



Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish

"A loving congregation seeking unity with God and each other in Christ"

Newsletter

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My Annual Visit to St. Anna's

Most priests become uncomfortable when colleagues visit their churches and hear them preach. The reasons are very simple: we fear being judged, we know most priests are as well educated as we are and can detect any theological inconsistencies in our sermons, and, at heart, many priests in the Episcopal Church see other priests as competitors, rather than colleagues. Of course, most of us would deny this, but those who are honest with themselves acknowledge some truth in this. I know this happens to me often. I feel uncomfortable when other priests hear me preach and I feel uncomfortable when I visit their churches and hear them preach. I often wonder if my presence in their churches is creating some issues for my friends. There is one exception for me and that is St. Anna's Episcopal Church in New Orleans. When I have the honor of attending this church, I feel truly blessed by their priest's gifts and I feel inspired and challenged to see my calling as a holy commission from God.

I just conducted my annual visit to St. Anna's Episcopal Church and our Senior Warden, Leslie Daniel, and I presented the Church a special monetary gift from our Mission and Outreach committee. The night before, my family and I attended the Dodwell extravaganza, a fund-raising event St. Anna's has hosted for nine years. They have invited me every year, but, I haven't been able to attend until this year, thanks to the generosity of Bishop Jenkins who covered both services for me.

The Dodwell House is a place of dreams, quite literally. A grand old mansion on Esplanade Avenue in Tremé, just a block away from the Church, the house was seriously damaged by Katrina and remained unoccupied for several years. St. Anna's has been dreaming about purchasing the house, fundraising to restore it, and use it for the various ministries of the church. A few years back, the church entered into a lease-to-own agreement, but, this arrangement limited their ability to fundraise to re-build the house. They were able to secure foundations, fix a few walls, and patch up a few holes, but that's about it. This situation has recently changed as the church, aided by the Diocese, secured a title for the property.

Now, the real work begins. I suspect this restoration will be expensive and long-term, but I noticed a palpable energy and enthusiasm at the church this last Sunday that was contagious and inspiring. The entire congregation is dreaming about a welcoming center for the children of the area, where they can get after-school assistance and mentoring. They are imagining a haven for the many displaced artists in the community who need a safe space to paint, practice their music, and share their talents with the children to which the church ministers. They are praying for a fellowship space where they can befriend and welcome people who for a long time have felt marginal-

ized and unwelcome at other churches. They are longing for a space that will be truly their own, where people can come into a relationship with God as they are, without pretense and without fear. They are hoping for a safe place of respite where overwhelmed families can come for case management, assistance, counseling, and support. They are imagining a place that can stand as a proud memorial to the resilience, endurance, and faith of a community devastated by Katrina, and where deplorable educational outcomes, drug abuse, violence, poverty, and homelessness are daily realities. They are dreaming big because they know the Kingdom of God is expansive, and there is room for all under the arms of Jesus' loving embrace.

Grace has partnered with St. Anna's for over seven years now and we have been enriched by their friendship and prayers, as we have enriched their lives with our support, friendship and prayers. Now, I invite all of us to enter with St. Anna's into this new dream for the life-giving possibilities the Dodwell House will bring the community. Let us join them in prayer, let us hope big for them and with them, and let us assist them financially as we are able.

Treme is a place overflowing with possibility. The ministry field is truly wide and deep in this part of the State. When I have the honor to see St. Anna's staff and clergy interacting with those precious children, I become very hopeful for the future of the Episcopal Church in our Diocese. At heart, we are a community seeking to love as Jesus commands us to love and there is no better place to start than in places like Treme. I invite any of you who want to see what a church fully-engaged in the needs of the inner city looks like to accompany me to St. Anna's. Better yet, call the office yourselves and schedule some time to go see the clergy, meet the kids, and, perhaps, volunteer for one of their numerous projects.

Please let me know if you can help St. Anna's financially and I will arrange for a private meeting between you and Fr. Bill. I will even accompany you, if you desire my company. And the rest of you, who may not be able to help financially, please keep the Dodwell House in your prayers. May God bless them with financial resources, so his kingdom may continue to grow among those who need his care and protection the most. May God continue to bless you, Fr. Roldan+

- Holy Week Schedule -

Palm Sunday, April 14:

- Join us in front of the church to receive your Palm Cross and for the beginning of the service, and then we will process inside to continue the service.

Maundy Thursday, April 18:

- Holy Eucharist and Washing of Feet at 7:00 p.m. at Grace
- Vigil at the Altar of Repose begins at 8:15 p.m. in Jackson Hall.
- Cleaning of the Church by the Youth Group begins at 8:00 p.m., followed by TBA activity.

Good Friday, April 19:

- Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at 9 a.m. at the West Feliciana Parish Courthouse.
- Passion of our Lord Service at 12:00 Noon.

Saturday of Holy Week, April 20:

- Great Vigil of Easter at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 21:

- Holy Eucharist at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.
- Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service, followed by the Blessing of Jackson Hall and reception.

**Intercessory prayers
are asked for Grace
Church members who
are ill.**

Brianna Blanchard,
Diane Christopher,
Jason Kennedy, Char-
lotte Maxwell, Tom
Morris, Eric Nelson,
Sara Nelson, Kay
Tengler, Mary Thomp-
son, Wendell Wade,
Pam Willson, Jake
Wray, Madeline
Wright.

Birthdays

Rebecca Klein Wilson
-April 9; Mathes
Hughes, Rob Treppen-
dahl-April 10; Trish
Toburen, Sam Nicho-
las-April 11; Lori Grif-
fin-April 12; Chip
Tregle-April 13; Ann
Weller-April 15; Mike
Williams-April 16; Da-
vid Barnes, Mathilde
Fox-Smith-April 17;
Donnie Davis, Derek
Thornton-April 18;
Emma Jane Oliver, Dr.
Pat Schneider, Meg
Kendrick-April 19;
Sheryl Wynters, Peggy
Gammill, Christian
DeJean, Neal Elliott,
Jr.-April 20

**Wedding
Anniversaries**

Tom and Linda Flynn-
April 8; Wade and
Diana Weller-April 10;
Shannon and Chris-
tine Pollet-April 13
Tim and Kathy Kane-
April 14; Kevin and
Rebecca Wilson-April
16; Karen Synder and
Ellen Williams; Adam
and Carly Whatley-
April 18

Other persons prayers
are asked for:

Claiborne Arbutnot, Charles Barham, Walker Bell, Micaela Kell Bennett, Wayne Bergeron, Isabella Bertucci, Leslie Bickham, Phillip Bowen, Nancy Bowman, Ben Brown, Steve Brown, Mason Brudewick, Willie Bryant, Randy Bryant, Jenny Clark, Kitty Claus, Rob Cox, Frances Woods Curry, Sandy Davenport, Kathleen Davis, Debbie Desmar, Helen Desselles, Cathy Doslovic, Molly Douglas, Amy Dwyer, Mark Ellison, Jennifer Erickson, Ellen Ewald, Sara Fahey, Mark Feltner, Dennis Flynn, Matthew Gill, Jane Hamilton, Roy Hardin, Parke Henderson, Wayne Hudnall, Joel James, Michelle Jeansonne, Jill Joffrion, Henry Jones, Mary Jo Kaly, Cathy K., Jody Lemoine, Jessica Liddle, Max, Charlotte Mayeaux, Ralph McKenzie, Laine Martrain, Mary Anne McCrory, Ruby McKee, Robin Michel, Bill Miller, Jimmy Mitchell, Randall Nachman, Barton Platte, Elizabeth Poole, Susanna Prescott, Tammy Riggs, Cole Rourke, Gwin Shanks, Kaizlyn Shockley, Cade Stapleton, Angel Thompson, Roland Toups, Deborah Vines, Emily Walz, Trey Watson, Dennisia Williams, Grayson Zeringue, Lynn Zinn.

Those serving in the
armed forces:

Parker Blanche, Amanda Browning, Jay Christopher, Ryan Coacher, John Davis, Joseph Dooley, Polly Finley, Bryan Geltz, Edward Jenkins, Laura Latson, Shawn Lemons, Terry Palmer, James Powers, Jeff Ragusa, Christopher Willis, Aaron Zuccaro, 745th & 746th Exped Squads, 379th & 926th Exped. Support Squads, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

Grace News & Upcoming Events

The Lenten Bible Study continues Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. through April 10th. We will be studying Mary Earle's book: Julian of Norwich: Selections from Revelations of Divine Love. Books are available in the parish office and at each study. Dinner will be provided each night.

Stations of the Cross will be held on Friday, April 5th at 3 p.m. in Grace Cemetery. On Good Friday, April 19th, we will join with the Methodist and Catholic churches to host an Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at 9 a.m. in front of the West Feliciana Parish Courthouse.

We will be making palm crosses for Palm Sunday on Saturday, April 13th at 9:30 a.m. in the Golsan House. If you can help make crosses, please bring a pair of scissors. Thank you!

Donations for Easter Flowers may be sent to the Church or put in the offering plate on Sunday. The last date to receive donations is Palm Sunday, April 14th.

Join us Easter Sunday, April 21st, for the blessing of Jackson Hall. Cannon Shannon Manning will join us to bless and officially reopen Jackson Hall on Easter Sunday. The blessing will follow the Easter Egg Hunt and a reception will follow.

To the Graduating Class of 2019: A Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Lindsay Paige Weller in 2003. She was a graduate of West Feliciana High School, class of 2002. A scholarship is given to a graduating senior who attends Grace Episcopal Church. If you are interested in applying for the scholarship; write a **brief** essay about your plans for a higher education and your involvement at Grace Church. The information can be emailed to maryweller@bellsouth.net or dropped off at the church office. The last date to apply for the scholarship is April 25th, 2019.

1 Corinthians 2:9

However, as it is written:

“What no eye has seen,
what no ear has heard,

And what no human mind has conceived”

the things God has prepared for those who love him

The Seeker and Sages Book Club will meet on Tuesday, April 30th at 6 p.m. at the home of Coco Treppendahl, 12285 Hwy 965. We will be discussing the book *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover. Please email Coco Treppendahl at cocotrepp@bellsouth.net to reserve your spot!

We will be recognizing and celebrating our graduating seniors on Sunday, May 5th at the 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist with a reception to follow. Please join us to celebrate this important milestone in their lives.

Mark your calendar—VBS is coming! The summer is almost here and we are busy preparing for our trip to Athens to hear all about Paul's Dangerous Journey to share the Gospel of Christ. We need adult volunteers to help us spread Paul's message. If you are interested in serving please reach out to Alyssa Louis, youth@gracechurchwfp.org, 225-245-1385. VBS is July 8th–13th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Jackson Hall. Registration information will be released at a later date.

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Sunday Ministry Assistants & Calendar

Sunday April 7, 2019

Acolytes: Hayden Howle, Ella Corinne Howle,
Baus Fin, Elena Fin

Chalice bearers: 7:30 a.m.: Bryan McClendon
10 a.m.: Brandie Olsen, Sheryl Wynters

Ushers: Kelly Ward, Carl Fontenot

Lectors: Heather Howle, Bill McClendon

Vestry Rep: Kathy Kane

Altar Guild: Team 4

Children's Church: Alyssa Louis

Altar Greenery: Linda and Tom Flynn

Sanctuary Candle: Bobby and Jane Daniel

Coffee Hour: Meg and Richard Kendrick

Babysitters: Sarah Roldan, Grant Rome

Sunday April 14, 2019—Palm Sunday

Acolytes: James Kirschling, Joey Peno, Jesse Means,
Cecile Means

Chalice bearers: 7:30 a.m.: Carol Stamey
10 a.m.: Joey Gammill, Richard Kendrick

Ushers: Tony Horn, Zed Howell

Lectors: Rachel Howell, Ellen Klein

Vestry Rep: Tommy Loyacono

Children's Church: Carly Whatley

Altar Guild Team 1 & 2

Altar Greenery: Palm Sunday

Sanctuary Candle: C. Claude Baron

Coffee Hour: Meg and Richard Kendrick

Babysitters: Shiloh Felton, Shelby Griffin

April 7, 2018

7:30am - Holy Eucharist

8:45 a.m. Bible Study

10:00am - Holy Eucharist

Coffee Hour

April 14, 2019

7:30am - Holy Eucharist

8:45 a.m. Bible Study

10:00am - Holy Eucharist

Coffee Hour

Wednesday, April 10

5 - 7pm - Youth Group

5:15pm - Eucharist

6-8 pm - Julian of Norwich Lenten Study

Thursday, April 11

9:15am - Morning Prayer

10:00am - Worship: SF Country Manor

Friday, April 12

7:00am - Eucharist

8:30am - Lectionary Bible Study

Sunday, April 14

7:30am - Eucharist

8:45am - Bible Study

10:00am - Eucharist

Wednesday, April 17

5 - 7pm - Youth Group

5:15pm - Holy Eucharist

Thursday, April 18

9:15am - Morning Prayer

10:00am - Worship: SF Country Manor

7 pm - Maundy Thursday Service

8 pm - EYC Cleaning of the Church

Friday, April 19

9 am - Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

12 pm - Passion of Our Lord

Saturday, April 20

7 pm - Great Vigil of Easter