

# The Evangelist

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**A Newsletter  
for Saint John's  
Episcopal Church  
Friends & Families**

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## *Christ is Risen, Beloved!*

I pray you are having a joyful Eastertide! Holy Week and Easter around here was a magnificent, even transformative time. The liturgies throughout the week are so filled with spiritual and theological depth, and I'm so glad to have had so many come to enjoy Easter Sunday with us. It was truly a reminder of the joy of Christ's new life of the Resurrection, especially when we recall the more subdued celebrations of the recent past.

One of the great delights of Easter is that like Jesus and his tomb, Easter is not confined to one Sunday! In fact, we have a Great Fifty Days to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. You will notice that theme highlighted many ways throughout our weekly worship, but I also want to point you towards two especially exciting aspects of our life at Saint John's this Eastertide.

On Sunday, May 22, we will offer a Rogation Day Evensong. Now, observing Rogation Days is a very old practice among the Western churches. To summarize, Rogation Days are meant to be a time wherein the faithful ask for God's blessing upon the produce and industry of a parish. It was also a time where the churches would make a procession around the bounds of the parish in order to ask for God's continued blessing over the ministry inside and outside the walls. For our Rogation Sunday offering, we will offer Evensong as usual at 5:30pm, make a short procession around the parish grounds, and return to the common room to enjoy a tasting of one of Tulsa's most beloved products, craft beer from Marshall Brewing. One of their wonderful brewers will be among us to tell us their story! I hope you'll join us that evening.

The Thursday following on the Feast of the Ascension, we will offer the Holy Eucharist together at 6 p.m. On this day, we remember Jesus' ascension to the right hand of the Father. I have always found this day, and indeed the Ascension in general, to be particularly encouraging as it is a reminder that Jesus is always praying for us, even if we have trouble following suit. After we worship, I'd love for you to join us for dinner and fellowship in the common room!

And of course, there are so many wonderful things to enjoy at Saint John's this Eastertide – from a men's retreat the first weekend of May, to a lady's luncheon, and the Spring Assembly of the Daughters of the King, and more besides. There are plenty of ways for you to come be a part of Resurrection joy here at St. John's! See you at Church!

Your servant,



The Rev. David Bumsted, Rector

# From Our Senior Warden

Happy Spring!



Here at Saint John's, we continue the days of Eastertide. Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who contributed their time and talent to make our Holy Week so meaningful, full, contemplative, beautiful and finally joyous. We are seeing more new and returning folks in our pews, and that is a very good thing.

And now, May! Such a jam-packed month. A frenzy of end-of-school projects and activities, plenty to do outdoors punctuated by weekly weather excitement, and summertime preparations. We celebrate our graduates. We honor those who have died while serving in the armed forces.

On the second Sunday, we take time to celebrate motherhood and the influence that mothers have on modern-day society. The founding of Mother's Day is attributed to a Philadelphia woman named Anna Jarvis, who wanted to honor motherhood and family life and started the observance in 1908. Jarvis was the tenth child born to her parents and the first to survive infancy. Even though she never married or became a mother, she committed most of her time to the establishment of Mother's Day, and it was made a national holiday by President Wilson in 1914.

Blessings to all of us as we remember mothers and recognize the role of motherhood in our lives.

*- Susan Walker*

Do you have questions about the business or outreach of Saint John's Church?

Want to volunteer? If so, we'd love for you to contact Father David or a member of the church Vestry!

## THE VESTRY OF SAINT JOHN'S

Senior Warden	Susan Walker
Junior Warden	Marc McCaw
Clerk	Hillary Cinocca
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Chancellor	Jeff Baum
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Chris Barber	Elizabeth Osburn
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Susan Lyons	Peggy Schroedter
Bard Moss	Trent Shores
Charlie Nutter	Kristine Taylor
Imona Omole	Barrett Waller



## Giving by Smartphone

Making a donation to Saint John's is easy, even on those days when you don't have cash in your wallet, forgot to write a check, or simply want to give fast by phone, but also get a receipt. To donate by scan, hover your smartphone over this QR code and follow the easy instructions.

Ladies of Saint John's Church ~

## Come Celebrate with Us at our 2022 Spring Luncheon!

Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. in the Common Room

*Bring a favorite salad to share*

RSVP for lunch (& make a nursery request) to Kathleen Moss  
Hosted by St. Barbara's Guild

## Fun & Service on Tap for All...

### Moms and Mimosas for Mother's Day!

On May 8 Saint John's will have a special treat in the Common Room to recognize the important moms and mom-figures in our parish life. Join us after the 10 a.m. service for "Moms and Mimosas!" featuring summery libations and lite snacks.

### Rogation Sunday and Beer Tasting

Our celebration of Rogation Day will include a procession and Choral Evensong on Sunday, May 22, at 5:30 p.m. This service will be followed by a reception and beer tasting. We give an advance shout out to Eric Marshall of Marshall Brewing for helping make this fun post-worship event possible!



Procession & Choral Evensong May 22 at 5:30 p.m.  
Reception & Suds Following the Service

### Ascension Day and Dinner

Save the date on your planners for our observation of Ascension Day on Thursday, May 26. Saint John's will offer a Holy Eucharist with music at 6 p.m. followed by an all-parish dinner. Watch for more details in the e-news and bulletins.

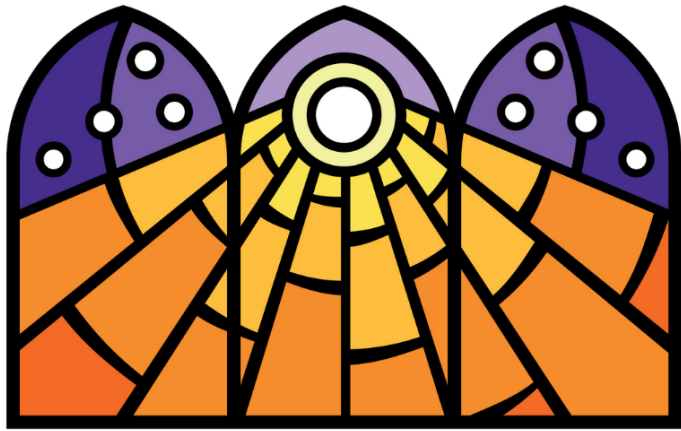
### Young Adults' Brunch

This month our Young Adults' Brunch will be held on May 29 following the 10 a.m. Sunday service. We will meet at Society Burger on Cherry Street. Please let us know in advance if you want to join us by emailing Josh Corsaro or Joseph Arndt at [jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org](mailto:jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org) or [jarndt@sjtulsa.org](mailto:jarndt@sjtulsa.org), respectively. Feel free to invite friends and family to this as well!

### Iron Gate

Our volunteer outreach to assist the Iron Gate feeding program meets the first Saturday of every month. We begin at the church around 7:45 a.m. and carpool to Iron Gate. After we complete our serving shift we usually go to Hurts Donut Company. If you want to sign up to be a part of this wonderful downtown Tulsa ministry, email Josh Corsaro at [jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org](mailto:jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org).





## LIGHT to LIFE

*July 18-22, 2022*

VBS Registration Open Now!

### VBS

Saint John's Vacation Bible School is returning July 18-22! This year the theme will be "Light to Life" and revolves around the stained glass windows in our church. We will talk about how we await God's light to shine and bring us to life!

Registration for VBS is open now. If you want your kids to be a part of this awesome week, please contact me at the church office or email me, Josh, at [jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org](mailto:jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org). We are also recruiting volunteers to help make this offering everything it can be. Give me a shout if you wish to volunteer.

### Acolytes

As our acolyte program grows, new members are welcome to join at any time! This program is for adults, children, and teens. If you are interested in serving as an acolyte, please contact me at [jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org](mailto:jcorsaro@sjtulsa.org).

### Children's Chapel & Sunday School

Our chapel time for children continues in May with the Storymakers curriculum and adventures through creativity. Each week's plan will focus on crafts that help children realize how they are a part of God's story. To learn more about the curriculum, email me or visit [www.storymakersnyc.com/](http://www.storymakersnyc.com/).

### Choristers

We want to congratulate all the choristers for their performance on Easter Sunday. They did such a wonderful job! Now with summer here, we will be wrapping up our program year on May 11. We will resume again August 24.

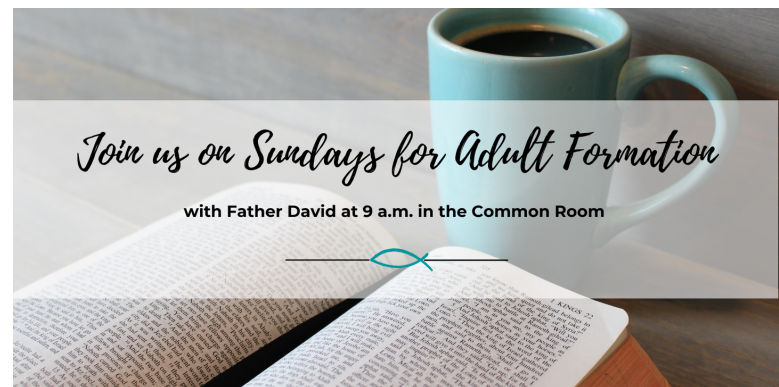


### Oklahoma Episcopal Summer Camp

St. Crispin's camp and retreat center is operated by the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma. For the summer of 2022, St. Crispin's continues the camping traditions beloved by generations of young Episcopalians. The outdoor adventure programs and formation opportunities found at St. Crispin's feature age-appropriate sessions for elementary school-aged kids and up. If you'd like to sign up a child or youth in your family, please follow this link: <https://stcrispins.org/camp/#camp-dates-section>. The last day to register for St. Crispin's Summer Camp is May 15.

## Formation Opportunities for the Grown Ups

Our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Adult Formation Bible discussions continue in May led by Father David. Keep an eye on the e-news or the Sunday worship bulletins for updates on topics coming up.



### Service & Bible Study with Daughters of the King

The Saint John's members of the Daughters of the King invite you to join them for the first half of their May 6 meeting to share in a Bible discussion led by Father David. (This Bible study offering will go on hiatus during the summer.)

The Daughters gather in the library from 11 a.m.-noon on the first Thursday of each month for their regular meeting to discuss guild service projects, ways to support our Rector, and simply to enjoy fellowship. If you would like to learn more about the discernment process to become a Daughters of the King member, reach out to Janice Ingle at [janiceingle@me.com](mailto:janiceingle@me.com).



**Guest Musician for Choral Evensong**  
We will have a guest oboist with us for the Choral Evensong on May 8 at 5:30 p.m. On that evening we'll welcome Sarah Evans, who will play the oboe part in John Rutter's beautiful anthem, "The Lord is my shepherd." May 8 is the Fourth Sunday of Easter, a Sunday when we traditionally hear metaphors of Christ as the shepherd of his flock. Sarah plays regularly with the Tulsa Symphony and Signature Symphony.

## Rogation Sunday

This year for Rogation Day we will include a Choral Evensong followed by a procession on Sunday, May 22, beginning at 5:30 p.m. This offering will be capped off by a reception and beer tasting featuring the craft creations of Marshall Brewing in our Common Room.

## Ascension Day

Our observation of Ascension Day on Thursday, May 26 begins at 6 p.m. with Holy Eucharist (with music). The church is planning an all-parish dinner after worship.

## Music Mondays

Tune into my vlog on composers, instruments, upcoming compositions, and more! These air on Mondays at 11 a.m. on Facebook and may be found afterward on our church website. A link is also provided each week in the e-news.



## Bravo Oklahoma Bach Choir!

On Friday, April 29, the Oklahoma Bach Choir presented "Cantatas for the Easter Season" with baroque trumpet and strings. Admission was free thanks to generous underwriting of the performance by the DeKraai family. More than 175 enthusiasts of fine choral music and period pieces came to our church for this concert. I extend my deepest gratitude to the performers who worked so hard to make this such a special evening.



# Guilds & Groups

## Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Saint John's Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEMs) are a group of volunteers who help celebrate during our church services. Every Sunday there are three opportunities to assist with worship: reading the lessons, serving the cup, and/or supporting Father David as a "sub-deacon." This ministry would love to have more volunteers. If you'd like to learn more about serving as an LEM, please contact Diane Morrow or Lynn Kimmel at [dmorvoce@att.net](mailto:dmorvoce@att.net) or [lynnkimmel71@gmail.com](mailto:lynnkimmel71@gmail.com).

## St. Barbara's Guild

The women of our parish's chapter of St. Barbara's Guild are dedicated to the study of the Bible, fellowship, and support of each other.

This group meets the third Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. in Fox Library for a Bible study with Father David. After the discussion they share lunch and wonderful conversation. Everyone brings a sack lunch. Coffee, water, and tea are provided.

St. Barbara's Guild and the Daughters of the King are bringing back the fun and festive Women's Salad Luncheon on Thursday, May 19 at 11:30 am in the Common Room. All women of the parish are invited. Attendees bring their favorite salad to share. Desserts and beverages will be provided. Come share delicious salads and make new friends. Bonus: there will be door prizes!



"We welcome all our Saint John's ladies to attend our meetings the third Thursday of the month and hope they will join us for the salad luncheon on May 19," said Kathleen Moss, the St. Barbara's Guild coordinator. For questions about the group's meetings or to RSVP for the luncheon, contact Kathleen at (918) 633-8881 or [kathleen.moss@me.com](mailto:kathleen.moss@me.com).

## The Rev. David Fox

In mid-April, Father David Fox returned to Tulsa for a visit with members of his family. Many were delighted to see and chat with our former Rector after Sunday morning mass. Father Fox assisted Father Bumsted during the same day's Choral Evensong. Many thanks to Jim Hicks for capturing this picture of Father Fox with the framed dedication photo inside the Fox Library.





# Getting to Know: Marc McCaw, Jr. Warden

This month we invite you to get to know our newest Saint John's Junior Warden a bit more. Already active on our Vestry for the past few years and always on hand for a church campus beautification work day, Marc is a familiar face at the church well beyond Sundays. Now he steps into a vital role helping Father David maintain the church buildings and grounds. Have fun learning more about Marc and his passion for Christ and our church!

**Q: Marc, please share a little about how project (or people) management responsibilities in your career lend efficiency, analysis, or best practices to the Junior Warden post you have just taken on here at Saint John's?** **A:** My current professional role has me acting as the Director of Program Management for NORDAM, a locally owned aircraft parts manufacturer active for over fifty years. I'm trying to bring the thorough thinking of a project management lens to our Buildings and Grounds (B&G) team at Saint John's to identify mission, vision, and goals; make and implement plans; assess programs; and celebrate achievements. I hope to do all of this from a position of servant leadership by empowering and uplifting those around me.



**Q: You are really just getting your "arms around" the scope of your new role's responsibilities. Given that, can you describe the job, or top-line responsibilities, for a Junior Warden in a church of this size (or for greatest collaboration taking our church forward)?** **A:** The Junior Warden serves as lay partner to the Rector and Senior Warden in articulating the mission and vision of the parish, managing its day-to-day operations, identifying and nurturing leaders, and empowering members of the congregation to live out the Gospel in their daily lives. At Saint John's, the buildings and grounds issues are under the responsibility of the Junior Warden to ensure that all facilities are capable of safely meeting the needs of the parish to conduct ministry. This means that preventive maintenance schedules must be followed, safety checks performed, insurance needs must be met, the grounds and buildings are maintained and improved to an approved budget, and a volunteer B&G committee is established and chaired.

**Q: Are you looking for any special skill sets/experiences in future additional members of the B&G committee?** **A:** We are always welcoming of parishioners who want to be engaged with Buildings and Grounds. More than anything, having the spirit to serve combined with the willingness to ask questions (and seek answers!) is what makes great committee members.

**Q: Is there any upcoming building or grounds project that you can share and what excites you about it?** **A:** We have a couple of investigation projects just starting off that could a great source of passive income for the parish. These are in the preliminary phase, so there is not much to talk about yet, but it is the interesting type of work that makes this role fun.

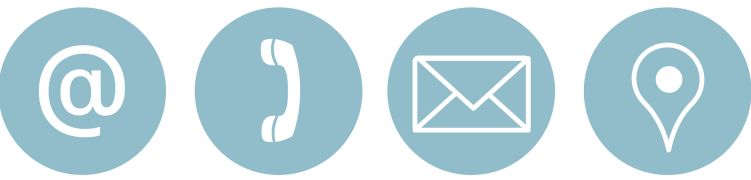
**Q: Are you on any additional Saint John's committees currently?** **A:** Besides B&G, I also serve on the Finance Committee and am helping to form our revised Outreach committee.

**Q: What are you most excited about for Saint John's in the one to two years ahead?** **A:** I am most excited about the growth of the church I've seen over this past year and how this will allow us to pursue more activities in different areas of parish life. As we continue to stabilize (and grow) our budget and staff, this opens the door for more ministry opportunities and events for the church. Part of my role will be to ensure we have facilities capable of meeting that expanded use.

## Snapshots from the April Grounds Work Day...







# Communication Corner

In this column, we help our readers stay on top of other events and opportunities happening in the life of the parish. We'll share miscellaneous news, messages, and church business from time to time.

**Confirmation Class 2022**  
Father David is working on details for the 2022 Confirmation and Reaffirmation Class. If you have an interest in a family member attending (or you!), please reach out to Diana in the church office and ask to be placed on the email list for further information.

**Evening Prayer Invitation**  
The Daily Office is offered at 5:30 p.m. in addition to 8:30 a.m. Any time is the perfect time to join readers and staff for those prayerful opportunities. (Note: these prayer times may not be offered on dates the church office is closed.)

**The Sounds of Saint John's**  
Saint John's Adult Formation (from Sundays) and Father David's sermons are available on three audio channels. If you want to re-listen to a homily or if you like the convenience of listening to Sunday Bible lessons while you work, walk or drive – we've got you covered!

Download one of the three optional handy apps – Soundcloud, iTunes, or Spotify – on your smart device, select "follow" or "subscribe" to YOUR Saint John's Episcopal Church, and enjoy! You can also access this information on our SJC website. Go to the "Get Connected" tab and select the "Class & Sermon Audio Offerings" page.

**Happy Mother's Day Wishes**  
From the entire staff and Vestry of the church, we wish all our parishioners, friends, neighbors, and vendors a very



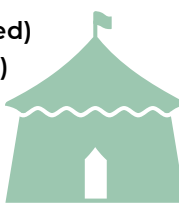
# Easter Scenes...



Thank you to our Altar Guild and Flower Committee! They made the church look (and smell) stunning on Easter Day, adding to the beautiful and joyful experience of celebrating His resurrection. And, many thanks to the members of our church who contributed to the Flower Fund! All the gifts of time and finances made it possible to honor Him with our best through the many arrangements.

# Important Dates to Note...

- May 8 - Mother's Day
- May 14 - Daughters of the King Spring Assembly
- May 19 - St. Barbara's Parish All-Ladies Luncheon
- May 16 through 21 - TPS Commencement Week
  - Pray for the Tulsa area graduating seniors*
- May 22 - Rogation Sunday
- May 23 - Scout Court of Honor
- May 24 - Holland Hall Baccalaureate
  - Pray for the Holland Hall seniors*
- May 26 - Ascension Day
- May 30 - Memorial Day
  - (The church office is closed on this day)
  - Remember in your hearts those who have passed, especially those in the U.S. armed forces and reserves*
- May 31 - Visitation of the Blessed Virgin
- June 5 - Pentecost
  - Save the date (and wear red) for parish events on this day
- June 11 - St. Barnabas
- June 12 - Trinity Sunday
- June 19 - Father's Day
- June 21 - First Day of Summer
- June 24 - Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- June 29 - Sts. Peter and Paul
- July 4 - Independence Day (church office closed)
- September 5 - Labor Day (church office closed)
- September 11 - Special Guest Musician
- September 18 - Rally Day
- September 25 - Volunteer Appreciation Night







## Milestones

### May Birthdays

Russell Ramzel  
Paige Christian,  
Riley Shores  
Clara Sabo  
Candace Graham  
Luke Baum, Marilyn Palik,  
Drake Pavlik  
Tennyson Brown  
Christopher Caldwell,  
Mary Waller, Peggy Woods  
Doug Farquharson,  
Kelly Jezek, Molly Lyons,  
Briana Rizley  
Craig Jenkins  
Emily Main  
Betty Mertens  
Michael Bedford,  
Cathy Dunkin  
Betty McGranahan  
Chase Boston,  
Sydney Harmon,  
Nanci Williams  
Jim Palik, Tanner Randall  
Mark Husband, Moira Pavlik  
Phil Allen  
Anna Byrd  
John Godwin, Kay Miller,  
Sue Young  
Ellie Ed, Henry Schirmer,  
Galt Tacker  
Mike Cavert, Olivia Cline  
Fran Little-Collins,  
Emily Tidwell,  
Charlotte Vanderyt  
Kathleen Moss  
Jerry Hoopert  
Susan Erwin

### Passings

Carlos Tuttle  
Mary Mason



## BSA Troop 153 News - Carolyn Davis

This month Troop 153 had groups scattered all over the state with patrol camping. We had eight different groups in six locations including BSA Camp Garland, Sequoyah State Park, Robber's Cave State Park, Heyburn Lake State Park, Green Leaf State Park, and Venturing Crew 153 camped in Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge. With fifty-one total scouts and leaders attending the activities it was a great weekend!

Order of the Arrow Spring Ordeal took place this month at Camp Hale in the Kiamichi Mountains. Our troop welcomes two new Ordeal Members and one new Brotherhood Member. We also had three on staff from Troop 153. Well done, Arrowmen.



This semester we were excited to have two special guest speakers included in our troop meeting line up. A special agent from the FBI and a Russian Studies professor from Seton Hall University spoke and graciously answered a host of questions from our scouts.

Troop 153 continues a tradition of excellence with adult recognition from Scissortail District. Mr. Davis was recognized as Scoutmaster of the Year, and Mr. Culver was recognized for outstanding service across all levels of Indian Nations Council. The Venture Crew was also recognized for re-igniting Crew 153. We are proud of all these accomplishments.

Finally, congratulations to Troop 153's newest Eagle Scouts, Lance Kramer and Jaxon Davis!



## Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The Diocese of Oklahoma's 2022 Men's Retreat at Saint Crispin's is being organized by the Brotherhood Chapter at Saint John's. All men are welcome to attend and hear The Reverend Rob Lord whom Father David invited. Please add the dates of May 5-7 to your calendar and plan to enjoy a great time of worship, study, and reflection at this beautiful conference center near Seminole. For more information about the retreat, or to make a reservation, please contact Bob Baker at (918) 688-7777 or [bobbaker688@gmail.com](mailto:bobbaker688@gmail.com).



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