

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

## **Fab Friday, April 15, 2023**

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

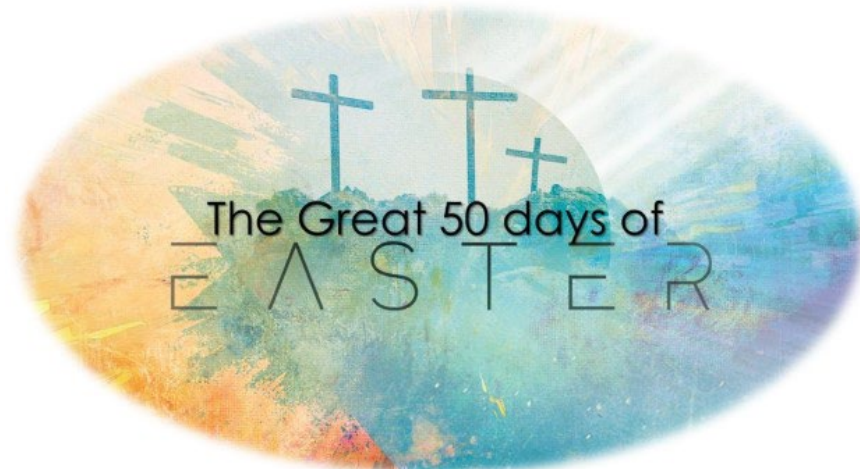
### **Father Nate's message for April and Eastertide**

John Donne, the great Anglican Divine and metaphysical poet, once wrote,

We thinke that Paradise and Calvarie,  
Christ's Crosse and Adams tree, stood in one place;  
Looke Lord, and find both Adams met in me;  
As the first Adams sweat surrounds my face,  
May the last Adams blood my soul embrace.

John Donne, in clear typological fashion, is drawing the most jarring parallel that Scripture could ever offer between the Old and New Testament. It is the jarring parallel of Holy Week. It is this: our father by nature is Adam. And in his first sin, we all fell. But the Gospel, as Donne understands it, is this: there was a second Adam whose name is Jesus, and those who are found in his righteousness are righteous. Those who failed with Adam at the first Tree of Life, may come to his Cross—the everlasting Tree of Life, and be washed in his blood. Those who were banished from the Garden of Eden, may be welcomed to the Garden of his Resurrection. Those who were conceived in sin, can now look to the One who was conceived of a Virgin Mother and a Virgin Tomb so that everlasting and eternal and abundant life might now flow to the chief of sinners. This life—the life between the two worlds—the life between old Adam and the second and last Adam—the life of both sinner and saint—is hallowed and sanctified and made meaningful and precious in the passion of Christ that we venerate during Holy Week.

In His Name . . .



This has been a quiet week at St. John's after all the preparation and celebrations of Holy Week. Gracie and I are resting in the peace that follows Easter, the first day of Eastertide.

Before I go further, please remember that I am still learning much about the Episcopal Church traditions and celebrations - things that I didn't learn in Arizona for all the years I was an Episcopalian there. So as I share information about customs and traditions, it is because I wonder if there are others who are unfamiliar with all the seasons of the liturgical year.

Simply put, Eastertide (also known as Paschaltide) is a festal season in the liturgical year of Christianity that focuses on celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Each Sunday of the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter. Traditionally lasting 40 days to commemorate the time the resurrected Jesus remained on earth before his Ascension, in some western churches Eastertide lasts 50 days to conclude on the day of Pentecost or Whitsunday. The solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on the 40th day of Eastertide, always a Thursday. And there is a lot of history leading up to the current Easter traditions, feasts and celebrations. If you want to know more, google and Wikipedia are your friends.

Here at St. John's, after a few days of rest, the church is beginning to buzz again with activity. The altar guild is busy serving and preparing for the days of Eastertide. The choir is preparing beautiful music and we have some special feast days we will celebrate before Whitsunday on May 28. A calendar of Eastertide services is found below.

Around the church, activities continue to restore the church, clean out the old to make way for the new. Spring is all around us on this beautiful campus. I hope you will take a moment to savor the beautiful, peaceful grounds of St. John's.

Thank you for listening. The [bulletin for this Second Sunday of Easter](#) is here for your pleasure.

Peace be with you!  
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**SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES ON SUNDAY, APRIL 16**

**ADULT FORMATION CLASS:**

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

**WEEK SIX (April 16) Continental Reformations—**

- 1. What was the Catholic (or Counter) Reformation?**
- 2. Who were the Anabaptists?**

*[Note: for questions like these, Wikipedia is a pretty good place to start.]*

For those of you who like to walk, this is your opportunity to Walk for Peace. I love the tagline "Stick with Love." Isn't that what it is all about.

This might be a great time to come together, form a team of walkers, and represent St. John's for this Peace Walk.



# DREAM

## Peace Walk

LEGACY OF PEACE

On the 60th anniversary of Dr King's "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," we are gathering to honor peacemakers who have gone before us and celebrate the youth re-engaging the dream of a world marked by God's beloved community.

*"I HAVE DECIDED TO STICK WITH LOVE. HATE IS TOO GREAT A BURDEN TO BEAR."*

**YOU ARE INVITED**

**What to Expect**

MUSIC  
ART  
PRAYER  
SHARE STORIES

**SUNDAY**  
**APR 16TH**

**4PM START**      **6PM FINISH**  
DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL      BRIDGE IMPACT CENTER (ON MLK AVE)

 **PEACE WALK** FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT [PEACEWALKOK.COM](http://PEACEWALKOK.COM)



## WEEKLY PET BLESSINGS

EVERY SUNDAY AT 11:45 AM  
ST JOHN'S CHURCH DOG PARK  
5401 N BROOKLINE AVE  
BEGINNING SUNDAY, MAY 7

**HAVE YOUR FAITHFUL FRIENDS BLESSED**





St. Francis is in place in the new pet ashes garden that overlooks the chapel and the dog park. Now it is ready for plantings. It's ready just in time to start the weekly Pet Blessings that will take place following the 10:15 service in the dog park. These services will begin on May 7.



## St. John's Outreach News and Needs

**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.

**OOPS** - Contrary to what it says in the Sunday bulletin, Cherie and Midge have already taken the April Sunbeam Birthday Box gifts to the kids. There are no birthdays for May or June. Look for information about July birthdays in May.

## News about CAIR Refugee Resource Center



You're invited to the **CAIR Oklahoma Partnership Celebration on Thursday April 27, 5:00-7:00** with a program from 5:45-6:15. The event will be held in the Wade Dalton Hall and will bring together volunteers and organizations that have been part of the success of the Refugee Resource Center. [Please RSVP](https://cairokpartnercelebration.eventbrite.com) for this open house with light refreshments at <https://cairokpartnercelebration.eventbrite.com>

CAIR's final day of service at the Resource Center is Wednesday April 26. In the meantime, they need extra help in the Resource Center as they prepare to move. They have been receiving roughly 6-8 donations of clothing at a time and **need some extra hands to sort on Mondays and Wednesdays between 11:00 and 4:00**. Anyone who [signs up](#) can specify their availability in the comments box. Sign up at this link: [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ea5a82ba2f5c43-sorting#/](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ea5a82ba2f5c43-sorting#/)



### St. John's Outreach Volunteer Activity Sunday, April 23, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Deacon Lisa is organizing a team for "LitterBlitz" Sunday, April 23.

**When:** Sunday, April 23, 2023, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Delaney Park, 2931 NW 41<sup>st</sup> St (it's west of May Ave and immediately north of the Sam's Club)

**What:** LitterBlitz is promoted by Oklahoma City Beautiful as a way to keep our city clean in a safe and easy way. OKC Beautiful will provide trash bags and gloves, and St. John's volunteers will supply the "sweat equity" needed to pick up trash within the park. Come join us for this fun community event.

**Details:** Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. All ages are welcome ! There is a small parking lot off NW 41<sup>st</sup> St and more street parking along NW 41<sup>st</sup> St. Let's meet by the parking.

**Sign up on the sheet found in the Narthex  
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

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