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We welcome all to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ



The Sermon on the Mount is always an Epiphanytide reading. You'll remember our Lord's opening lines:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The full self-revelation of Jesus to the world, comes with new assessment of the world system:

The grim, cynical old world is now turned on its head. To a money and power-seeking people, he says, blessed are the poor in spirit. To a people drunk on winning and influencing people, he says, blessed are those who mourn and are meek. To a people who despise the hunger of their Roman captivity, he says, blessed are the hungry and thirsty. To a people more concerned with control than mercy, he says, blessed are the merciful. To a people more concerned with popularity and rabble-rousing, he says, blessed are the pure and peacemaker. In other words, the Kingdom of heaven being brought to earth will look nothing like Rome (or precisely America for that matter). In fact, it may look a lot like weakness at first

glance. Marry up with this God through the one Mediator, Jesus Christ, and you'll begin to understand why your humiliation and testing must always come before your exaltation and peace. Putting the world and the flesh and the devil comes with loss. It comes with far greater gain.

Let us lay to heart the demands and joys of charity this Epiphany season. And let it lead us to Lent later this month. Behold: He makes all things new.

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Evening Services and Events for Season of Epiphany

St. John's Church now holds a service each Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm, beginning with the First Wednesday Evening Eucharist (on the first Wednesday of each month), and including Feast Days; and Evening Prayer on all other Wednesdays.

Please review the list below for all dates in the Season of Epiphany through Feb 19, with special attention to the dates/times for weekday services during this season.

NOTE: Please remember that all services and activities are listed on the St. John's OKC "Calendar" (under "Connect") at [Events Calendar | St. John's Oklahoma City \(stjohnsokc.org\)](https://stjohnsokc.org)



Important Dates to Note for February 2023

Plans are still developing for Lent and Easter. Some of those events will begin in late February. Watch your Sunday bulletins and emails for full information going forward. In the meantime, here are some additional events and activities not listed on the above illustration.

Saturday, February 11, 5:30-7:30 pm - "Love Through Service" young families' event - See below

Sunday, February 12 - Deacon Willie will be preaching his first sermon at St. John's

Wednesday, February 22, 5:30 pm - Holy Eucharist, Imposition of Ashes, & Hymns

Friday, February 24 - 5:30 pm - Feast of St. Matthias - evening Eucharist

Sunday, February 26, 9:15 am - Led by Steve Orwig, the youth and adult combined class on "*Church History - The Reformation*" begins. This 12-week program will run until May 28, 2023.

Please watch for further information on these and other events yet to be announced in the weekly Fab Friday announcements.



Recurring Events - Winter Schedule

Second Sunday of Month - following service - Daughters of the King
Healing Service with Holy Unction - Nave

Second Sunday of Month - 11:30 am Daughters of the King Meeting - Parlor

Fourth Sunday of Month - 11:30 am Bishop's Committee Meeting - Parlor

Mondays and Wednesdays - 11:00 to 4:00 CAIR Refugee Resource Center - School Annex

Tuesdays and Thursdays - 9:30 to 3:30 Hickman Music School in session - School Annex

Wednesday Evenings - 5:30 pm Wednesday Eucharists or Evening Prayer Services

Wednesday Evenings - 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thursday Evenings - 6:30 pm Tai Chi

Second Saturday of Month - 8:00 am Brotherhood of St. Andrew - Parlor

Office Hours

Tuesday through Friday - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00

(or by appointment)

(If you have a recurring event that you would like added to this posting,
please contact Nancy at stjohnsokc@yahoo.com or 405-943-8548.)

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 1 – Dominic Adkins
- 2 – Roger Barton
- 3 – Jan Dyer
- 4 – Vivian Dewar
- 5 – Sophia Greenley
- 5 – Nancy Steward
- 6 – Chris Greenley
- 7 – Emily Johnson
- 7 – Ginny Wynn
- 9 – Rosemary Rodgers
- 12 – John Dewar
- 15 – Mickey Hudson
- 16 – Andrew Roberts
- 16 – Truitt Kolb
- 18 – Martha Steward
- 18 – Madison Morgan
- 19 – Patsy Williams
- 27 – Robert Mohrmann

Anniversaries

There aren't any anniversaries in the month of February.

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