

# THE EVANGELIST

APRIL 2025



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## GREETINGS, BELOVED!

In the beginning of Lent this year, I mentioned how delighted I was that people have joined with us as we've sought to broaden our devotional offerings during the season. It's been especially lovely to see more people join us at Morning and Evening Prayer, have new voices join us for Schola prayers on Thursday evenings, and even find their way to noonday devotions on Wednesdays. Among our greatest treasures, this past season was our time with Dr. Garwood Anderson, who joined us for a quiet day at the end of last month. It was, of course, great to be with an old friend. But more than that, it was inspiring to sit at the feet of a devoted teacher of the text of the New Testament as well as a master homilist.



The Rev. David Bumsted, Rector

While Dr. Anderson's session talks were indeed deeply inspiring, I think many of us were particularly moved by his homily during our retreat Eucharist. Dr. Anderson's sermons are always laced with humor and healthy self-deprecation which combine with his deep study of the New Testament to pack quite a bit of exhortational punch. That morning's preaching was no different. He preached on the famous Parable of the Prodigal Son, the final of three similar parables in Luke 15. Dr. Anderson expertly retold the parable, adding helpful and encouraging commentary as he went. But near the end of his sermon, he helped us to reflect on the depths of God's love as Jesus taught his friends and opponents. He helped us to feel more present to the kind of divine love represented by the figure of the father in the parable, who loved both of his sons but wept on the neck of the one who returned from the "death" of dissolution and despair. Many of us were moved by Dr. Anderson's message. I certainly was.

For all the extra offerings that Lent affords, all the extra devotional opportunities that abound in a wonderful parish like ours, Dr. Anderson reminded us that all we do (Lent or otherwise) is founded on God's love poured out for us in Christ. This love moves each of us differently in task or emphasis, but yet draws into union in Jesus and unity together. This love is made most manifest in Jesus' cross and passion for us, his death and resurrection to new life. Dear ones, I pray that this coming Holy Week, you make time to join us for the week's worship so that you can experience the wonders of the Christian liturgical tradition's best enactment of the kind of love Jesus taught us in his parables, teaching, and ministry.

Finally, we have worship all throughout Holy Week, but please be especially mindful of Tenebrae on Holy Wednesday as well as the Paschal Triduum beginning on Maundy Thursday. I'll look forward to seeing you at 7:00 pm starting in Holy Wednesday and throughout the rest of the week! God bless you, and may Christ's richest blessings be with you as we conclude the forty days of Lent and look to the Great Fifty Days of Eastertide!

Your brother,

  
SAINT JOHN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## MUSIC NEWS

April is a busy season for our Music Department. I hope to see you at our many musical offerings before and during Holy Week. There is something I am excited about at each service! Here are some highlights I am most looking forward to. On April 6th, at the 10am service, our choirs will be joined by Lise Glaser, the Principal Oboist of the Tulsa Symphony, to showcase a work by Dr. Michael Bedford which she commissioned. Our Palm Sunday Evensong features a stirring "Crucifixus" setting by early Baroque composer Antonio Lotti. It is written for double choir, and we will be increasing our chorus size for this special music. We are premiering my newest composition, on the familiar Ubi Caritas text, at Maundy Thursday and Hank composed a new Agnus Dei and a Preces set for Easter morning and evening respectively. We hope that you join us for these many special musical offerings! As we move into Eastertide, I am happy to announce the return of our Spring Music at Midday Series. The schedule for the season is listed in this newsletter and features a wonderful variety of musical repertoire. Thank you for your continued support!

*Dr. Zach Malavolti*

## LENT AT SAINT JOHN'S

### Lenten Devotions

#### MONDAY-FRIDAY

MORNING PRAYER - 8:30 AM

EVENING PRAYER - 5:30 PM

#### WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

ROSARY PRAYERS - 12 PM

THE SACRAMENT OF

RECONCILIATION - 12:30 PM

THE HOLY EUCHARIST - 5:30 PM

LENTEN SUPPERS

AND MEDITATIONS - 6:00 PM

#### THURSDAY EVENINGS

SCHOLA SUNG EVENING PRAYER - 5:30 PM

#### FRIDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 5:30 PM

## Searching the Psalter: Wednesday Meditations

APRIL 9 - FINDING SACRED SPACE  
IN THE PSALMS  
LED BY DN. THOM CROWE

SAINT JOHN'S  
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## MUSIC AT MIDDAY



- **APRIL 23** – THE UNIVERSITY OF TULSA CAPPELLA CHAMBER SINGERS – DR. KIM CHILDS, CONDUCTOR
- **APRIL 30** – VICKI SMITH AND CATHY VENABLE – ORGAN AND PIANO DUETS
- **MAY 7** – JEREMIAH TYSON, TENOR SOLOIST
- **MAY 14** – VOICES OF THE VIOL: FEATURING MUSICIANS FROM THE OKLAHOMA BAROQUE ORCHESTRA
- **MAY 21** – JI YON SHIM ANDERSON, CELLO SOLOIST



The University of Tulsa Cappella Chamber Singers

## BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

### Golf Classic

The sponsorship forms and team registration forms for the Brotherhood of St. Andrew's Charity Golf Classic are available in the hallway near the flower room. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code to download the forms.

The golf classic will take place at Battle Creek Golf Club in Broken Arrow on June 7th, 2025.







## HOLY WEEK & THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

**Palm Sunday, April 13**

Holy Eucharist, Rite One at 8 am

Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, Rite Two at 10 am

Choral Evensong at 5:30 pm



**Holy Monday, April 14**

Stations of the Cross at 7 pm

**Holy Tuesday, April 15**

Stations of the Cross at 7 pm

**Holy Wednesday, April 16**

Tenebrae at 7 pm

**Maundy Thursday, April 17**

Maundy Thursday Liturgy at 7 pm

**Good Friday, April 18**

Solemn Three Hours from 12 noon to 3 pm

Good Friday Liturgy at 7 pm

**Holy Saturday, April 19**

The Great Vigil of Easter at 7 pm (with incense)

**Easter Day, April 20**

Said Holy Eucharist at 7:30 am, Rite One

Choral Holy Eucharist at 9 am, Rite Two

Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15 am

Choral Holy Eucharist at 11:15 am, Rite One

Choral Evensong at 5:30 pm





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## OUTREACH


As predicted, March brought in warm weather and with it, you brought in many wonderful products for Edison Middle and High School. The amounts of healthy snacks, underwear, socks, juice, and popcorn and oil were impressive. Thank you so much for your generosity!

April brings us to a local non-profit that we support: Emergency Infant Services. They ask for diapers (sizes 5, 6, 7), wipes, baby wash, diaper cream, and receiving blankets. EIS is in need of specialty formulas, particularly Nutramigen and Enfamil AR. Let's help them as they serve the immediate needs of infants and children through the age of five years.

*Janice Ingle*

### **APRIL OUTREACH**

emergency  
infant  
services



#### **WHAT THEY NEED:**

- Baby Wipes
- Baby Wash
- Diapers sizes: 4, 5, & 6
- Diaper Cream
- Receiving Blankets

## ADULT FORMATION & ACTIVITIES

**Wednesday Evening Potluck:** One of the things we love to provide for our Wednesday evening programs is dinner. We wish to continue this throughout the year, and we are asking for your help. Click on the Potluck Sign-Up link in the Thursday e-news and let us know if you wish to provide and/or donate. Plan for about 10-15 mouths to feed. Thank you for helping us provide the best experience for our families at Saint John's Episcopal Church, and we look forward to continuing in excellence for these programs and more. If you have questions, please reach out to Josh.

**Wednesday Night** -Wednesdays at Saint John's start with the Holy Eucharist at 5:30 pm. This brief yet uplifting service might be just what you need to get through the middle of the week! We encourage you to stay for Fr. David's Bible Study, where we will continue our deep dive into the book of Exodus. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday night!

**Iron Gate** - Our volunteer team gathers at Iron Gate at 8 am and serves until 10:30 am. Iron Gate is a feeding ministry located in downtown Tulsa. Iron Gate aims to provide assistance to our neighbors who are experiencing food and housing insecurity. We would love you to join us on the first Saturday of May. If you're interested in being a part of our team, please send an email to [jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org](mailto:jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org).

**Dead Theologians Society** - The Dead Theologians Society (DTS) meets on Wednesday mornings or Thursday evenings. Currently, we are learning about the life of George Herbert. Follow our E-News to find out which day we will be meeting, and contact Dr. Zach if you have any questions.

**The Rector's Forum** - Dr. Lyons will continue classes on the Old Testament at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings in Powell Hall. These classes will be going through the Prophetic Books. If you wish to join, show up on a Sunday morning!

**Young Adult Events** - We are working on rescheduling our Young Adult Event last month. Details coming soon!

*Josh Corsaro*

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT POTLUCK**

**HELP US PROVIDE MEALS FOR OUR WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS!**

**SIGN-UP FOR A SIDE OR MAIN DISH!**

PROVIDING A MEAL FOR 10-15 PEOPLE

**CONTACT JOSH TO GET INVOLVED!**





## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

**Youth Trip** - From July 6 to July 11, we are planning a youth trip to Dallas! While we are in Dallas, we are partnering with the Church of the Incarnation to assist them in running their children's camp: Camp Rose. This trip is for children entering 6th through 12th grade. If you would like to volunteer or sign up please join us in the downstairs conference room for the info meeting following the 10 am service on April 6.

**Choristers** Our Choristers are meeting on April 2, and April 9 at 5:30 pm to prepare for the Easter Service on April 20. They will have one more service offering for Mother's Day before their summer break.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Following the 9 am Easter Service, we will host an Easter Egg Hunt! Like in previous years, we will meet on the Labyrinth, separate into age groups, and go off to our egg hunt locations! If you would like to donate candy or Easter eggs toward this, please reach out to the main office or Josh.

**VBS:** This year, VBS will be July 21-25 for kids 4 years old and up! If you want to register your children, don't hesitate to get in touch with Josh or the main office. We look forward to another great summer session!

**Youth Group and Kids' Night** meets on Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 pm. We will have dinner, Bible study, and games/activities. Our Youth Group will start studying the Ruth, while our Kids' Night will start reading about Creation. We will not meet on March 19.

**Sunday Formation** follows the 10 am service and goes through noon. This month we are looking at The Ten Commandments. Feel free to let your children grab a snack from the Common Room as they make their way to the basement!

**Calling all Acolytes!** If you or your child are considering being an acolyte, please feel free to join! Children can become acolytes as early as 8 years old. If you have any questions please reach out to David Stibbs at [dstibbs@sjtulsa.org](mailto:dstibbs@sjtulsa.org).

**Join us for Nursery Care every Sunday!** Our wonderful nursery team can't wait to welcome your little ones, ages 0 to 4, starting at 9 am.

**Children's Chapel** is for PreK through 5th graders and meets on Sundays at 10 am. Join the fun - we can't wait to see you there!

*Josh Corsaro*

### Youth Trip

#### July 6th - 11th

Contact Joshua Corsaro for more info or to sign up!



*Join us for a meeting following the 10 am service on March 30.*



# JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL Easter Egg Hunt!

## APRIL 20TH

### AFTER THE 9 AM SERVICE.

## See you there!





## PRAYERS & SQUARES

The Prayers & Squares quilt ministry is excited to share our new "Prayer Square," a small (8-12 inch) quilted square for urgent needs or when a larger quilt isn't suitable. Like our full-size quilts, knots and prayers are included.

Fr. David, Fr. Carson, and Deacon Thom have Prayer Squares available for blessing and distribution. You can also request a full-size prayer quilt for someone facing medical challenges.

### Prayer Quilt Guidelines:

1. It's not about the quilts; it's all about the prayers.
2. The recipient must agree to receive their quilt along with the prayers that accompany it.
3. We do not accept any payment for quilts. Quilts cannot be purchased; however, our ministry is always grateful for donations of cotton fabric, worsted-weight yarn, or financial contributions.

To request a quilt, email [Landrum.peggy@yahoo.com](mailto:Landrum.peggy@yahoo.com) or contact a P&S team member. Please include details to help us select a fitting quilt and share the request in the Sunday bulletin. *Peggy Landrum*



## HOSPITALITY NEWS

Our Hospitality Team Vision - To provide a space of fellowship and delicious food that nourishes the body and spirit through Christian love and generosity.

Spring is here, and the joy of Easter beckons. St. John's Episcopal Church will once again share the delightful tradition of Easter cookies following each service. Hospitality teams and supporters will provide sweet treats. It is estimated that 34 dozen cookies will be needed! Please join us by bringing two dozen cookies to share in the days before, or on Easter Sunday. Store-bought, or home-baked, your help will be greatly appreciated. Please include your name so the Hospitality teams may thank you for supporting us.

Hospitality is comprised of and supported by volunteers. Please prayerfully consider sharing your time, talent, recipes, and donations of basic ingredients for meals. There is room for everyone interested in participating. The number of parishioners and guests being served is growing, and we are excited to see that! Text 918-812-3169 to get started. *Gail Dodson*



## GIFT & BOOKSTORE



Hop into Saint John's Gift & Bookstore for all of your Spring gifts! We have tons of NEW items!

All children's items are 15% off in April which is a perfect time to shop for Easter, baptisms, brunches, birthdays, etc...

See you every Sunday from 11-12:30!

*Whitney Moss*

## 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 Saint John's Episcopal Church.

**Join us on April 17th at 11:00 am for Bible Study. Bring a sack lunch, and we will have fellowship followed by our Pew Partners Service Project.**

Meetings are 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 at 918-633-8881 by phone or text. **Join us!**

*Kathleen Moss*





## Milestones

### April Birthdays

- 1 Whitney Moss
- 2 Laura Burgess  
Janice Chevaillier  
David Nierenberg  
Lawson Prather  
Clint Rataczak  
Sheryl Smith
- 4 Dena Nowotny  
Aidan Pohl
- 5 Riley Lawson
- 6 Ralph Brown  
Sarah Hesterlee
- 7 Mindy Cox
- 8 Matthew Barlow
- 9 James Turner  
Michael Turner
- 10 Marguerite Chapman  
David Merifield
- 12 Jane Romine
- 14 Elizabeth Brown  
Kathy Cole  
Pam Diaz  
Pete Eichenberger  
Bill Wheeler
- 15 Jenna Slattery Layton  
Tom Wilson
- 16 Ellie Estes  
Dian Peacock
- 17 Allison Warning
- 19 Carey Baker  
Rick Garren  
Caren Lawrence
- 20 Anne Cleveland  
Truman Prather
- 21 Ben Lawson
- 23 Robert Baker, III  
Otis Houston-Gilley  
Hazel Pavlik  
Chase Smith
- 24 Kay Garland  
Dee Maguire
- 25 Tom Owens  
Ed Rigney
- 26 Adelaide Aurora  
Sharon Bell
- 27 Virginia Monk
- 28 Elaine Burkhardt
- 29 Kay Young
- 30 Jim Hicks



## BSA TROOP 153 NEWS

Troop 153 has been busy! Our scouts have been helping some area cub scout packs with pinewood derbies and crossover ceremonies. This is a great way to recruit young scouts and also to give back to the community. We've also done some in house leadership training and team building. We recently held our early spring court of honor at Saint John's to recognize the hard work and determination of many of our scouts. We awarded 64 merit badges and 16 rank advancements including 3 Eagle Scout ranks. We also handed out several special awards including leadership and service awards.

Some of our older scouts were honored to participate in a Leadership Award Luncheon honoring outstanding Eagle Scouts, including our own Darton Zink. Our scouts provided the flag ceremony and enjoyed the keynote speaker, The Honorable Rex Tillerson, Former US Secretary of State and Eagle Scout.

We have also managed to squeeze in some fun! Our Venture Crew recently had a great time at Silver Dollar City on opening weekend while a group of younger scouts got to experience backpacking at Devil's Den State Park.

Last but certainly not least, we have 3 new Eagle Scouts to announce this month! Congratulations to Gideon O'Dell, Nathan Malloy, and Teddy Green! Well done gentlemen!

*Carolyn Davis*







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## SACRED MUSIC

Featured Anthem  
by Dr. Michael Bedford  
commissioned by  
guest artist Lise Glaser.  
On April 6 at the  
10 am Holy Eucharist.



## New Date! Grounds Clean-up Day

Saturday, April 12th  
9 am to 1 pm

