

# THE EVANGELIST

March 2024



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## LENTEN GREETINGS,

By the time this edition gets into your hands, we will be well into Lent and therefore preparing for the great celebration of Easter. I hope that your Lenten disciplines have been spiritually fruitful. I know that our Lenten Wednesday evening classes have already helped introduce people to the Church's spiritual tradition across the ages. In the spirit of guiding folks through prayer, and in looking towards Holy Week and Easter, I thought it might be helpful to offer a small primer on the importance of each day's liturgical offering in that most Holy of Weeks.



The Rev. David Bumsted, Rector

Holy Weeks begins on Palm Sunday (March 24). On this day, we recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to loud messianic acclamations of the crowds and shouts of praise. Just as in Jesus' day, the "hosannas" quickly turn to the terrible condemnations, "Crucify him!" The fun of our palm procession gives way to Christ's cross and passion, providing worshipers with a sense of the gravity of what Holy Week means.

On Monday and Tuesday (March 25-26), we'll offer Stations of the Cross. This brief but powerful devotion allows the faithful to go on a pilgrimage within the parish, remembering Jesus' last hours. On Wednesday evening (March 27), we enter into the pensive and beautiful prayer service of Tenebrae. The origins of this service are in the monastic hours of prayer, and the chanting of the psalter combined with readings from Scripture and the works of St. Augustine should feel familiar to anyone who has joined us for the Daily Office. The Latin word "Tenebrae" roughly translates into English as "darkness," and by the end of this service, the lights of the church are extinguished to evoke the dark of Jesus' tomb.

On Maundy Thursday (March 28), the Western Churches begin the Paschal Triduum, the Holy Three Days that make up the bulk of Holy Week's observances. Maundy Thursday draws worshipers back to the upper room where Jesus hosted the Last Supper. At this final meal with his disciples, Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist, commanded his followers to love one another, and washed his disciples' feet as a sign of his humility. After we experience all of these things in the context of our liturgy, we prepare for the desolation of Jesus' crucifixion by dramatically stripping the church of any remaining ornamentation.

The following day, Good Friday (March 29), we will observe the day of Jesus' crucifixion on Calvary by gathering for prayer, preaching, and silent reflection at noon. The Solemn Three Hours on Good Friday is a multilayered liturgy, and among my favorite parts of the service is the veneration of the Cross. During this devotion, we present the congregation with a representation of Jesus' rough Roman cross and invite the faithful to make a short veneration in remembrance of Jesus' sufficient sacrifice for the life of the world. Later in the evening, we will offer a shorter version of the Good Friday service in the hopes that the entire congregation can observe the day in worship.

Holy Saturday is liturgically quiet, though it is certainly a busy day as we prepare the parish church for the beauty of the Sunday of the Resurrection! Our Easter Sunday (March 30-31) begins with the Great Vigil of Easter where we light the new fire of the Paschal mystery, hear of God's redeeming work in the Scriptures, and then celebrate the Eucharist for the first time since Maundy Thursday. Of course, the Sunday morning liturgies that follow are aglow in the light of Christ and his Resurrected glory!

I hope you make plans to join us for worship during Holy Week, especially during the Paschal Triduum. I am very much looking forward to being with you this coming Easter! Please keep us and one another in your prayers!

Your brother,

# MUSIC NEWS

## Music at Midday

Free Recitals on Wednesdays at 12 noon

### March 6

Eric Mun, viola da gamba  
Joseph Arndt, harpsichord

### March 13

Mary Ann Stewart, soprano  
Cathy Venable, piano

### March 20

John Rush, flute  
Cathy Venable, piano

We offer boxed lunches from Lambrusco'z Deli. The cost is \$10 per person. To reserve your lunch, email your selection to Amanda Storms (astorms@sjtulsa.org) by noon on the Tuesday before the recital.

The boxed lunches include a full sandwich, chips, a cookie, and a mint. Sandwich options are: Honey Maple Turkey & Provolone, Ham & Cheddar, Roast Beef & Swiss, Chicken salad, Egg salad, or Tuna salad, Pimento Cheese, and Impossible Burger.

## Friday, March 8 at 7 p.m.

### Cantatas of the German Baroque

Edmund Milly, bass baritone, with an ensemble of period instruments

Cynthia Roberts, violin

Chloe Fedor, violin and viola

Eric Mun, viola da gamba

Joseph Arndt, organ

Music of Johann Sebastian Bach, Johann Christoph Bach, Nicolaus Bruhns, and more

Admission is free and open to the public



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# MUSIC AT MIDDAY

Season 9  
Now  
Through March 20



*Joseph Arndt*

## GARDEN & GROUNDS

Spring is beginning to arrive! A garden and grounds workday is scheduled for Saturday, March 16th. If there is inclement weather on the 16th, we will reschedule for Saturday, March 23rd. Stay tuned for more news. If you wish to be on the Garden and Grounds sub-committee, you may contact me at 405-820-1404.

*Mike Reif*

## GARDEN & GROUNDS CLEAN-UP DAY!

SATURDAY, MARCH 16  
AT 9 AM

## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

**Easter Egg Hunt** – Easter is March 31, which means that we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt! Children can expect to find plenty of Easter Eggs on our church grounds after 9 a.m. Easter Service. We will begin by meeting on the Labyrinth, and we will show kids where to go for their egg hunts. Those who find special eggs will have a chance to earn a special prize!

**VBS** – This year's VBS will be July 22-26! Our theme will be exploring the Church Year, in which we will show children Church holidays and why we celebrate them. If you wish to sign up or want more information, email [info@sjtulsa.org](mailto:info@sjtulsa.org) or contact the main office.

**Sunday Morning Formation** – Starting March 10, we will start our Sunday Morning Formation! This class is for Children in PreK through fifth. During this time we will walk Children through Bible stories using our Storymakers Curriculum. We start after the 10 am service, and we look forward to teaching our kids how they are a part of God's story.

**Nursery** – As some of you know, we have changed rooms for the nursery! Our nursery is located in Fox Library. Kids 0 - PreK are welcome to stay there during the 10 a.m. service. The nursery opens at 9 a.m. and is open until the end of service.

**Children's Chapel** – Children's Chapel meets on Sundays at 10 a.m. Parents are welcome to drop off children – PreK through fifth – in Powell Hall before heading in for worship. The children will be led to the Nave to join their families for Communion during the time of the Peace blessing.

**Kids' Night** – Kids' Night is on Wednesdays from 6 - 7:30 pm! During this time, kids will have dinner, study Bible, and play games. This group is for kids in PreK through fifth and meets in Powell Hall. This month, we will enter the Passion narrative in the Gospel of John.

**Youth Group** – We have resumed our normal schedule. We meet every Wednesday from 6-7:30 pm. This includes dinner, Bible study, and some games. This month, we are entering the Passion narrative in the Gospel of John. This group is for teenagers in sixth grade and up and meets in the Youth Room! If you have questions about our teen ministry programs, please email Josh at [jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org](mailto:jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org).

**Acolytes** – Are you or your children interested in helping out during the Sunday services? Then join the Acolytes! Our Acolytes are a group of children, teens, and adults who help in multiple roles throughout the service. Acolytes are allowed to start as early as eight years old! If you are interested, speak to Josh for more information.

*Josh Corsaro*

**Choristers** – As we move forward with Lent and Easter, the Choristers are preparing songs for Easter, and they are so excited to show you what they have learned! Their next offering will be at the 9 am Easter Service. We hope you'll join us!

*Zach Majavette*

### JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

# Easter Egg Hunt

MARCH, 31  
AT 10:15 AM  
See you there!



## ADULT FORMATION AND ACTIVITIES

**Wednesday Evening Formation** - During this season of Lent, our Wednesday evening classes will focus on "How We Pray." A different speaker will lead each class and will cover important aspects of how we pray as Christians.

Sessions in March include:

- Reading Icons with Thom Crowe (March 6)
- Praying With Beads with Carson Webb (March 13)
- Lectio Divina with Fr. David (March 20)

**Sunday Morning Formation** - Our Sunday morning formations are at 9 am in the Common Room. Our parishioner, Dean Luthey, will discuss the Oxford Movement. This five-session Sunday morning class began on February 10 in the Common Room at 9:00. This class will explore how the Oxford Movement in the Church of England beginning in 1833 changed that Church and directly impacted the Episcopal Church in the U.S. today.

**Dead Theologians Society** - Our Dead Theologian Society group meets in two sections, alternating Wednesday mornings at 9:15 am and, on the following week, Thursday evenings at 6:15 pm. We have just started reading St. Augustine's Enchiridion on Faith, Hope, and Love, and now is a great time to join us. If you wish to join, please reach out to Zach Malavolti.

**Iron Gate** - A volunteer crew from our church serves at Iron Gate on the first Saturday of each month. This is a feeding ministry in downtown Tulsa for our neighbors who are experiencing food and housing insecurity. Our team meets at Iron Gate at 8 a.m. and serves until 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you on the first Saturday in March. If you want to sign up to be a part of this, email me at [jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org](mailto:jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org).

**Young Adults** - We are planning to expand our Young Adult offerings! Stay tuned for more information.

## AN INVITATION FROM THE ALTAR GUILD FOR EASTER FLOWERS

Every year the Altar Guild and Flower Committee work hard to decorate the church for Easter. This year the decorating will happen on Saturday, March 30. The transformation is always breathtaking! We rely on contributions from individuals to purchase the Easter lilies, hydrangeas, and other supplies that help make our already beautiful church even more festive.

For your convenience there are envelopes in the pews for flower donations. Please put your envelope in the offering basin or return to the church office.

Checks should be made out to Saint Joh's Church with Easter flowers on the memo line.

All contributions for Easter Flowers are due by Friday, March 22.

# How We Pray



LENT AT SAINT JOHN'S

MARCH 6. 24 - READING ICONS  
WITH THOM CROWE

MARCH 13. 24 - PRAYING WITH BEADS  
WITH DN. CARSON WEBB

MARCH 21. 24 - LECTIO DIVINA  
WITH FR. DAVID



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# The Daily Office

You are invited to join us every weekday  
at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. as we pray.

## HOSPITALITY NEWS

THANK YOU, Hospitality Teams and Ministry Groups, for delicious Sunday Snacks in February. Your generosity in providing excellent snacks every Sunday is so appreciated! THANK YOU!

The Hospitality Team welcomes anyone interested in helping with Sunday Snacks. Our enthusiastic and creative teams bring delicious food to share and create an atmosphere of Christian fellowship and hospitality. We enjoy one another and bond with our shared vision of providing warm hospitality at Saint John's. Want to learn more? Call, text, or email Kathleen Moss: Kathleen.moss@me.com or 918-633-8881.

## EASTER HOSPITALITY

Saint John's will be celebrating Easter on March 31st with three services. Our Hospitality Teams will be spending Easter with their families and friends. We are asking parishioners at Saint John's if they would be willing to provide one or two dozen cookies or cupcakes for all to enjoy on Easter.

Please contact Kathleen Moss: Kathleen.moss@me.com or 918-633-8881 by call or text.

Thank you so much for helping everyone at Saint John's celebrate Easter.

## SUNDAY KIDS TABLE

Kid's table during Sunday snacks

Whitney Moss and Torrey Ross have done an outstanding job of presenting a kids' table once a month after the 10:00 am service. Parents, they welcome your ideas and creativity and help bring fellowship and fun to our very popular kids' table.

Text Whitney Moss at 918-812-8437 and Torrey Ross at 405-550-8439.

## DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The DOK enjoyed learning more about the Book of Esther with Fr. David at their February meeting. The winter coat drive for Patrick Henry Elementary School students was a successful effort. We began planning menus for a Lenten Wednesday Soup Supper and the Sunday food offering on March 3rd. As always, we pray daily for the clergy, staff, and Saint John's Episcopal Church members.

## LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Watch this place for an announcement of a LEV general meeting.

*Sharon Bell*



## Holy Week & the Paschal Triduum

**Holy Monday, March 25**

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm

**Holy Tuesday, March 26**

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm

**Holy Wednesday, March 27**

Tenebrae: A Service of Darkness with Music at 7:00 pm

**Maundy Thursday, March 28**

Maundy Thursday Liturgy at 7:00 pm

**Good Friday, March 29**

Solemn Three Hours from noon to 3:00 pm

The Great Vigil of Easter at 7:00 pm

**Holy Saturday, March 30**

Holy Eucharist at 7:00 pm (With Incense)

**Easter Day, March 31**

The Holy Eucharist (Rite One) at 7:30 am

Festival Eucharist (Rite Two) at 9:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15 am

Festival Eucharist (Rite One) at 11:15 am

Choral Evensong at 5:30 pm

# ST. BARBARA'S GUILD

St. Barbara's Guild is a group of women dedicated to the study of the Bible, service projects, fellowship, and support of each other and St. John's Episcopal Church.

Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at 11:00 AM in the Common Room. Bring a sack lunch and your Bible. Beverages of water and coffee are provided.

Want to learn more about St. Barbara's Guild? Contact:  
Kathleen Moss - 918-633-8881 by phone or text. Join us!

*Kathleen Moss*

Please join us at our meeting on  
March meeting on  
Thursday, March 21st at  
11:00 AM in the Common Room. Father David will continue our study of the Book of Esther.

## LEM

Welcome Spring!! And welcome to the many new people who have joined the LEM team. LEM-Lay Eucharist Ministers. We read the lessons and share the cup in Communion. We also have the opportunity to help at the altar with the preparation for Communion.

Please let us know if that is something you are interested in. We can always use new help. Plus, it is a special way of sharing God's words and Jesus's life. Please let the office and/or me know if this is something you would like to explore. Call or email Diana Carter in the office or me, Lynn Kimmel, 862-202-9874, or Lynnkimmel71@gmail.com. Thank you for being a part of the St. John's family.

*Lynn Kimmel*

## TREASURES REPORT 2023 ACTUAL BUDGET & 2024 PROJECTED BUDGET

Accounts	2023 Actual	2023 Budget	2024 Annual Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
<b>Pledges</b>			
400100 Pledges - Current Year	\$827,807.88	\$840,983.00	\$937,632.00
400120 Pledges - Prior Year	\$7,330.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
400130 PLEDGES - Prepaid	\$176,480.00	\$176,720.00	\$162,368.00
<b>Total Pledges</b>	<b>\$1,011,617.88</b>	<b>\$1,017,703.00</b>	<b>\$1,100,000.00</b>
<b>Contributions &amp; Plate</b>			
400140 Plate	\$23,830.96	\$12,000.00	\$25,000.00
400150 Contributions - Holy Days	\$52,399.69	\$65,000.00	\$50,000.00
400160 Contributions	\$92,526.33	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00
400170 Contribution - Visitor	\$21,268.04	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
<b>Total Contributions &amp; Plate</b>	<b>\$190,025.02</b>	<b>\$232,000.00</b>	<b>\$230,000.00</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>			
400175 Contribution - Discretionary Funds	\$57,457.18	\$146,801.00	\$247,321.00
400180 Building Contribution	\$498.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
400190 Misc. Income	\$1,189.88	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00
400220 Oil & Gas Income	\$2,003.91	\$5,500.00	\$2,000.00
400230 Investment- Reallocated	\$148,000.00	\$204,143.00	\$175,731.00
400240 Outreach - Discretionary Fund	\$38,900.00	\$38,900.00	\$50,800.00
400245 Retention Tax Credit	\$20,160.60	\$15,724.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$268,209.57</b>	<b>\$416,568.00</b>	<b>\$478,352.00</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,469,852.47</b>	<b>\$1,666,271.00</b>	<b>\$1,808,352.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Total Diocesan Assessment	\$217,453.56	\$218,944.00	\$253,056.00
Total Clergy & Admin Staff	\$438,778.65	\$508,976.00	\$597,086.00
Total Office Expense	\$54,170.99	\$71,644.00	\$66,650.00
Total Communications	\$92,908.75	\$111,699.00	\$98,591.00
Total Maintenance	\$289,227.66	\$349,064.00	\$338,917.00
Total Formation	\$110,109.92	\$132,014.00	\$169,021.00
Total Outreach Ministry/ Programs	\$21,815.31	\$30,900.00	\$25,800.00
Total Music Programs	\$255,217.91	\$255,327.00	\$259,231.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,479,682.75</b>	<b>\$1,678,568.00</b>	<b>\$1,808,352.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(\$9,830.28)</b>	<b>(\$12,297.00)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>



**Kitchen renovations are starting in April! Sunday snacks will be simple snacks and coffee only during the construction.**

**Thank you for your patience and understanding.**



*Bill Chevaillier*

# Milestones

## Birthdays

- 1 Arlo DeKraai  
Scampy Rainey  
Jean Tate  
Brock Tylor
- 2 Kalleb Boston  
Randy Spencer
- 3 Brian Tacker
- 4 John Abney  
Grace Coen
- 5 Adam Adwon  
Joshua Cornell  
Lorraine Kaefer  
Susanne Methven
- 6 Dora Barber  
Jaclyn Slattery
- 7 Mark Payton
- 8 Joseph Arndt  
William Gorbet  
Catherine Hoopert
- 9 Jody McIntyre  
Kristin Randall
- 10 Ira Phillips,
- 11 Barbara Lawson
- 12 Karen Dodson
- 13 Sheri Colpitt  
Deborah Tommey
- 14 Janice Cline  
Luke Gambill
- 15 Susie Fisher  
Trish Lyons
- 18 John Shivel
- 19 Katherine Johnson
- 20 Carolyn Ferguson  
Charlotte Gibbons  
Jillian Moore
- 21 Barrett Waller
- 23 Finley Randall
- 24 James Halpin  
Diane Morrow  
Les Veltman
- 25 John Staedke
- 26 Katherine Barlow  
Michaela Blanton
- 27 Paul McDowell  
Nancy Morrison
- 28 Katie Coon  
Katharine Dwyer
- 29 Stacey Clark  
Nancy Hicks  
Imona Omona
- 31 Laura Gubser

### Upcoming Office Closure Dates

**Closing at Noon on Friday, March 29 & Closed on Monday, April 1**

## OUTREACH NEWS

For March, Outreach is focusing on our local schools—Eliot, Edison, and Patrick Henry. Students are in need of snack foods, such as individual-sized macaroni and cheese, Ramen noodles, Goldfish, and trail mix, assorted fruit, or granola bars. Additionally, Edison students are in need. Boys need athletic socks, underwear, and hoodies; girls need leggings, hoodies, underwear, and “no see” socks. Please remember that students appreciate new items.

Again, thank you for all you do for Outreach. Every donation is sincerely appreciated.

*Janice Ingle*



## BSA TROOP 153 NEWS

First, we want to thank all our friends at St. John's for coming out to the annual Chili Cookoff and supporting our troop and crew. We had 28 entries this year, and the chili did not disappoint! We had a great crowd, and it was a fun evening. Thanks for making chili, eating chili, voting for chili, and supporting our scouts! We could never do what we love to do without your continued dedication and support of our troop. We are truly blessed.

We recently held our winter Court of Honor and Eagle Court of Honor, where 110 merit badges and 18 rank advancements were awarded, as well as multiple special awards.

This month, a handful of dedicated scouts earned Camp McClintock's wilderness survival merit badge near Bartlesville. They started the requirements at a troop meeting and completed it by building a fire with alternative means and spending the night in a shelter they built themselves. As we all know, Oklahoma weather can be cantankerous, and it was a pretty cold night in survival shelters, but they were successful! Alternately, this month, we also had a campout with beautiful weather near Oklahoma City. Our scouts and adults visited the National Cowboy and Western Hall of Fame and the Centennial Land Run Monument and enjoyed climbing at The Silos.

In closing, Congratulations to our newest Troop 153 Eagle Scout, Jonas Brown!

*Carolyn Davis*



  
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