



Saint Joseph Catholic Church Bulletin

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Fifth Sunday of Lent • April 6, 2025 / A (R.C.I.A.)

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.



The 5th Sunday of Lent Year A invites us to reflect on life, resurrection, and faith in God's power. The readings remind us of God's promise to bring new life and His power over death.

Saturday, April 5

5:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass** *Becky Crabtree by Fred & Collean Frederickson*

Sunday, April 6 - 5th Sunday of Lent (A)

9:00 a.m. **Mass**

10:30 a.m. **R.E. CLASSES**

5:00 p.m. **Youth Group TEEN 3:16**

Monday, April 7 - St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

Tuesday, April 8

Noon **Mass** †*Marcia Melton by Jerry & Roxanne Taylor*

5:30 p.m. **St. Vincent de Paul** meeting

Wednesday, April 9 - St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

Noon **Mass** †*Rita Martinez by St Joseph Parish*

Thursday, April 10

No Mass

7:00 P.M. PENANCE RITE

Friday, April 11 - St. Stanislaus, Bishop

5:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross** in Benedictine Hall

Saturday, April 12

5:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass** *Joe Catalano by John & Denise Hoover*

Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. **Mass**

10:30 a.m. **R.E. CLASSES**

5:00 p.m. **Youth Group TEEN 3:16**



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Fr. Jaroslaw "Jarek" Topolewski, Pastor

Dennis Fine, Deacon

Julie Welch, Office Administrator

& R.E. Director

Rudy Lupinski, Music Director

Janell Clausen, Bookkeeper

Becca Howe, Youth Group (TEEN 3:16)

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS

For those parishioners who have businesses, we have a designated table in the back of church for business cards and flyers.



PRAYER CHAIN

You are invited to share your prayer needs with others in our parish. Contact Dana Belcher, by phone or text **580-421-1921** or email dbelcher@ecok.edu.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH WEEKLY DONATIONS

Use the My Offering envelope for your donations. If you are interested in transitioning to online giving, you may access online giving by visiting www.faithdirect.net to enroll. Our church code is **OK893**. Contact the Parish Office if you need assistance setting up an online giving account. You may also mail your donation with a check to our P.O. Box 1585, Ada, OK 74821.

Special Collections in APRIL 2025

5/6 Building/Maintenance Fund

12/13 St. Vincent de Paul Society

18 (Good Friday) Holy Land Collection

19/20 Catholic Relief Serves

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions / \$10 stipend fee. Contact Julie.

BULLETIN NEWS

News items for the bulletin should be turned in by **Friday before midnight**. Contact Julie at the Parish Office or email news item to

music.stjoseph.ada@gmail.com

The Bulletin is emailed to parishioners via Flocknotes and also is available on our website: stjosephada.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

This is a charitable organization serving the Ada area. It is NOT LOCATED in the Church Office. If you are in need of assistance, call **580-967-1281** and leave a message. If you wish to join our organization, we meet the second and fourth **Tuesday** each month, **5:30 p.m.**, in the John Bloms room.

**PENANCE RITE
THURSDAY, APRIL 10 • 7:00 P.M.**

Stations of the Cross
Fridays at 5:00 p.m.
in Benedictine Hall



Holy Week Schedule



April 14, Monday of Holy Week (No Mass)
April 15, Tuesday of Holy Week (No Mass)
April 16, Wednesday of Holy Week (No Mass)
April 17, Holy Thursday • 7:00 p.m.
April 18, Good Friday • 7:00 p.m.
April 19, Easter Vigil • 7:00 p.m.
April 20, Easter Sunday • 9:00 a.m.

LITURGICAL ROLES SCHEDULE

LECTORS

April 5: Nick Cheper
April 6: Carmen Silva, Jeremy O'Flannagan
April 12: Rikki Navarro, Nick Cheper
April 13: Gerado Silva, Jessica Trimmer

ALTAR SERVERS

[Crucifer - Acolyte 2 - Acolyte 1]

April 5: Naima, Solomon, Isaac
April 6: Dante, Jayden, Emily

USHERS

April 5: Mary, Cindy
April 6: Edy, Fernando
April 12: Nick, Pam

TEEN 3:16

Easter Egg Hunt Prep Night

WHO: All Middle School and High School kids
WHAT: Easter Egg Hunt Prep & Food
WHEN: Sunday, April 6, 2025: 5-7pm
WHERE: Meet at the youth building.

**Last Easter Egg Hunt Prep Night
We will be marking off the yards
and assigning zones.**

**Please attend if you want to assist with
the Easter Egg Hunt.**

Questions: Becca 580-399-4042



**Teen 3:16 is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for St. Joseph Church
on Easter Sunday following the Mass from 10:30 am -12:00 pm
Bring your Easter Baskets!
He Has Risen!**

St. Joseph Parish Scholarship

Applications for the St. Joseph Parish Scholarship are now available for students planning to attend **East Central University as Freshmen**. The scholarship will be awarded to students who are members of St. Joseph, Ada, St. Francis, Sulphur or Sacred Heart, Konawa and are certified as regular participants in the Parish Religious Education Program. This scholarship was established by members of St. Joseph Parish. The scholarship will be for \$625 for each semester over four years. The application will be due on July 1. Application forms may be obtained from the parish office or Deacon Dennis Fine (definedennis@gmail.com).

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Each year the Knights of Columbus in Ada offers one-time \$250 scholarships to high school seniors planning to attend any school/university next Fall. Contact Deacon Dennis (definedennis@gmail.com or 580-279-4700) or Grand Knight Nick Cheper (580-399-0578) to receive an application.



Beca de la Parroquia de San José

Las solicitudes para la Beca de la Parroquia de San José ya están disponibles para los estudiantes que planean asistir a la **Universidad East Central como estudiantes de primer año**. La beca se otorgará a los estudiantes que sean miembros de San José, Ada, San Francisco, Sulphur o Sagrado Corazón, Konawa y que estén certificados como participantes regulares en el Programa de Educación Religiosa Parroquial. Esta beca fue establecida por miembros de la Parroquia de San José. La beca será de \$625 por cada semestre durante cuatro años. La solicitud debe presentarse el 1 de julio. Los formularios de solicitud pueden obtenerse en la oficina parroquial o con el diácono Dennis Fine (definedennis@gmail.com).

Beca de los Caballeros de Colón

Cada año, los Caballeros de Colón en Ada ofrecen becas únicas de \$250 a estudiantes de último año de secundaria que planean asistir a cualquier escuela/universidad el próximo otoño. Comuníquese con el diácono Dennis (definedennis@gmail.com o al 580-279-4700) o con el Gran Caballero Nick Cheper (580-399-0578) para recibir una solicitud.

Good Friday Pilgrimage Walk

Take up your cross. Help carry a wooden cross on our annual Good Friday Pilgrimage Walk from Allen to Ada. **We will meet in the St. Joseph Parking lot at 7:00 a.m. on Good Friday, April 18 for instructions and prayers.** Then we will carpool to Allen. Don't let the distance scare you, we will walk at 2-3 mile intervals, stopping for breaks and praying the Stations of the Cross along the way. The walk will end at about 3:00 p.m. in Ada with a Lenten meal in Benedictine Hall provided by our Hispanic community. There will be relief cars available. All are invited. Call Deacon Dennis at 580-279-4700 for more information.



Peregrinación del Viernes Santo

Toma tu cruz. Ayude a llevar una cruz de madera en nuestra caminata anual de peregrinación del Viernes Santo desde Allen a Ada. **Nos reuniremos en el estacionamiento de San José a las 7:00 a. m. el Viernes Santo, 18 de abril, para recibir instrucciones y oraciones.** Después, compartiremos el auto hasta Allen. No te asustes por la distancia, caminaremos a intervalos de 2 a 3 millas, parando para descansar y rezando el Vía Crucis en el camino. La caminata terminará alrededor de las 3:00 p. m. en Ada con una comida de Cuaresma en el Salón Benedictino proporcionada por nuestra comunidad hispana. Habrá autos de apoyo disponibles. Todos están invitados. Llama al Diácono Dennis al 580-279-4700 para más información.

**WITH THE LORD,
THERE IS MERCY AND
FULLNESS OF REDEMPTION**

Palm Sunday Commemoration

THE OPENING of the Palm Sunday Mass is a vivid expression of public worship. Catholic Churches offer a procession to begin the liturgy, and the faithful are invited to take an active part.

This opening is called “The Commemoration of the Lord’s Entrance into Jerusalem.” The word *commemoration* implies more than a historical lesson. People are to do more than remember. They are to partake in the entry of the Lord.

The commemoration takes one of three different forms. The first is the procession, which begins outside the place where the Mass will be celebrated and moves toward the church. The second form takes place inside the church when an outdoor procession is not possible. Both these forms include the blessing of palm branches and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem. One of these two forms must be used at every parish church. If the first form is used at one

Mass, it should not be repeated at other Masses. The second form, however, may be done as often as the parish wishes.

The third form is a simplified beginning that does not include the blessing of branches nor the proclamation of the Gospel of Palm Sunday. Mass begins in the usual way, and the entrance antiphon for the day is the only mention of the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is designed for Masses where insufficient number of ministers or a lack of time demands a simpler, shorter service. As long as one Mass includes the first or second form of the commemoration, others may observe the third. However, most Catholics take a strong interest in participating in a procession, which creates a bond among themselves and with their Lord and Christ, who enters as king of their hearts.

Holy Thursday

THE MASS of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday ends the season of Lent and begins the Triduum, the sacred three days when we commemorate the Passion and Resurrection of Christ. The church looks different: The tabernacle is completely empty; its doors may be opened and the sanctuary lamp extinguished. The altar may have moderate floral decoration. At Mass, bells ring during the Glory to God, but then they remain silent until the Easter Vigil. Musical instruments should not play solos. The washing of the feet may follow the homily. Contributions for the poor are included in the procession of the gifts. The Eucharistic Prayer recalls that this is the night on which Jesus was handed over and on which he handed over his Body and Blood to us. After Communion, the leftover consecrated bread is placed in a vessel on the altar and incensed. The priest picks up the vessel with

the humeral veil and processes through the church to a side altar or a separate chapel suitably decorated. The Blessed Sacrament is incensed again and closed inside a tabernacle.

No other Mass is celebrated this day—not even in the morning—without permission of the bishop and only for serious reasons. Holy Communion may be given to the sick, but no one else may share in Communion outside of Mass.

After Mass, the altar is stripped, and the Crosses in the church are removed or veiled. The faithful may begin the paschal fast, which is obligatory on Good Friday, but urged on Holy Saturday as well. They are encouraged to pray before the Blessed Sacrament sometime before midnight, remembering how Jesus asked Peter, “Could you not stay awake with me one hour?” (Matthew 26:40).