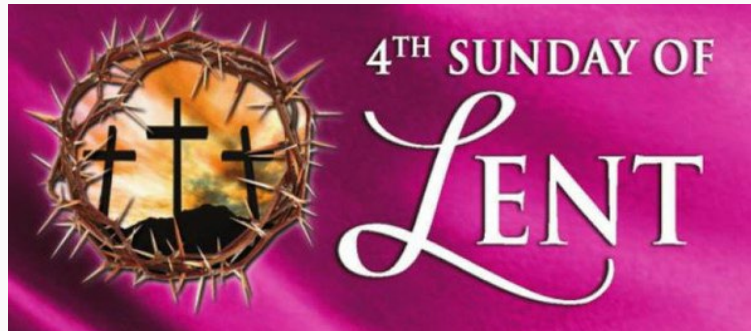


St. John's
Episcopal Church
Oklahoma City, OK

Fab Friday - March 8, 2024



As I was thinking about this coming Sunday, Rose Sunday as we refer to it, it occurred to me that I didn't really know why this particular Sunday in Lent is given this name, allows flowers on the altar and the frontal on the altar is pink instead of purple as usual in Lent. So I went searching and found some interesting information.

Did you know that this coming Sunday is Laetare Sunday? According to the official website of The Episcopal Church, Laetare Sunday is always the fourth Sunday of Lent. The Latin *laetare* is an imperative: "rejoice!". On this day, the church is called to joyful anticipation of the victory to be won. This joyful theme provides lightening from the penitential emphasis of Lent. Since the thirteenth century the celebrant of the eucharist has been permitted to wear rose-colored vestments which express the change of tone in the Lenten observance. Laetare Sunday therefore may be called "Rose Sunday." This custom is not required in the Episcopal Church, but it is observed by some parishes with a traditional Anglo-catholic piety.

There is a lot more history to Laetare Sunday than I have shared here. I encourage you to explore Wikipedia for oodles of information and resources, if you are truly curious.

Here is your [bulletin](#) for this coming Sunday service. Fr. Willie will be our preacher as well as celebrant as Fr. Nate travels to Italy. Come and support our beloved Fr. Willie. I know he will appreciate it.

Much love,
Nancy Jones

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be meeting on Saturday, March 9th in the Parlor at 8:00 am. They need a Donut Volunteer. Please let John Dewar know if you are able to bring the donuts.



The Daughters of the King will meet for the Healing Service and Holy Unction at the Altar Rail, immediately after the church service, to offer healing prayers and intercession for all those who desire. That service is followed by a group meeting in the Parlor.

Remaining Wednesday Evening Lenten Services

Wednesday, March 13 – 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross

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



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





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.ggiv.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.
