Mathias Evening Eucharist -
5:30 PM

Wednesday, Feb 28 - Stations of the Cross at 5:30 with
potluck and program at 6:00

Wednesday - March 6 - Stations of the Cross at 5:30 with
potluck and program at 6:00

Wednesday - March 13 - Stations of the Cross at 5:30

Tuesday, March 19 - Feast of St. Joseph at 5:30 PM

Wednesday - March 20 - Stations of the Cross at 5:30

Wednesday - March 27 - Stations of the Cross at 5:30



Maundy Thursday

5:30 Agape Meal with Foot Washing
7:00 Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar



Last year, we brought back the Maundy Thursday Agape Dinner and we will continue that tradition this year as well. Please note that there will be signup sheets in the Narthex for the various food items needed for this special Agape menu. Included in the service at the meal, we will also have **Mandatum (The Washing of Feet)**. The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, “Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done.”



The Watch at the Altar of Repose Thursday and Friday, March 28 and 29 8:00 pm Thursday – Noon on Good Friday

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 awake to pray, asking, “Can you not watch with me one hour?”

Remembering this, and as an act of devotion, Christians have traditionally kept vigil throughout the night leading from Maundy Thursday into Good Friday.

This vigil is a time to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and to watch and wait while contemplating the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross.

**Sign up in the Narthex for one hour
to watch and wait with Jesus.**



ST JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIMETABLE

You are invited to join us for Holy Week services at our church. Experience the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus through song, prayer, and reflection.

Sunday, March 24

10:15am Palm Sunday - Sunday of the Passion

Wednesday, March 26

5:30pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 27

5:30pm Agape Dinner and Foot Washing

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist

8:00pm to Noon Friday - The Watch at the Altar of Repose

Good Friday

Noon Good Friday Eucharist from Reserved Sacraments

7:00pm Good Friday Eucharist from Reserved Sacraments

Holy Saturday

5:30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

7:30am Sunrise Service in the Outdoor Peace Chapel

9:15am Easter Breakfast in Wade-Dalton Hall

10:15am The Sunday of Resurrection Easter Service

Friends, we need your help donating candy for our Easter egg hunt. Please note that we kindly request **no chocolate** donations. We are asking that all donations be made by Tuesday, March 26, preferably by Palm Sunday, March 24.

See below about what to do with chocolate.



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



CAIR Needs our Help



As part of their continued support of our new Afghan neighbors, the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) is partnering with YMCA again this year to host a Newcomer “Eid ul-Fitr” Festival for the Afghan community, and they need our help. St. John’s has been asked to collect candy donations for the goodie bags that each child will receive at the festival.

“Eid” (rhymes with “feed”) marks the end of the month-long dawn-to-sunset fasting of [Ramadan](#) and is celebrated by [Muslims](#) worldwide.

IMPORTANT: the candies must meet Islamic dietary laws (“halal”), that is, they can’t contain gelatin as gelatin can be derived from pork products. To make it easy, below is a **list of commonly available candies and treats that are halal**. Note that the **listing of brand names is intentional** as not all manufacturers of these items may be halal. Also, candies must be individually wrapped and party-size (not full-size).

Tic-Tacs, Reese’s Peanut Butter Cups, Reese’s Pieces, Reeses’s Peanut Butter Filled Eggs, Regular and Chewy Granola Bars, Nestle chocolates, Butterfingers, caramels, butterscotch, M&M’s (both peanut and plain), Snickers, Three Musketeers, Mars Bars, Twix, Skittles, Hershey bars, Baby Ruth, Kit Kats, York Peppermint Patties, and Cadbury Creme Eggs. **(They like chocolate)**

CAIR will be assembling 500 goodie bags so we will need as much candy as we can get - we can do this! Please place your donations in the designated collection basket in the narthex by Palm Sunday, March 24.

AND - there are volunteer opportunities for this festival as well.

- Saturday March 23, 1:00-4:00pm: Ramadan Day of Service at Regional Food Bank OK. This is an interfaith event and a great opportunity to serve side-by-side with your Muslim brothers and sisters.
 - Signup here by clicking "Get Tickets." <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/cairoklahomanoaddress/event/ramadandayofservice2024/>
- Friday April 5, 9:30am-3:30pm: Assemble 500 Goodie Bags for Eid ul-Fitr, the celebration of the end of fasting after Ramadan. We expect 500 kids to attend this year's Eid ul-Fitr festival that CAIR Oklahoma is co-hosting with the Bethany YMCA.
 - Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EA5A82BA2F5C43-47450591-goodie>

- Saturday April 13, 4:00-8:00pm: Eid ul-Fitr festival for Muslim newcomers at Bethany YMCA. We need 100 volunteers for this event.
 - Sign up here. When you click this link, you'll see all the different volunteer descriptions and, shift times, etc.: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D45AFA92DABFF2-48123008-eidalfitr#/>



Save the Date for April 6 when we will be volunteering for Oklahoma City Beautiful's LitterBlitz. Enjoy a day in the sun with your brothers and sisters of SJEC. To learn more about this opportunity, click here [LitterBlitz](#).

More information about our April 6 day of service will be available soon, as will a sign up sheet in the Narthex.



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.

