



Saint Joseph Catholic Church Bulletin

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord • April 13, 2025 / C

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.



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Palm Sunday Year C (Passion Sunday) marks the beginning of Holy Week. It is a day when we remember Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem and the events leading to His Passion and invites us to reflect on Jesus’ journey to the cross. It reminds us of His love, sacrifice, and the salvation He offers.

Saturday, April 12 - Anticipatory Mass

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

Sunday, April 13 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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

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

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

Holy Monday, April 14

Holy Tuesday, April 15

Holy Wednesday, April 16

PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 17 - Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper

7:00 p.m. **Mass (in ADA) followed by Vigil in the chapel**

Good Friday, April 18 - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

7:00 a.m. **Good Friday Pilgrimage Walk** from Allen to Ada; meet at the St. Joseph parking lot

7:00 p.m. **Good Friday Service (in SULPHUR)**

Holy Saturday, April 19 - Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass (in ADA)

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

NO R.E. CLASSES

10:30 a.m. until Noon **Easter Egg Hunt**

👉 **NOTE: NO DAILY MASSES UNTIL MAY 6.** 👈

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

12/13 St. Vincent de Paul Society

17 (Holy Thursday) 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.



LITURGICAL ROLES SCHEDULE

LECTORS

April 12: Rikki Navarro, Nick Cheper
April 13: Gerado Silva, Jessica Trimmer
April 17 (Holy Thursday) TBA
April 19 (Easter Vigil) Theisa Cabo (1), Roxanne Taylor (3),
Jeremy O'Flanagan (5)
April 20 (Easter Sunday) TNA

ALTAR SERVERS

[Crucifer - Acolyte 2 - Acolyte 1]

USHERS

April 5: Mary, Cindy
April 6: Edy, Fernando
April 12: Nick, Pam
April 13: Edy, Lance
April 17: (Holy Thursday) TBA
April 19 (Easter Vigil) Cindy, Pam
April 20 (Easter Sunday) Edy, Modesto



Inviting All Ladies of St. Joseph

We are celebrating the marriage of Maria Osornio & Caleb Riley with a wedding shower for Maria on Saturday, April 26 at 1:00 pm in the Benedictine Hall.

This is a great opportunity for the ladies in our parish to come together to honor Maria and get to know our newest members.

Maria is registered at Walmart.

Please RSVP to the office by April 21.

Thank You!

The family of Joe Catalano would like to thank everyone for their prayers thoughts and well wishes that were extended during Joe's recent hospital stay. We really appreciated it.

Also, thank you for all your help getting his "duties" for the church completed. Please accept our heartfelt gratitude...

...And also to Fr. Jarek and Deacon Dennis for blessings and communion.

Thanks,

Pam, Sarah, Amanda, Adam, Lyla & Chloe



TEEN 3:16

Easter Egg Decorating

WHO: All Middle School and High School kids

WHAT: Easter Egg Decorating & Food

WHEN: Sunday April 13, 2025: 5-7pm

WHERE: Meet at the youth building.

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.

Triduum



Washing Feet

“NO SHIRT, no shoes, no service.”

Restaurants often display this sign to show who's not welcome at their table.

A sign at the Last Supper could have read, “No shirt, no shoes = service.” It would have shown who was welcome at the table.

One of the most striking scenes at the Last Supper happens when Jesus pulls off his tunic, invites the disciples to remove their sandals, and he then begins a service like none other—washing feet. The episode, which occurs only in John's Gospel, comes where we expect to find Jesus' most famous line from the Last Supper. “This is my body. This is my blood.” Instead of pointing at the bread and wine, he gives an example of service. We begin to see that Eucharist involves more than food and drink—it involves commitment, community, faith, and selflessness. Other New Testament writers tell us Jesus said, “Do this,” in reference to the celebration of the Eucharist. John's Jesus says it in reference to the service of washing feet.

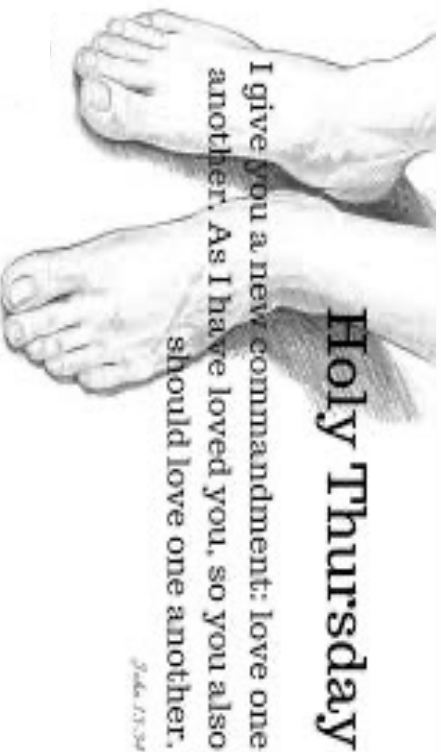
For this reason, the liturgy of Holy Thursday

invites us to imitate literally the example of Jesus. The presider may wash the feet of members of the community. In this act, the local Church witnesses the selfless service of Christ and sees an example of faith in action. If we are believers, if we share in the bread and the cup, then we also share in service.

Sometimes we hear the complaint that the washing of the feet is too old-fashioned, that it doesn't fit our modern culture. Sometimes we search for a more meaningful adaptation washing hands, or shining shoes! But it's hard to beat the shocking humility of the original gesture. It didn't fit Jesus' culture very well either. Peter objected to the whole idea. The service to which Jesus calls us also doesn't fit the culture. Businesses may call it service, but they charge us even if it's self-service. The service of the Gospel is freely given.

Holy Thursday invites us to the table not as guests who dine and run, but as hosts who eat and serve. The meal isn't over till the cleanup.

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The Lord's Supper

Easter Vigil

THE EASTER Vigil is the most important Mass of the year. In the complete ranking of all Catholic Church celebrations, the Triduum occupies the top spot. The Triduum, which begins with Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, concludes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday; it reaches its climax with the Easter Vigil. If there is one Mass in which Catholics should make every effort to participate every year, it is the Easter Vigil. If you attend church Easter Sunday morning, but miss the Easter Vigil, you have missed the most important celebration of the year.

The Easter Vigil celebrates the Resurrection of Christ and the commitment of believers. It has four parts. It begins with a *Lucernarium* or service of light. The community gathers in darkness to hear that Christ is our light, shattering the darkness of sin. The next part of the Vigil is the Liturgy of the Word. We hear up to nine Scripture passages that tell the story of salvation, ending with the Gospel of the Resurrection.

The third part is the Baptismal Liturgy. Some catechumens have already been listed among the elect, those chosen for Baptism this year. They now come forward to be plunged into the waters of new birth. Anointed with Christ, they celebrate Confirmation, receiving the strength of God's Spirit for the Christian life. Then the entire community renews its Baptismal Promises. Together we pledge our faith in the resurrection and promise to follow Christ more closely.

The Vigil culminates in the fourth part, the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The length of the celebration has sharpened our hunger for Communion. For the very first time, the newly baptized will join us in the Eucharistic feast. At the Easter Vigil, we recommit ourselves to our faith and rejoice with the newly baptized.

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