

St. John's
Episcopal Church
Oklahoma City, OK

Wacky Wednesday, November 22, 2023

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



I AM GRATEFUL

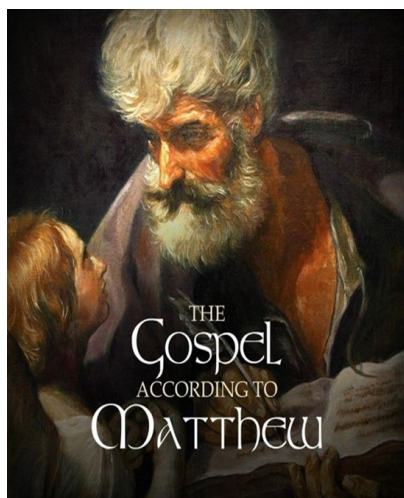
I find myself at a loss for words today. It happens sometimes. Right now, all I can think of is grocery shopping at the last minute, baking and cooking to prepare for a small meal on Thursday. It is going to be a quiet Thanksgiving for us this year as we await the coming of a baby boy, compliments of my nephew and his lovely wife. So, who knows, next time you see me I might be a great aunt (though the due date is December 3).

It's also been a quiet week, a time for contemplation and taking stock of all that I am thankful for. The list is long, and, after family, it starts with you and St. John's Church. My heart overflows with gratitude. And the list goes on and on. So blessed.

Sunday is Ingathering Sunday, the final day for our stewardship campaign and a time that we will say special prayers for all that is given and all that is given away. Beautiful prayers for a special day. If you haven't turned in your pledge, now is the time! If you have, thank you so much!

Here is your [Sunday bulletin](#). We hope to see you on Sunday as we gather to give thanks to the God that watches over us, no matter what!

Peace be with you,
Nancy



Upcoming Adult Forum

Sunday, November 26—Matthew 25, 31-46. (Proper 29). The King of All.

- The Son of Man. (The authority of the Son)
- The Throne
- The Angels
- The Nations
- The Judgment
- The Goat and Sheep.
- Jesus's Disciples: Who are those?

Questions:

- What parts of the description of Jesus's narratives about the Last Judgment impress you the most?
- What would be the reason or the sign that makes *you* part of Jesus' eternal kingdom?
- "It seems completely unexpectedly to make the outcome of the Judgment dependent on love of those who suffer rather than on a commitment to Jesus." (Ulrich Luz). What do you think about Luz's insinuation that you do not need to be a Christian to be part of Jesus' Kingdom?

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 26, following morning worship – Advent Event on front lawn

Thursday, November 30, 5:30 pm -- Feast of St Andrew the Apostle

Evening Prayer – 5:30 Wednesday, Nov 29



For our Christmas outreach project this year, we are again collecting items for distribution at the Food Pantry at St. James Episcopal Church. To help complete 50 holiday meals for their customers, they are in need of:

50 boxed stuffing
50 instant mashed potatoes
50 instant gravy packets

That's a lot, but we can do this! Please look for the collection basket in the narthex. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

The last day to bring donations to St. John's is December 10 for distribution at St. Jame's on December 16.



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 and help us with this project.

St. John's Needs a New Treasurer!

The Bishop's Committee has opened **nominations for a new treasurer (or two)** to serve as the overseer for the finances of the church. It requires a **4-6 hour per week commitment (2-3 if working as partners)**, with some additional hours at the beginning and end of each year. A person with knowledge and experience working with accounts payable and receivables, easy payroll management, and preparation of monthly and annual financial reports is the ideal candidate. There will be training offered with advisors at the ready during the year. **Please talk with Fr. Nate or Ron Pierce if interested in taking on this position, vital in the life of the church.**



A first look at Advent and Epiphany services. Sunday, December 3 is the First Sunday of Advent with the Great Litany in Procession.



*Weekday Services
December and January*

Wednesday, Dec 6	5:30 pm	First Wednesday Eucharist
Wednesday, Dec 13	5:30 pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday, Dec 20	5:30 pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday, Dec 21	5:30 pm	Feast of St Thomas the Apostle
Tuesday, Dec 26	Noon	Feast of St. Stephen
Wednesday, Dec 27	Noon	Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Thursday, Dec 28	Noon	Feast of Holy Innocents
Monday, Jan 1	5:30 pm	Feast of the Holy Name
Wednesday, Jan 2	5:30 pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday, Jan 6	Noon	Epiphany Eucharist
Wednesday, Jan 10	5:30 pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday, Jan 17	5:30 pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday, Jan 24	5:30 pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday, Jan 31	5:30 pm	Evening Prayer
Friday, Feb 2	5:30 pm	Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

Savor the most wonderful time of the year through our intimate evening services this Holy Season.



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Advent and Epiphany Services

Sunday, December 24 – 10:15 am
Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 24 – 10:30 pm
Choral Prelude and Midnight Mass

Monday, December 25 – 10:15 am
Christmas Eucharist

Tuesday, December 26 – 5:30 pm
Feast of St. Stephen

Wednesday, December 27 – 5:30 pm
Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Thursday, December 28 – 5:30 pm
Feast of Holy Innocents

Monday, January 1 – 5:30 pm
Feast of the Holy Name

Saturday, January 6 – 5:30 pm
Feast of the Epiphany

